

**SASIG Steering Committee
Conference Call
July 20, 2006**

Participants:

Sylvia Lovelett, Chair, Pantex
Loren Evenson, SP-61
Cindy Farinholt, NVO
Kent Oelrich, LLNL
Gloria deBoer, BNL
Kathy Walker, BNL
Kayla Lozano, EM-3.1
Mike Stalcup, SP-41

Bo Bohman, OST AL
Tom Hoertkorn, DOE ORP
Mike Royack, DOE ORP
Chet Braswell, Hanford
Ann Czebotar, PNNL
Sheila Major, SRS
Anthony Pagan, NV/TTR
Valerie Anderson, ORISE

Highlights:

On the June 8 call, the Steering Committee (SC) welcomed members of the Security Awareness training class held at the NTC the week of June 5. Their names were not in last month's minutes; however, we are including them here:

Dena Edwards, LANL, dje@lanl.gov
Shandra Harris, SNL/NM, shandra.harris@sandia.gov
William Riddle, DOE HQ, william.riddle@hq.doe.gov
Andrea Wund, Brookhaven, awund@bnl.gov

When possible, the SASIG includes the members of the training class on a monthly call so they may learn about our group.

2007 SASIG Workshop and Meetings

Next year's SASIG Workshop and SC Meeting and S&S Awareness Quality Panel (SSAQP) Meeting will be held in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, April 17-19, 2007. Workshop dates are Tues.-Wed., April 17-18, with SSAQP and SC meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 19. Sessions will be held at Pollard Technology Conference Center on the ORAU/ORISE campus. We have reserved rooms for attendees at a nearby hotel. With Oak Ridge contractor assistance, we will plan a tour of OR facilities/sites; in particular, the Y-12 National Security Complex and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). We may be able to offer the tour twice, once on Monday afternoon and the same tour on Thursday afternoon following the SSAQP and Steering Committee meetings (with meeting times adjusted to accommodate the tour).

Foreign Travel Reminder

Loren Evenson reported that a DOECAST (an e-mailed bulletin) is being proposed to remind DOE and contractor employees of requirements for reporting foreign travel. Security Awareness personnel should be ready to answer any ensuing questions or to

direct questioners to a knowledgeable source. If it is broadcast, we will provide the link for the benefit of any who do not receive it.

Message Board for Instant Communication

At the Steering Committee meeting following the 2006 workshop, the SC talked about the possibility of setting up a message board on the SASIG Website so that our members can communicate directly with each other. Valerie talked with ORISE's Information Technology group and was told that ORISE should have an external SharePoint capability sometime this fall (October/November timeframe). A feature of SharePoint is a discussion board. Using our Website, members would be able to submit questions/requests for information, type in a response to issues, and read other's responses. Entry into the message board would be by password.

Updated Call Notification List

Last month we asked our SASIG call list members to let us know whether they wanted to stay on the list. We had a very large list and were aware that several individuals no longer worked in S&S Awareness. The response resulted in several names being removed. We did not hear from everybody; however, we kept names of those who had participated on calls in past months, attended a workshop in the last three years, or responded to a request for information regarding a security awareness issue.

SASIG Request for Information

Sylvia Lovelett said Pantex is planning a Security Awareness Week and she would like to do some benchmarking. If anyone has organized a security fair or similar event at a site and has ideas/material to share, please contact Sylvia at slovelet@pantex.com and copy Loren at loren.evenson@hq.doe.gov and me.

We are reviewing responses we have received to recent requests for information and will plan to post some of these on the Website under S&S Awareness Program Resources. Thanks to all who responded to member requests.

Medically Prescribed Controlled Substances

Sylvia had a question on whether a person using a controlled substance that is medically prescribed can be allowed on site. She was referring to marijuana. According to Loren, at least nine states currently allow for the use of medical marijuana, but it is still against Federal law. The Drug Enforcement Administration continues to enforce the Federal law, as does DOE. For Federal purposes, a medical prescription does not justify usage of marijuana in any state, no matter what the state's law is. The Supreme Court has found that the only Congress can change the Federal law, and so far, they have not done so.

Volunteers for Security Culture Team

On the last call, Gloria de Boer, a member of the Material Protection, Control and Accounting (MPC&A) Security Culture Team to improve security awareness in Russia, asked for volunteers to assist the team in a self-assessment of MPC&A. Gloria reported she had heard from a few people and will be contacting them with further information on

requirements. If you work in this area and would be interested in supporting a self-assessment, you may contact Gloria at gdeboer@bnl.gov.

Next Steering Committee Call

The next teleconference will be on Thursday, August 17, at 1:00 p.m. EDT. The call number is 301-903-6065. We had problems with busy signals on this last call. Some of our members reported they could not get into the call, and we regret that. Lines were available.

NOTE: It is important that you dial the call number directly, whether you are on-site or off-site. Do not have someone transfer you into the call. The system may recognize a transfer call as an attempt to access the call by an unauthorized person, and cause “busy” signals for others trying to call in. We apologize to those who could not get into the call.