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Western PA Chapter



The President's Message

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By the time you read this message, the 2007-2008 program year will have begun with the successful tour of the CBS Network Facility in Gateway Center. This meeting could not have occurred if one of our Chapter members, Mark Periello, had not stepped up and agreed to coordinate the effort. It took some time from what is for Mark, I'm sure, a busy work schedule. But he did it because he wanted to give share his experience as a safety professional in the entertainment industry with his colleagues and Chapter members. He could have said no when we called but he didn't. In a similar vein, many of you have already put some time and energy into the activities of the Chapter this year. From the Executive Committee to the Board Chairs to members who have agreed to help at the registration table or introduce a presenter at the Shannon Safety Expo. We all have something in common –when the time came to get involved, we did.

Certainly everyone has limits to the level of involvement they can muster. Not everyone can take the time to serve on the Executive Committee or take on the Chair of a Board Committee. But that doesn't really matter. What counts is that you recognize the importance of giving what time and energy you can to the Chapter. That's what keeps us going each year and that's what allows us to prosper.

In the coming months, there will be other opportunities to get involved. Perhaps your organization will be able to sponsor a student member to attend a meeting. Or maybe you will be able to contribute a prize to the raffle for the Holiday Lunch in December. Maybe you can write a brief notice about a pertinent safety issue for the next newsletter or make a suggestion for a future meeting topic and/or location.

One of the goals I have this year as President is to get as many new faces involved in the activities of the Chapter as possible, at every level. I am hoping to convince you to take the time to get involved, in whatever way you can. It's vital to have as many people involved as possible. Not only does it lighten the load, but it also allows our Chapter to reach new heights and grow. If you have an idea for something you would like to do, please feel free to contact me. I'll be happy to take you up on the offer. Until next month....

Yours in Safety,

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Chapter Events Calendar

September 26th – 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Shannon Safety Expo – see the [brochure at the end](#) of the newsletter for more details and registration. If you can volunteer some time to help with the event, please let Pam Ferrante know. Also, a golf outing has been added to the Shannon Safety Expo on the afternoon before the event; Tuesday September 25th. This is your chance to play 18 holes at Southpointe Country Club with Shannon's distributor and vendor network. Maureen McMahon will be coordinating reservations for the outing. If you are interested in playing, contact her directly at 412.494.3153 x 15 or Maureen.McMahon@wausau.com. Don't worry about getting a foursome; we will pair you up with another group. You can also play golf even if you aren't able to join us at the Expo.

October 22nd – 6:00 PM

We will be having a dinner meeting with our Student Chapter at IUP in Foster Dining Hall, Oak Dining Room, Indiana University of PA, Indiana, PA. We hope to make this an annual fall event. The topic will be "Management-based Safety (MBS) – A Best Practice Approach to the Safety Process". The presenters will be Sam Gualardo, MA, CSP of IUP OSHA Consultation, past Society President, and National Safety Associates. Glenn Goss, Director of Safety for Jenmar will present an overview of MBS and the impact this robust process has had on safety at Jenmar. The cost is \$20.00 (No charge for students). Reservations can be made using the ASSE Western PA Hotline at (412) 281-1885 or contact Nick Kachur at (412) 777-4242 or nkachur@nevchem.com. The menu is the "Driving Through Tuscany Buffet" which includes Italian Salad, Fresh Mozzarella with Tomatoes, Bread Basket, Veal Piccata, Grilled Salmon Fillet with Pesto Tuscan Style Orzo (finished with shaved parmesan, sauteed wild mushrooms, orange zest and fresh herbs), Italian Long Cut Ratatouille (zucchini, yellow squash, eggplant, marinated olives, tomatoes and grilled onions), and a Mini desert assortment.

November 15th – 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM at the Greentree Holiday Inn

Our first breakfast meeting of the year – jumpstart your day with a hearty breakfast and listen to a review of the importance of being prepared for any type of emergency and the role that safety professionals and emergency responders have in preparedness. Our presenter will be Kathy Criss, Director of the UPMC Disaster Management Center Disaster Preparedness. Our cost for this event is still being determined, but it will not be the typical \$25.00 we charge for lunches or dinners.

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Thank you,
Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP, WSO-CSS

Government Affairs Update

PA Legislative Activity

OSHA Act for Public Employees in Pennsylvania.

