



Puget Sound Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

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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.

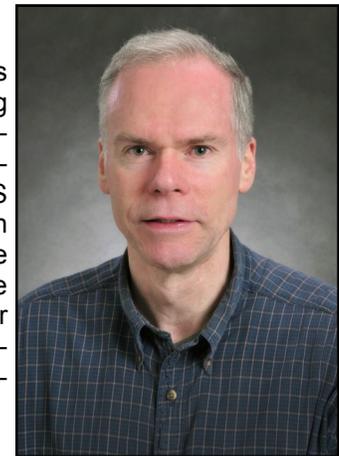
Additionally, receive newsletter and mail updates about what's going on in the area, volunteer opportunities, access to and a listing in the membership database, and an invitation to the yearly business meeting.

Join for the 2012 calendar year by visiting our Web site at www.pshfes.org, click "Membership," and pay online (PayPal) or by check.

PSHFES President's Message

PSHFES members and friends!

I want to take a moment and introduce myself as this year's PSHFES President, and say a big "Thank You" to our outgoing President Cindy Williamson, for her outstanding leadership and direction in 2011. Myself and the other 2012 PSHFES officers are looking forward to providing you with another year of interesting, fun, and informative events that we hope will motivate you to participate with us in our goal of advancing ergonomics in our workplaces and local community, as well as improving your ergonomics knowledge and professional skills.



Gary Davis
PSHFES President

We're off to a great start this year, with planning underway for the 2012 Occupational Ergonomics and Workshop, to be held at the Seattle Museum of Flight on September 19th and 20th. Dr. James Sheedy will be our keynote speaker this year - a noted expert on vision issues in both industrial and office workplaces. (see page 3)

We're currently planning for several dinner speakers and industry tours, so look for announcements of those events in e-mails from PSHFES, future newsletters, and on the PSHFES website. Ideas for additional speakers or events are always welcomed. Let us know!

In this issue, you'll also meet our newest PSHFES Council members: Kurt Fellrath (Events Chair), and Maggie Hughes (Council Member). (see their bios and photos on page 2)

We're currently looking for someone to fill the Communications Chair position, so let us know if you're interested in learning more about this opportunity. (see page 4)

Lastly, if you have any thoughts or ideas about how PSHFES can better serve you, either professionally, or in the community, please feel free to contact either myself president@pshfes.org or one of the other PSHFES council officers. We'd love to hear from you!

New PSHFES Council Members



Kurt Fellrath
PSHFES Events Chair

Hello PSHFES members, my name is Kurt Fellrath and I am a new member as of 2012. I graduated from Western Washington University in the spring of 2009 with a bachelors of science in Kinesiology. Shortly after graduating I became a contractor for Boeing Health & Fitness in Renton. I was assigned to the factory support program known as Industrial Athlete.

The Industrial Athlete program is a on site, on hours program designed to help reduce chronic workplace injuries. As a Exercise Physiologist for Boeing Industrial Athlete I taught postural correction & injury prevention classes. For two years I taught classes and interacted with manufacturing employee; I quickly learned that I was a small piece of a larger and more powerful Environment, Health & Safety program. I envied the robust and integrated nature of the Boeing EHS program.

Soon after learning as much as I could about EHS I started applying for jobs in which Kinesiology played a major role. Naturally Ergonomics became my primary target. I hired into Boeing in September 2011 as a Ergonomist (primarily office). For the past 6 months I have been a part of the EHS Ergonomics team in Renton. I am slowly transitioning into industrial ergonomics and want to learn as much as I can.

A co-worker of mine mentioned the Puget Sounds Human Factor and Ergonomics Society one day; I quickly joined and look forward to meeting all the members and learning as much as I can.

Margaret Hughes
PSHFES Council Member

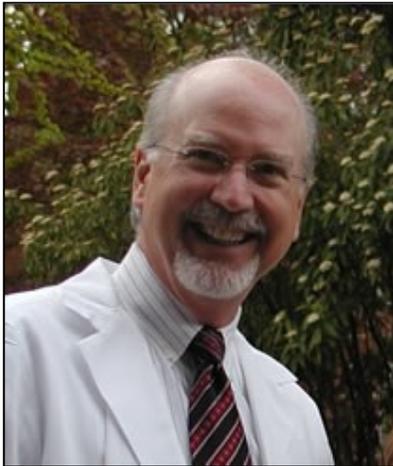
I am an ergonomist with Boeing Defense, Space and Security. In 2010, I graduated from the University of Washington with a masters in exposure sciences, with emphasis in ergonomics and human factors. Prior to working at Boeing, I was an ergonomist at Amazon.com.

In my free time I have been hiking, bicycling, and otherwise exploring the Pacific Northwest.



Welcome!!!

Save These Dates: September 19th & 20th Puget Sound Human Factors & Ergonomics Society Symposium & Workshop



Keynote Speaker

JAMES E. SHEEDY

Professor, Director of Optometry Research
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Dr. Sheedy received his optometry degree and his doctorate in physiological optics from the Ohio State University. He was a Clinical Professor at the University of California at Berkeley School of Optometry where he founded the first VDT Eye Clinic in 1985. He also established the Center for Ophthalmic Optics Research at Ohio State University and is recognized as an expert in the design and prescribing of progressive addition lenses. He has twice received the Garland Clay Award for the best clinical research published in the journal of the American Academy of Optometry and also received the William Feinbloom award for his work in vision ergonomics. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from Prevent Blindness America for his work with ultraviolet. He has over 140 published articles and has participated in the development of numerous ANSI and ISO standards and regulations. Currently Dr. Sheedy is the head of the Vision Ergonomics Research Laboratory and professor of optometry at Pacific University.

Dr. Sheedy enjoys hiking in the beauty of nature, periodically picks up a paint brush to express himself on canvas, and is currently writing a book entitled "Eyes and Ears – Foundation for Mind, Civilization, and God".

The PSHFES Mission Statement

- ◆ Provide opportunities for professional development, networking, workshops, and education for local Human Factors and Ergonomics professionals, students, and enthusiasts.
- ◆ Raise public awareness of the value and benefits of Human Factors and Ergonomics.
- ◆ Provide volunteer opportunities for HFE professionals to contribute to the Puget Sound area community.

PSHFES Opportunities!!!

Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved in the local ergonomics community?

Here is your chance!!!

PSHFES is seeking candidates for the position of Treasurer. Here is your opportunity to be involved in the most robust and active HFES Local Chapter in the nation. For more information, contact Gary Davis at president@pshfes.org

Have you been looking for a way to give back to this organization and be more involved?

If you are interested of becoming part of the PSHFES Council Help is needed with the upcoming symposium. We especially need someone who is willing to take on the vendor portion of this event. If you are willing to help, please contact Judy Damoff, jdamoff@cfl.rr.com or 321-795-4786.

Have an idea for an article?

We want to encourage all members to contribute ideas for articles and any items of interest for the next PSHFES Newsletter. For information or to submit content, please e-mail Wilmarie Villanueva at secretary@pshfes.org.

Thank you for all your continued support and contributions!



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