

## **Health & Safety Committee**

### **Year- end Report, 2009-2010**

**May 4, 2010**

The Health & Safety Committee met 8 times this year, on the third Thursday of every month.

Members included Don Ayers, Ellen Harford, David Susman, Deb Dumond, Gerrie Delaney, Annette Tanguay, Tom Farrington and Chair Maria Niswonger.

The Health & Safety Committee bylaws were revised, with lots of discussion about the scope of work, the level of authority, membership and process. The bylaws were approved by College Council on May 4, 2010.

Maria Niswonger wrote a Science Laboratory Safety Policy which was approved by the Health & Safety Committee, College Council, and YCCC President Charlie Lyons.

Annette Tanguay regularly published safety tips in the YCCC Voice with the approval of the committee.

John Waterbury of the Maine Municipal Association gave a presentation on losses that the college has incurred over the last 3 years due to accidents (2007-2009). During that time frame, there have been a total of 6 incidents costing the college a total of \$30,609. The most common incident was due to falls (3) for a total of over \$29,000. John noted that most of this expense was due one fall that resulted in significant lost time. Overall, our losses were only 4% of the total for the MCCS. Our risks are low as determined by a facility inspection and statistical analysis of our reported incidents.

The YCCC smoking policy was discussed at many meetings. It was noted that the current policy is difficult to enforce. It was also noted that the current smoking area is not 20 feet away from windows and doors as required by state law. The possibility of making the campus smoke-free was raised. A survey on smoking on the YCCC campus was written by Dan Weeks, Deb Dumond, and the Health & Safety Committee, using information from Maine Healthy Partners. Information is being tabulated.

First aid and CPR training was discussed, and the administration attempted to secure funding to train members of the YCCC community.

It was noted that fire drills occurred on campus this year and the building emptied quickly and without any issues.

Other topics briefly discussed included speeding and speed bumps on campus, computer laboratory safety training, and issues of visually-impaired people.

Next year, we will focus more effort on the YCCC smoking policy and wellness issues.