PA H 1325, PB; 1774, Introduced 6/5/07, Title: Public Employee Occupational Safety - Requires public employers to protect the occupational safety and health of their employees. Provides for enforcement and penalties.

Status: 9/10/07: In House Committee on Labor Relations; Public hearing held.

Note: ASSE Keystone State Governmental Affairs Committee is soliciting comments from members. Please send comments to Steve Tima at Stima@PortAuthority.org. Go to <http://www.legis.state.pa.us> to review the bill. Thank you.

PA H 1816, PN: 2416, Introduced 9/4/07, Title: Occupational Health and Safety - Provides for public employee occupational health and safety, for standards and procedures and for further duties of the Department of Labor and Industry. Establishes the Public Employee Occupational Safety and Health Review Board and providing for its powers and duties. Provides for the establishment of various advisory committees, for enforcement and for civil and criminal penalties. Status: 9/4/07: To House Committee on Labor Relations.

PA S 833, 1353, Introduced 8/27/07, Title: Health and Safety Code - Amends the Health and Safety Code. Provides for safety of persons in certain buildings, regulation of the construction, equipment, maintenance, operation and inspection of elevators, building standards for access by persons with disabilities, for permits relating to the construction and maintenance of improvements to real estate, for building energy conservation, for restrooms in certain public facilities and for the regulation of the dry cleaning industry. Status: 8/27/07: To Senate Committee on Labor and Industry.

OSHA Asks for Comments on Emergency Response and Preparedness

OSHA states that elements of emergency responder health and safety are currently regulated by OSHA primarily under the following standards: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response; personal protective equipment general requirements; respiratory protection; permit-required confined space; fire brigade; and bloodborne pathogens. Some of these standards were promulgated decades ago, and none was designed as a comprehensive emergency response standard. OSHA is requesting information and comment from the public to evaluate what action, if any, it should take to further address emergency response and preparedness. OSHA's areas of interest are primarily – personal protective equipment; training and qualifications; medical evaluation and health monitoring; and safety management. The agency will also be evaluating the types of personnel who would constitute either emergency responders or skilled support employees at such events, as well as the range of activities that might constitute emergency response and preparedness. Comments are due December 10, 2007.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-17771.htm>

For more information, follow this link to [Government Affairs Updates](#) information.

Local News and Events

ASSE Membership Changes

As a member of ASSE you should be aware of changes in membership criteria that were approved by the House of Delegates at the Society's Annual PDC in Orlando this summer. The changes affect the requirements for the various membership status and categories, specifically what is required to become a Professional member of the Society. Those who are already Professional members will not be affected, but it is important to note that there is a one-year grace period currently in place until July 2008, to obtain Professional membership status under the old criteria. Once the grace period closes, you will need to abide by the new criteria. For information on the changes follow the links below:

Link to *Society Update* which describes the changes and new criteria in detail -

http://www.asse.org/societyupdate/0708_HOD_Votes.php

Link to reclassify your membership status during the grace period -

<http://www.asse.org/cartpage.php?link=additem&PID=MEMBERRECLASS&QTY>

Fatality Prevention in the Workplace

Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Safety Sciences Department, in cooperation with the Alcoa Foundation, will host a national two-day forum to study the nature and cause of fatalities in the workplace. The dates for the forum are November 1-2, 2007 at the Embassy Suites in Coraopolis, PA. This forum will seek to examine key aspects of the complex relationships on the safety and health management system as it relates to hazards that have the potential for fatal consequences. The forum will feature six presenters who are leading authorities on accident prevention, including well-known author Fred Manuele. For more information, contact Jolene Campbell at 724.357.3017 or by email at jolenec@iup.edu. Information is also posted on the home page of IUP's website which is www.iup.edu/safetysciences.

Recertification Training For Workers' Comp. Safety Committees

Thursday, September 27, 2007 – Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey

The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Bureau of PENNSAFE, present the annual training that is one of the main requirements of the state's Safety Committee Workers' Compensation Discount Program, **leading to a 5 percent discount on companies' workers' compensation insurance premiums.** PENNSAFE and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Workers' Compensation are the agencies responsible for training, re-certifying and enforcing certification and recertification of safety committees. The annual training consists of three subjects:

- Safety Committee Dynamics
- Hazard Identification
- Incident Investigation

This conference also offers the opportunity for those companies that are not currently certified to educate their safety committees, **become recognized as having met the required committee training**, and learn the next steps in the certification process. Because companies must bring multiple people, we're offering this training at a special conference rate.

