



# Spring Newsletter

## UPCOMING NSHE EVENTS FOR 2014

- **NSHE Annual Trade Show/Conference**  
May 1-2
- **NSHE Annual Golf Outing**  
June 26 - 27
- **NSHE Fall Telehealth Conference**  
Sept 9
- **Annual Trade Show/NSHE Fall Conference**  
Oct 23

## Welcome to Spring!

The 2014 February Educational Telehealth Conference was a huge success. This year we experienced one of the best turn outs ever, with over 60 in attendance. This included four remote site logins. Programs presented included “Hot Work Program”, “Steam Quality” and “Wet Pipe Fire Protection System Maintenance”.

A special thank you goes out to Sherie Van Slyke with FM Global, Philip Maloy with Fremont Industries and the Continental Fire Sprinkler team of Keith Obert, Jesse Warboys and Jeremy Hadfield. Individuals such as these, and the companies they represent, are a major reason NSHE has been able to step up the level of educational offerings from year to year.

And thanks to Don Futrell and The Nebraska Medical Center for not only hosting, but providing lunch for all the on-site attendees.

**Sherie Van Slyke**                      *“Hot Work Program”*  
FM Global

**Philip Maloy**                         *“Steam Quality”*  
Fremont Industries

**Keith Obert**                            *“Wet Pipe Fire Protection System Maintenance”*

**Jesse Warboys**  
**Jeremy Hadfield**  
Continental Fire Sprinkler

The annual NSHE Conference and Trade Show is coming up fast. If you have not already done so, mark your calendar for May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. NSHE has an exciting schedule of events this year, starting off on Thursday evening, with two hours of CEU Education and of course time to socialize with other Healthcare Professionals and Vendor colleagues. Then on Friday there is a full day of learning opportunities with another 4 hours of CEU qualified training and of course time allocated to meeting our vendor supports and seeing what new and interesting Trade Show items they have to share. This is a great opportunity to make contact with someone who can perhaps help you with that special Facility issue you have been dealing with.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Golf Outing is scheduled for June 26-27. There will be two separate training opportunities the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup>, and lunch and a social activity after Golf on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

## NSHE News

In support of CHFМ and other certifications, NSHE as a Chapter Member of ASHE continues to promote and work to provide the educational programs and credits which support these certification programs. Region 6 is offering the CHFМ Prep Course and Exam again this year in Mankato, MN. NSHE has a limited number of waivers for NSHE members who currently hold an ASHE membership, available on a first come first serve basis.

Congratulations goes out to the following for passing the CHFМ exam!

**Kenny Walters, Fremont Area Medical Center**

### President's Corner

First and foremost, I am honored to be involved with such a great group of people. As with any structure, it is the sum of the parts that makes the whole! And we have a whole-lot of highly experienced professionals upon which we can draw expertise and advice. I fully encourage our members to reach out to each other in both asking questions, as well as answering questions and giving advice. Just through the act of sharing information we are able to help others in learning what is new on topics as varied as The Joint Commission, CMS, State regulation changes, regulatory, equipment issues, construction, and more.

As many have probably noticed, I am pretty big on promoting education. Not just for the purpose of maintaining a certification, but to expand my knowledge of the Healthcare world around me. For me, this has been one of the major drivers in my continued desire to be as involved as possible with NSHE. Getting to know and share with others, our combined experiences of what works and what does not work, saves not only time, but money as well. One universal task each of us have these days, is to find better ways to spend the money we have, and explore opportunities to save. This is always a moving target as new equipment and technologies continue to be integrated into our buildings. This is another reason why each of us have a need to stay current on the latest trends and equipment changes. I do not know of a more cost effective way to gain this knowledge, then through membership with NSHE. If you look at just one of the traveling education sessions being held, in just about anywhere Nebraska/Iowa for any topic, the tuition or session fee will probably pay for 7 years or more of NSHE membership!

How you may wonder, "Can I help NSHE and the people who work around me", without spending a mountain of time or money. First by promoting NSHE to fellow co-workers. Second, by sending in your suggestions for future training topics. Perhaps there is a particular topic you have facility staff, or know of staff members who could benefit from a particular educational topic. Do you have staff who need training, or refresher training on topics such as boiler operation, building systems, State and Federal code compliance regulations, management topics, Air quality, Infection Control issues, and more. If you do, these are topics that have already been presented in the past, and as changes continue to happen, have a need to be reviewed again in the future.

I encourage each of you to take full advantage of your NSHE Membership. If you have not been out to the NSHE Website lately, go check it out. If you are on LinkedIn, check out NSHE there as well, as it is a great medium to ask questions on a topic you are looking for feedback on.

Sincerely,

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