



**ASHCA**  
AGRICULTURAL SAFETY &  
HEALTH COUNCIL OF AMERICA



## **Mission**

*To proactively address ongoing and emerging occupational safety and health issues affecting U.S. agriculture.*



# Guiding Principles

- ASHCA is a catalyst for guiding national strategies that protect agricultural workers' safety and health.
- A safe, healthy workforce contributes to productivity, decreased costs, improved markets.
- Agriculture is diverse, requiring safety strategies targeted by region, commodity, and worker characteristics (including those deemed vulnerable).
- Effective partnerships promote innovation, maximize outputs and avoid duplication.



# ASHCA's Timeline

## 2006

- Concept discussed by industry leaders
- Feasibility phase funded by the Farm Fdn.

## 2007

- Feasibility participants endorse establishment
- Board of Directors elected in December
- Articles of Incorporation filed as 501(c)(3)



# ASHCA's Timeline (cont.)

## 2008

- Officers elected
- Committee work initiated
- Website established
- ASHCA introduced at agricultural conferences and via press release
- Strategic plan approved



# ASHCA's Timeline (Cont.)

## 2009

- Convened first annual meeting
- Doubled membership
- Expanded committee work
- Increased visibility via agricultural venues
- Submitted safety language for USDA grants
- Filled all 15 Board positions



# ASHCA's Timeline (Cont.)

## 2010

- Conducted “Be Safe, Be Profitable” national conference, co-hosted by NIOSH
- Sponsored dedicated *Journal of Agromedicine*, publishing best practices on eight topics
- Expanded committees and expectations



# Council Members

Voting members - Representatives of major:

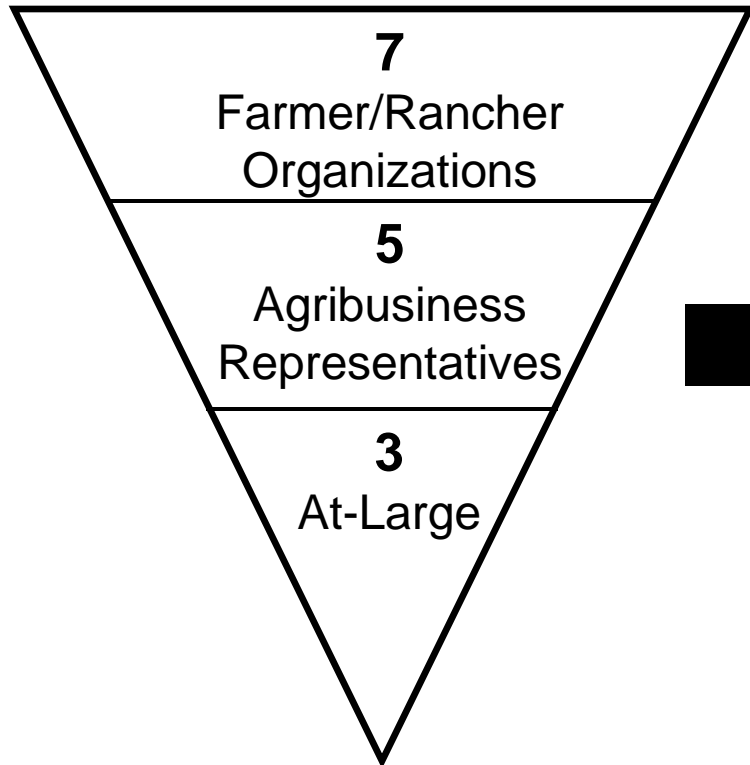
- Agricultural Producer organizations
- Agribusiness
- Government and Academia
- Professional Safety Associations
- Non-government organizations

Associate (non-voting) members

Small organizations, associations or individuals



# Council Leaders\*



<b>Officers:</b>
•Chair
•Vice chair
•Secretary-Treasurer

*\*Elected by Voting members*



# Charter Members





## Officers and Board Members: 2011

- **Chair, William Nelson – CHS Foundation**
  - **Vice-Chair, Dan Hair – Workers Compensation Fund**
  - **Sect/Treas, Marsha Purcell – American Farm Bureau Federation**
  - Cornelius Blanding – Southern State Cooperatives
  - Michael DeSpain – National Institute for Farm Safety
  - Frank Gasperini – National Council Agricultural Employers
  - Leon Graves – Dairy Marketing Services, LLC
  - Paul Gunderson – Dakota Center for Technology Optimized Agriculture
  - Brittany Jablonsky – National Farmers Union
  - Mark Jansen – The Zenith Insurance
  - Jan Klodowski – Agri-Services Agency
  - Kerry Leedom Larson – Pork CheckOff
  - Dennis Murphy – Penn State
  - TBN – CropLife America
- Ex Officio:*  
*Walt Armbruster - Farm Fdn.*  
*Dr. George Conway - NIOSH*



# Strategic Priorities

1. Communications and partnerships
2. Evidence-based best management practices
3. Program facilitation and implementation
4. Sustainability



# Newsletter

Biannual newsletter  
featuring:

- Best management practices
- Insights for success
- Upcoming events





# Annual Report

## Features:

- Year End Financial Report
- Major Accomplishments
- Committee Reports
- Photographs of Events
- Chairman's Comments





# Website (www.ashca.com)

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**Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America**

**Mission:** To proactively address ongoing and emerging occupational safety and health issues affecting U.S. agriculture.

**Goals for the Council include:**

- Pursue national strategies to reduce agricultural injuries and fatalities, based on reliable data and emerging issues.
- Guide the development of effective delivery systems for safety and health through communications involving leaders representing producers, agribusiness, insurance, safety

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# Benefits to Members

- Interact with industry leaders to achieve ASHCA's mission
- Guide and facilitate ASHCA activities via committee involvement, programs, annual meetings
- Maintain close communication with leading agricultural organizations, agribusiness, academic researchers, others via organization website, newsletters, email communications
- Represent members of own organization by informing ASHCA of emerging issues, concerns, opportunities
- Guide national policies and research priorities addressing agricultural workers' safety and health



# Membership Annual Dues

## Voting

Benefactor	\$3,000/year 1	\$1,500/year 2+
Sustaining	\$2,500	
Association	\$1,000	

## Associate (non-voting)

Organization	\$250
Individual	\$ 75

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**For more information**

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