For further information on this event, please contact Sue Smith at 717-720-5457 or ssmith@pachamber.org or at <http://www.pachamber.org/www/conferences/conference.php?ID=0718#description>

ANSI/ASSE Z359 Fall Protection Code Receives Final Approval

Many ASSE members have inquired about the status of the ANSI/ASSE Z359 Fall Arrest/Protection standards. The United States has not seen a revised or new general industry national consensus standard on fall arrest/protection since the publication of ANSI/ASSE Z359.1-1992 (R1999), but on April 23, 2007, the Z359.2 standard for managed fall protection received final ANSI approval. ASSE is now also pleased to announce that the Z359.0, Z359.1, Z359.3 and Z359.4 standards received final ANSI approval on May 31, 2007. These standards will be available soon and will have an effective date of October 15, 2007. For the full text of this article, [click here](#).

Welcome to New Members – (This section is for welcoming new ASSE-WPA members. Information on new members should be sent to Carl Heinlein, Membership Chairperson.)

Membership Personal Notes (This section is for ASSE-WPA membership personal notes such as recent promotions, recent certifications, personal achievements, links to articles and papers published by chapter members, etc. Please send related information to this editor at wvanderhoof@netzero.net .)

“Workplace HR & Safety” Article - In the current issue of “Workplace HR & Safety”, our own Carl Heinlein has been selected as a Who's Who in the Safety Profession in the Consultant category. The article states the following:

“Carl W. Heinlein, CSP, OHST, CSHM, ARM
Safety Consultant
American Contractors Insurance Group, Inc.

Heinlein has been an advocate for mentoring new safety and health professionals since starting in the profession. He currently works with graduate students at West Virginia University and Slippery Rock University in the safety and health programs. Heinlein was named to West Virginia University's Graduate Safety management Program Advisory Board and to the Council for Safety and Health Technologists Board of Directors.”

Submitted by Fran Sehn

Membership Information

In order to keep our member information up to date, please notify Carl Heinlein, Membership Chairperson at cwheinlein@acig.com with corrections, deletions, revisions, or additions to member contact information especially the email address. If you know of a member that is not receiving chapter information by email, please let Carl know. Also, questions about chapter membership should be directed to Carl.

National membership questions can be answered, in general, on the ASSE website at <http://www.asse.org/membership/> .

ASSE-WPA Executive Board

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Feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board with ideas, questions, comments and concerns.

2007-2008 Budget Approved - The Executive Committee has approved the 2007-2008 budget. Last year, for a number of reasons, we spent more than we earned. It wasn't significant and we are working on several initiatives to reduce costs this year, but the Executive Committee and Board Chairs also voted to increase Chapter dues by \$5.00 per year. This dues increase will not take affect until next March and only after approval by the Society. We believe that the small increase more than pays for itself given the programs and services we will be providing this year. It should also be noted that our Chapter has not raised it's dues in over 8 years. Please feel free to call or email an Executive Committee member if you have any questions. Members will be notified of the dues increase via email as soon as it is approved.

Student Section Sponsorship Opportunities – The Executive Committee and Chairs this year are working to develop linkages and outreach with two Student Sections at IUP and Slippery Rock. The current policy is to allow Student Section members from either school attend our monthly technical meetings for free. The chapter absorbs this cost in our operating budget. You can help the chapter by sponsoring a student or two and pay their meeting fee. If you or your company would be willing to do this, please get in touch with Nick Kachur at nkachur@nevchem.com.

Other Societies Event (In cooperation with other professional organizations, this section, at the discretion of the Executive Board, may be utilized to list events from other organizations such as, but not limited to, the ABIH, ACHMM, RIMS, CPCU, etc. Please send related information to this editor at wvanderhoof@netzero.net.)

General Safety Articles (This section is for links to articles published by ASSE-WPA members. Please send related information to this editor at wvanderhoof@netzero.net .)

Job Openings – Local (This section is to list any local job openings in the safety fields for membership. Please send related information to this editor at wvanderhoof@netzero.net .) Positions can be viewed on the chapter web site on the [Job Page](#).

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