Editorial

Every day we are impressed and amazed at the contributions of the volunteer ISHM board. They spend a considerable amount of their time and personal resources working to improve ISHM and the quality of the certifications/designations offered. The recent review of the CSHM exam required countless hours of research and participation in the question review and standard setting process.

Also, we are forever grateful to the volunteers who worked with the board on the exam process. These folks willingly gave of their free time (weekends and evenings) to help us assure that the CSHM exam is relevant and accurate.

Be sure to read the employment opportunities starting on page 2.

Accreditation Now

We will resubmit the CSHM certification to The Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB) this year. We are required to resubmit periodically in order to assure CESB that we are meeting the stringent requirements for accreditation. One of the requirements was completing the test review mentioned above. We feel confident that we will again achieve accreditation as we have been working non-stop to assure we are compliant in every mandated element. This effort is costly in terms of man-hours and financial expenditures, but is necessary to maintain credibility of the certification.

Accreditation in the Future

There are three agencies in the United States who are authorized to accredited personnel certification program.

- The Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB)
- Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE)
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

While each of these provides the same service there are some differences in their approach, although the requirements of accreditation are basically the same for all three.

ANSI is different from the other two in that it does not actually accredit the certification. Rather, ANSI certifies that a professional certification is in conformance with ISO 17024. Because this is an ISO standard it is becoming the accreditation of choice. Mainly due to the international reach of ISO. US Government Agencies are now heading down the road to mandate ISO/ANSI accreditation as a requirement for their professionals. (This covers many professions in addition to safety).

The ISHM Board of Directors is committed to providing the finest safety professional certification available anywhere. As such, they have made ANSI/ISO certification of the CSHM a goal for the future. This is a very expensive endeavor and at this writing the board is working out plans to obtain the necessary funds for achieving this goal. Multiple avenues are being explored and we will keep you informed along the way. It is important to note that achieving the ANSI/ISO certification will require assistance from all CSHM’s. We will need to redefine the Role Delineation for a Safety Manager and then create exams that relate to that survey. Then we will be required to make sure that our exam speaks only to this body of knowledge.. STAY TUNED!!