

American Society of Safety Engineers -Western PA Chapter



The President's Message

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As we begin a new calendar year, the Chapter year is half over. Since this message usually focuses on what we are doing at the Chapter level, I thought I would take some time look at what the Society is doing. I often find myself at the Society website for one reason or another and I find that there are a lot of activities and events designed to appeal to just about anyone safety professional in just about any discipline. As I write this message, here is just a sampling of what's on the main page:

- Seminarfest – This annual event in Las Vegas in January features numerous sessions creating opportunities to make big hits in your need for CEUs – you can earn up to 5.0, a whole years worth in one week. The sessions range from one end of the spectrum to the other and the offerings are designed to appeal to safety professionals working toward certification to more seasoned folks who are looking to advance their knowledge and skills in more advanced topics in safety management.
- Safety 2008 – Held almost always in the second week of June, the annual PDC will also be happening in Las Vegas. This event features over 200 sessions, meetings with various Practice Specialties, member outings, and plenty of down time to enjoy the sites and networking with fellow professionals. Registration is now open; if you have never attended, maybe you should give it a try this year.
- If your company's travel budget is tight (or non-existent!), there are always webinars. On the day I visited the website, there were four different webinars being promote in January and February alone on topics ranging from the Life Safety Code to Workers Compensation to Six Sigma. The webinars usually feature top notch experts in a particular field and pack a lot of learning into one quick hour (or sometimes 90 minutes) with printed materials given to participants for future reference. I've been involved in several of these webinars in the past year or so and have always been glad I set the time aside to listen in. They are also fairly inexpensive as well.
- If reading is more your style, the vertical panel on the right side of the main page always features a safety news feed. This summary of articles pulled from various sources is never more than a few days old. By visiting the site a couple of times a week, you can keep yourself up to date on safety news from around the world.
- And finally, if you have a technical question that you haven't been able to answer on your own, you can pose it to ASSE online. ASSE will poll various professionals throughout the Society via the Practice Specialties and provide answers to you online. You can also look at archived answers to questions previously asked.

ASSE provides a wealth of information, events and opportunities at every level - from Chapter to Practice Specialty to Society. No matter what your needs or professional goals are, you can find what you are looking for. In this fast paced business environment, we need all the help we can get to stay ahead of the pack and be the resource our employers need and expect. Why not take advantage of what your dues are buying?

Pam Ferrante, CSP, CHMM
President

Chapter Events Calendar

February 11, 2008 – 5:30 pm; Dinner meeting

February's meeting will be held on Monday February 11th at the Pittsburgh Marriot Airport. Our speaker will be Bill Bernhart, Attorney-At-Law and President, OSHA Doctor, Inc. His presentation will be entitled "OSHA and MASHA Update". If you don't know what MASHA is, you need to come and find out. There is an Executive Committee/Board Chairs meeting starting at 4:00. Attendance is open to any member and we would love to have your input. RSVP using the hotline - 412.281.1885.

March, 2008

Plans are in the final stages for our traditional joint meeting with AIHA in March. The working plan is a visit to the NIOSH facility in Morgantown, West Virginia. More details to follow.

May 15, 2008

The annual awards dinner is planned for Thursday May 15th at the Library on Carson Street on the South Side. More details to follow.

Future Program Ideas

It's not too soon to begin thinking about topics for future program, so please give it some thought and let us know what you are interested in hearing about or provide us with ideas of speakers you have heard that you think would make for a good monthly meeting.

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.

Government Affairs Update

Contributed by Stive Tima

Government Affairs Update information was unavailable at the time of publishing.

Local News and Events

It is never too soon to think about the next Chapter year which starts in July. Three Board members, Fran Sehn, Scott Keener and Del Kubeldis, have volunteered to be our Nominating Committee for next year. Feel free to contact them using the contact information below in the Executive Board Information.

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>

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 .)

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 2008 SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Below are the final candidates for the 2008 ASSE election:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominated Candidate</u>
PRESIDENT:	Warren K. Brown, CSP, ARM, CSHM
PRESIDENT-ELECT:	C. Christopher Patton, CSP
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:	Darryl C. Hill, CSP Terrie S. Norris, CSP, ARM, CPSI
<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominated Candidate</u>
VICE PRESIDENT- FINANCE:	Frederick A. Miller, CSP James D. Smith, M.S., CSP
VICE PRESIDENT – PRACTICES & STANDARDS:	Jeffery C. Camplin, CSP, CPEA George W. Pearson, CSP, ARM

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS & AREA DIRECTORS

Region II	Regional Vice President	James G. Gallup, P.E., CSP (unopposed)
	Area Director - Area A	Harold L. Gribow, MS, CSP, ARM (unopposed)

<p>Region IV</p> <p>Area Directors: Mississippi Alabama Area North Florida/Georgia Area</p>	<p>Regional Vice President</p>	<p>Michael Belcher, CSP Frank J. Lakotich, CSP</p> <p>R. Steven Willis, CSP (unopposed) Pamela B. Perrich, CIH (unopposed)</p>
<p>Region VI</p>	<p>Regional Vice President</p>	<p>James H. Morris, III (unopposed)</p>
<p>Region VIII</p> <p>Area Directors: Empire State Area New England Area</p>	<p>Regional Vice President</p>	<p>Robert E. McClay, CSP Eric M. Stager, CSP, OHST</p> <p>Arthur J. Dube, OHST (unopposed) No Candidate</p>

Information on candidates will appear in the February issue of *Professional Safety*. Ballots will be mailed on March 1st and must be received by March 31, 2008.

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

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 .)

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 .)

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](#).

Editorial Note: The monthly newsletter will be published electronically – posted on the chapter website – during the third week of each month. Therefore, all material to be placed in the newsletter for the month needs to be in the email mailbox of this editor at wvanderhoof@netzero.net by the 15th of each month, if not earlier.

Thank you,
Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP, WSO-CSS