



Puget Sound Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

March 2008 Newsletter

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Renew Your Membership or Join Today!

Our chapter is a non-profit organization associated with the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society and serves the interests of the local community of the Pacific Northwest. Our funding is generated via the chapter's membership dues and activities.

For only \$18 (\$9 for students), you can enjoy opportunities for professional development, network with fellow professionals, and tour local facilities when you join PSHFES.

Members receive discounts on all events, including tours, informative dinner meetings, and the Annual Occupational Ergonomics Symposium. Join and have your business listed on our Web site, too.

Join for the 2008 calendar year by visiting our Web site at www.pshfes.org, click "Membership," and pay online (Pay Pal) or by check.

President's Message

Welcome to the start of an exciting new year for Puget Sound Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (PSHFES). Now that we've got the holidays behind us and the New Year off to a great start, Spring has begun to show promise of renewed light and energy ahead. I hope to do the same in my term as President this year.

I've got the support of an outstanding group of Executive Council members this year, bringing with them great insight and experience. As President, one of my goals for the year is to provide opportunities for networking and involvement to support the Human Factors and Ergonomics professionals in the Puget Sound area. To that end, several new positions are being added to both the Executive Council and Committees, offering additional opportunities for participation among PSHFES members. Newly created Council positions include President Elect and Membership Chair. There will soon be new committee positions including a Student Liaison position and several Symposium Planning Committee positions that will work with our Symposium Chair to organize another exceptional program for the Annual Symposium. If you're looking for opportunities for professional involvement, just let us know.

This year's Executive Council includes:

President-Susan Murphey
Secretary-Steve Russell
Symposium Chair – Cindy Williamson
Treasurer – Gary Davis
Communications Chair – Rick Goggins
Community Projects Chair-Rick Goggins
Events Chair – Sue Cooper
President Elect - Dan O'Dell
Past President – Deborah Read
Membership Chair-coming soon



Susan Murphey—President PSHFES

Just as the farmer knows that a successful harvest is the result of the time and care spent cultivating his crop, our success in industry is directly related to fostering a network of resources that add value to our knowledge and experience. PSHFES is pleased to offer access to just such a valuable network. I look forward to sharing in that member network with you this year! Thanks for joining us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—THE 2008 PSHFES OCCUPATIONAL ERGONOMICS SYMPOSIUM IS COMING!

This year the Symposium will be held on **Sept. 17th & 18th** at Seattle's Museum of Flight and it promises to be better than ever. Keep your eyes out for more details on our Web site and member notices.

Open Access Ergonomics Journal Opportunity

The *Open Ergonomics Journal* (ISSN 1874-9216) is an Open Access online journal, which publishes research articles, reviews, and letters in all areas of basic and applied research on ergonomics/human factors. The journal aims to provide the most complete and reliable source of information on current developments in the field. The emphasis will be on publishing quality articles rapidly and making them freely available to researchers worldwide. All published

articles will be deposited immediately upon publication in at least one widely and internationally recognized open access repository. Moreover, all articles are indexed by Google and Google Scholar, therefore providing the maximum exposure to the articles.

If you are interested in submitting a research article, please visit the journal's homepage and Instructions for Authors at the following Web site: www.benthamscience.org/open/toergj.

Interested in Helping?

Volunteer Opportunities

We will soon be assembling this year's Symposium Planning Committee. To be a part of this rewarding process, please contact Cindy Williamson, Symposium Chair at symposium@pshfes.org. There will be opportunities to assist in planning numerous aspects of the event such as:

*We are
looking for
members
interested in
a variety of
volunteer
opportunities*

- ◆ Speaker logistics
- ◆ Exhibitor and Sponsor coordination
- ◆ Promotion and advertising
- ◆ Catering
- ◆ Registration and attendee organization

It's a great opportunity for networking and sharing your gifts by being involved in the planning of this extraordinary event.

Web Site of the Month

Microsoft Typography

<http://www.microsoft.com/typography/ClearTypePowerToy.msp>

This program that lives in your Control Panel lets you fine tune how your computer displays fonts, so you can make them easier to read based on your preference. It has a wizard that helps you select a display that looks good to you.

Professional Development Opportunities



Applied Ergonomics Conference

Orlando, FL

March 10-13

Web site: <http://www.iienet2.org/ergo/conference/>



IIE Annual Conference

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

May 17-24

<http://www.iienet2.org/annual2/>



International Conference on Applied Ergonomics

Las Vegas, NV

July 14-17

<http://www.aei2008.org/>



Puget Sound HFES Occupational Ergonomics Symposium

Seattle, WA

September 17-18

<http://www.pshfes.org/symposium.htm>



Human Factors & Ergonomics Society 52nd Annual Meeting

New York, NY

September 22-26

<http://www.hfes.org/web/HFESMeetings/08annualmeeting.html>



Association of Canadian Ergonomists 39th Annual Conference

Château Cartier, Gatineau/Aylmer, Québec)

October 5-8

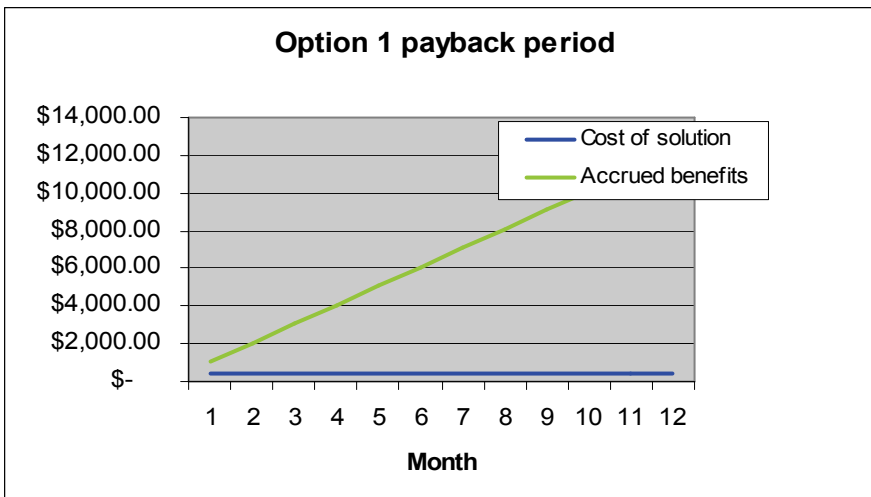
<http://www.ace-ergocanada.ca/index.php?command=buildBlock&contentid=622>

Cost Benefit Calculator

To help practitioners better quantify the benefits of ergonomics, Rick Goggins, a Labor and Industries ergonomist and PSHFES Council Member has developed a cost-benefit calculator that PSHFES is proud to offer for free download. The calculator allows you to compare three intervention options, and provides estimates of benefits and payback periods. The calculator is based on a review of 250 case studies in which organizations reported the outcomes of ergonomics programs and individual solutions.

Log on to <http://www.pshfes.org/cba.htm> for more information and to download your free cost benefit calculator.

Example of payback period calculations when figuring the projected impact of the implementation of rotation on a palletizing operation.



Consultant's Directory

Become a member of PSHFES and list your business in our Consultant's Directory on our Web site. The Consultant's Directory is one way businesses can search for potential providers of needed services. You'll have the opportunity to explain what differentiates you from the others and why businesses should consider hiring you to help them out.



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