

American Society of Safety Engineers -Western PA Chapter



The President's Message

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Hi,

You probably have vacation, beaches, golf, and other outdoor activities on your mind as we head for the finish line of the 2008-2009 chapter year. Hopefully we have kept you informed of our events and activities, and it has been good seeing so many of you at our monthly meetings and most recently at our Shannon Safety event where there were 350+- in attendance.

Speaking of the Shannon Safety Event, at this time I want to thank Pam Ferrante again for her work in organizing this event. For this and her other work in the profession, we nominated Pam for a Regional Safety Professional of the Year (SPY award.) Thanks Pam.

As we transition into the next chapter year 09-10, I want to thank everyone for their support and participation in our chapter. We all have our own manner of supporting the safety profession and elevating our professionalism, and I have enjoyed whatever role I may have played in that endeavor!!

Please give our chapter's 09-10 officers your continued support as the new chapter year officially begins this summer. In wrapping up the current chapter year, we have to report to ASSE on our events and activities. Our chapter gets credit for individual member's accomplishments. If you have had a **safety article published** in 08-09 in a safety journal or non-safety journal, please let us know and our chapter can get credit for your work.

At this time I hope to see as many of you as possible at the June Golf Outing and lunch. We are still looking for golfers and hole-sponsors. This event is to raise money towards safety scholarships for IUP and SRU.

Thaddeus M. Pajak, CSP, ALCM, MS
President

Chapter Events Calendar

June 12, 2009 Golf Outing

The Western PA Chapter ASSE Golf Outing is Friday June 12th at Hill Crest Country Club. We will also have the 08-09 chapter year Awards Ceremony at the conclusion of the golf outing. The cost is \$75.00 per person and includes greens fees/cart, locker and shoe service, light meal at the turn and dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Morrison at morrisonkl@upmc.edu. More information and forms are on the ASSE-WPA website.

Please see the flyer and Registration Form at the end of the newsletter for all of the information and registration on the golf outing.

You can pay at the registration table the morning of the outing. We simply ask that you let us know, **by Friday June 5th**, how many are in your group so that we can have the course set up for you.

You can use the following methods to let us know **your name and the number of golfers in your group.**

Call the hotline at 412-281-1885

Call Kim Morrison at 412-473-7432

Email Kim Morrison at morrisonkl@upmc.edu

Fax Kim Morrison: at 412-473-7434

Your payment of cash or check can be made the day of the event or mailed in advance to:

Kim Morrison, Safety Manager

PO Box 2971

Pittsburgh, PA 15230

We hope to see you on Friday June 12th!

Future Program Ideas

It's not too soon to begin thinking about topics for future programs, 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 Sponsors

Students enrolled in Safety Sciences are the future of our profession. The Executive Committee and Chairs are continuing the effort to develop linkages and outreach with the 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.

ASSE Student Sections

Students enrolled in Safety Sciences are the future of our profession. The Western PA Chapter has been making efforts to reach out to the Student Sections at IUP and Slippery Rock throughout the Chapter year. Students have been attending our monthly meetings on a regular basis. We are also planning for members of our Chapter to make a presentation at IUP and Slippery Rock.

We do not charge students to attend any Chapter meetings, so we have asked our members to consider sponsoring students to help defray the cost to the Chapter. Our members continue to respond in a very generous way to further the professional development of students.

2009-2010 WPA Chapter Officers and Delegates

The unofficial results of the elections for Officers and Delegates for the Chapter are listed below:

President: Kim Morrison

Vice President: Aaron Cameron

Secretary: Gary Gillespie

Treasurer: Doug Noble

Delegate: Pam Ferrante

Delegate: Fran Sehn

Delegate: Thad Pajak

Please welcome them and offer your assistance in any way that you can. If you are unsure of the many opportunities to assist the Officers and this Chapter, feel free to contact them.

May Newsletter

The Newsletter publication will be in hiatus until the next publication in August. Any late breaking news will be communicated through email by the Officers.

Government Affairs Update

Contributed by Stive Tima

Pennsylvania Legislation (H = House; S = Senate)

PA H 1235 – Author: Representative Carroll (D), Title: Worker and Community Right-to-know Act, Introduced: 04/08/2009, To HOUSE Committee on LABOR RELATIONS: 04/08/2009, Summary: Amends the Worker and Community Right-to-Know Act. Provides for special applications relating to Class I railroad companies.

