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Educational Board report

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The AIMS International Educational Advisory Board, EAB, was established as a way for parks and carnivals to examine the educational needs of the industry and to bring their ideas regarding improvement and development of AIMS education to the attention of the board of directors. The board is comprised of owners, and upper management of parks and carnival of all sizes from throughout the amusement industry. The EAB has been an invaluable resource for AIMS and has led to the many new ideas for AIMS Education.

At the November meeting of the EAB during the IAAPA expo, members discussed with the AIMS board members the possibility of AIMS accreditation for in-house operator training programs. As the industry has grown, so has the need for more safety training for operator personnel. The EAB has proposed that AIMS International accredit the in-house training programs provided by many of the parks in the industry. AIMS accreditation would estab-

lish a quality standard for programs that would assure consistency across the industry.

Plans have begun for the structure of this accreditation. Parks will be able to apply for accreditation. They will be required to submit an application containing the details of their training program which will be reviewed and evaluated by an accreditation team. The team would then visit the park to evaluate the training program, facilities and instructors.

AIMS will be developing a plan for instructor training including regular updates for trainers. Instructor evaluations would be required on an ongoing basis. Operators would be required to have a program in place that would include the records of the type and level of training for each person and the dates of their training. Standards for maintaining current levels of training would also be established.

AIMS International is excited to take on this new challenge and is already moving forward with developing the details of this new program. At this time, AIMS is already in negotiations with a park interested in becoming the first to implement this new accreditation.

I wish everyone sunning skies and large crowds as we kick off the 2010 entertainment season.



Moore



Tori Mowery
Holiday World

“AIMS safety seminars helped me to make contacts and gain knowledge in the industry. These contacts are a great resource as I work to stay on top of issues and constantly improve my department at my park. It has also helped me when preparing my training materials.”

2010 AIMS call for presentations

Have you attended an AIMS Safety Seminar and wanted to be an instructor? This is your chance! This is your invitation to be a presenter for the 2010 AIMS Safety Seminar to be held in Orlando, Florida, November 13-18, 2010.

Your audience:

Mid-level and front line management of amusement

parks, theme parks, Family Entertainment Centers, Carnivals, Waterparks, and Zoos.

How do I submit a proposal?

1) Submit the title of your presentation and a detailed outline and synopsis of the class (no longer than 300 words) outlining the major learning objectives.

2) Provide your name, address and organization including a resume of your qualifications and knowledge of the subject matter.

3) Email the above to beazleyp@comcast.net or gclaassen@silverdollar-city.com with “2010 AIMS Presentation” in your subject headline.

4) Submit all entries by May 15, 2010.

Work already underway on zoo educational curriculum

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It has only been a few months since the November 2009 AIMS Safety Seminar that was held in Las Vegas, Nevada. For many of you, it's a distant memory. For the AIMS seminar staff, it has been time for us to recharge our batteries and improve our curriculum for the 2010 Safety Seminar. In the past few months, we have held conference calls to divide and conquer with the planning and education committees. While we are still securing the hotel and tweaking our activity schedule, one item remains consistent – the educational curriculum.

No sooner than one seminar is completed, the education committee jumps aboard to figure out how to enhance and improve our

next seminar. The seminar and class evaluations offer great feedback on what our students think of existing classes and of course, how we can improve.

Many individuals are afraid of change, but as education and seminar director for AIMS, I welcome it. If you were a student, how would you like status quo? I admit that it would be pretty boring and lack the continuing education that our attendees desire, and more importantly, expect from AIMS. As we keep consistent core classes for many of our educational tracks, we strive to enhance our curriculum with new and fresh topics.

Many of our instructors are well established in the amusement industry and have a wealth of knowledge within their field. Yet, we also look for instructors who have the passion for the amusement industry with creative means to provide an educational experience for our attendees. I personally consider it an honor to instruct at AIMS.

In my past eight years of being involved with AIMS, I have considered it to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional career. By being an instructor at an AIMS Safety Seminar, you “pay it forward.” By sharing with others what you have learned through other seminars, classes, or the school of hard-knocks, you assist and better others.

Within the next few months, we will be solidifying our schedule for the AIMS Safety Seminar to be held in Orlando, Florida on November 13–18, 2010. We strongly encourage anyone who has a passion for the industry and believe that they have something to offer and can make a difference, to submit their name, class topic and synopsis of the class to the AIMS education committee. If you have an expertise in the areas of aquatics, maintenance, operations, mobile amusements, inflatables, inspections or family entertainment centers - be a part of our honor guard and pay it forward.