Minnesota Safety Council welcomes new board members, advisors

ST. PAUL, MINN. (November 20, 2020) Four business leaders have joined the Minnesota Safety Council, three as board members and one on the organization’s emerging professionals group.

New board members confirmed this fall are Molly Coskran, owner/principal AIHA of Heed Environmental Health; Mark Friske, environmental health and safety manager with Sherwin-Williams; and Alanna Lee, environmental safety specialist for Cirrus Aircraft.

Jonathan (Jonny) Trevino, operations safety specialist at Cambria USA, has joined the Minnesota Safety Council’s Emerging Safety Professionals (ESP) Advisory Board. ESP advisory members help create peer-to-peer connections between emerging safety leaders that advance their professional and personal growth. Trevino joins current ESP members Jamison Harrell-Latham of Target who serves as chair, Becky Albrecht of the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Kate Carlson of Chubb Risk Advisors, Mary Ferrian of the Institute for Environmental Assessment, Beth Firkins of Antea Group, Rachel Koehler of Osseo Area Schools, and Josh Telecky of Minnesota Specialty Yeast.

“The Minnesota Safety Council and our members are fortunate to have the expertise, experience, insight, advice and dedication of these new directors and advisory board member,” says Paul Aasen, president, Minnesota Safety Council. “Safety in Minnesota is better thanks to their willingness to serve.”

Minnesota Safety Council members also selected the organization’s Board of Directors Executive Committee. Jeff Ogden, a Health Partners retiree, remains chair; Steve Sandilla of SFM serves as vice chair and Deb Nistler of Etterman Enterprises is vice president of finance. Other Executive Committee members are Bert Flynn of Xcel Energy, Save’ Marcario of Aveda, Mike Noonan of Red Wing Brands and Ryan Vieau of Merjent. Additional directors include Kevin Balfanz of Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust, Katharine Bonneson of the University of Minnesota, Phillip Jensen of Chubb Insurance, Nicole Vars McCullough of 3M, Roslyn Robertson of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Tom Olinger of CenterPoint Energy, Kristin Rebertus of CHS Inc., Steve Schoeneck of Otter Tail Power Company and Josh Skelton of Minnesota Power.

Members also reconfirmed Aasen as president and CEO and re-elected Wade Salstrom to the non-voting treasurer position.