**2024 CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW AGENDA**

**Wednesday, April 10 2024**

***Morning Sessions***

7:00am Registration

7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast

8:45am – 9:00am Welcome from MEOA President

Nominations for open exec positions

9:00am – 10:00am ***Plugged into Safety:*** *Angela Cameron, WSPS - Consulting Services Manager, West*

A primer on the hazards of working with battery electric vehicles Ontario is quickly becoming a leader in the battery electric vehicle (BEV) sector. With this emerging technology has come a variety of new hazards that many in the industry do not fully understand. To address this need WSPS has developed a White Paper on the hazards of working with battery electric vehicles. We will discuss BEV hazards, the legislation that applies to working on them

10:00am – 10:30am ***Morning Break – Sponsored by Colvoy Equipment***

***Vendor showcase presentations:*** Colvoy Equipment

10:30am – 11:15am ***Empowering Change:*** *Tom Welton, WSN, Director of Health & Safety Services & Education Programs*

Exploring the Intersection of Electric Vehicles and Industry Sectors This session will highlight the parallel hazards associated with the use of electric vehicles in the mining sector with the manufacturing and service sectors. Then continue to share information related to the sectors highest risks including a ‘thermal run-away event’. This hazard was examined in-depth through a Root Cause Analysis (RCA) workshop, where subject matter experts met to determine the root causes of BEV fires and recommend specific control measures. The results of this RCA will be shared through this workshop.

11:15am – 12:00pm **MEOA business**

* Treasurers Report
* Election results
* PD-day
* Fall Field Trip

12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH**

***Afternoon Sessions***

1:00pm – 2:00pm ***Thermal Run-Away Risk Mitigation and the Emergency Response Plan:***

*Dale Wales, WSPS – Specialized Consultant (Confined Space), West*

The risk of a thermal run-away event occurring is a new hazard many workplaces are not prepared to respond to. It will be essential for workplaces to update their emergency response plans to include how to respond to this type of event. This session will provide some risk mitigation strategies and elements for consideration when preparing for and responding to thermal runaway events.

2:00pm – 2:45pm ***Safety, Technical and Compliance Considerations of EV Charging Infrastructure***:

*Sarah Kempel BES, MA LEAD (she/her) Program Coordinator, Continuing Education*

The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) regulates and promotes electrical safety in Ontario. In this session, ESA will discuss key considerations for municipalities to safely integrate electric vehicle charging systems.

2:45pm – 3:15pm ***Afternoon Break – Sponsored by Dican***

***Vendor showcase presentations:*** Dican

3:15pm – 4:00pm ***Recruitment and Retention: Challenges and Trends:*** *Laura Tolhoek, Principal Consultant & Founder, Essential HR*

Understanding the Landscape with analysis of current employment trends focusing on the municipal sector. Identifying innovative recruitment strategies including: outreach and Branding, Leveraging Technology, Partnership Models: Collaborating with educational institutions and trade schools. Developing Retention Strategies to keeping skilled trades engaged and reducing turnover.

4:00pm – 4:30pm ***Lithium Battery Fire Safety***

*St Cathartines Fire Service*

4:30pm – 5:00pm  ***Red Light and Speed Cameras – Effects on your CVOR***

*MEOA - Fleet Safety & Compliance Subcommittee*

5:00pm – 5:15pm   50/50 draw an Draws

5:30 ***Close***

Cocktail 6:00 7:00

Dinner 7:00

*Post Dinner - Game Night and Activities*