PA S 721 – Author: Senator Rafferty (R), Title: Air Pollution Control Act, Introduced: 04/01/2009, To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY: 04/01/2009, Summary: Amends the Air Pollution Control Act. Provides for environmental quality board. Provides for control of emissions from halogenated solvent cleaning facilities and for control of trichloroethylene.

PA S 84 – Author: Senator Greenleaf (R), Title: Environmental Liability, Introduced: 01/29/2009, To HOUSE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY: 03/31/2009, Summary: Amends the Economic Development Agency, Fiduciary and Lender Environmental Liability Protection Act of 1995. Further provides for definitions, for limitation of economic development agency environmental liability and for defenses to liability.

PA 4500 2009 – Agency: Environmental Quality Board, Title: Adhesives, Sealants, Primers and Solvents, Proposed: 04/03/2009, **Proposed Rule**, COMMENT DL: 06/08/2009

Vol. 39, No. 14, Pennsylvania Bulletin 04/04/2009, Citation: 25 PA Code Chapters 121, 129 and 130, Agency Contact: Environmental Quality Board, PO Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477, RegComments@state.pa.us

DCNR INVITES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS CAMPS

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources acting Secretary John H. Quigley today invited Pennsylvania high school students who are interested in pursuing environmental careers to apply for DCNR's summer residential camps. Camps will be offered June 21 - 27 at Kings Gap Environmental Education and Training Center, near Carlisle, Cumberland County; and July 12 - 18 at the Kirby Episcopal House and Chapel, Glen Summit, Luzerne County. After the camps, attendees will have a chance to seek internships, and mentoring and job-shadowing positions, and return as future camp leaders. For Environmental Careers Outdoors Camp enrollment applications and information, write to: ECO Camp Coordinator, Bureau of State Parks, Environmental Education and Information Division, P.O. Box 8551, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8551; call (717) 783-4356; or email ECO_Camp@state.pa.us.

ASSE Testifies at Senate Subcommittee Hearing on OSHA Reform

On April 28, ASSE president Warren Brown testified at a hearing before the Senate HELP Committee's Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety on the issue of introducing meaningful incentives for safe workplaces. The hearing is being held as the Subcommittee considers the introduction of OSHA reform legislation that could drastically alter OSHA enforcement procedures, rulemaking, and cooperative programs. Mr. Brown's testimony cautions the subcommittee against wholesale changes that will diminish OSHA's ability to be the leader of this nation's occupational safety and health. While ASSE acknowledges in the testimony that some changes to current practices are necessary to create a strong, effective OSHA, enforcement alone will not be enough to keep workers safe on the job. OSHA must prioritize their resources and focus on employers that are known to blatantly disregard employee safety and health. You can watch the testimony on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions website.

OSHA Reform Legislation: <http://www.thomas.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:H.R.2067>:

Warren Brown Testimony: http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs_new/docs/042809SenOSHrg3.docx

Video of Senate Subcommittee Hearing: http://help.senate.gov/Hearings/2009_04_28/2009_04_28.html

Florida Senate Committee Fails to Hear ASSE Public Sector OSH Bill

ASSE's effort to advance occupational safety and health coverage to Florida's public sector workers has come to an end for this session of the Florida Legislature. At the last minute, the committee decided not to meet again this session. As a result, SB 1876 could not be heard and is dead in the Senate.

OSHA Confirms Continuance of VPP

The Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association, Inc. (VPPPA) has received confirmation from the U.S. Department of Labor's Acting Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Jordan Barab, that OSHA is not suspending the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP). Barab accepted an invitation to attend the association's 25th Annual National VPPPA Conference in San Antonio, Texas, August 24-27, 2009, and address the anticipated 2,500 attendees.

OSHA Announces Rulemaking on Combustible Dust

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is initiating a comprehensive rulemaking on combustible dust. OSHA will issue an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and convene related stakeholder meetings to evaluate possible regulatory methods, and request data and comments on issues related to combustible dust such as hazard recognition, assessment, communication, defining combustible dust and other concerns.

More information about combustible dust is available at <http://www.osha.gov/dsg/combustibledust/index.html>.

OSHA Publishes Silica Exposure Guidance

OSHA has published silica exposure guidance. A PDF entitled Controlling Silica Exposures in Construction Guidance can be found at <http://www.osha.gov/Publications/3362silica-exposures.pdf>

Tougher Recordkeeping Bill Introduced

Rep. Phil Hare (D-Ill.) has introduced legislation in the US House of Representatives to toughen worker safety recordkeeping requirements for large employers with more than one work site. The Corporate Injury, Illness, and Fatality Reporting Act of 2009 (H.R. 2113) seeks to require employers with more than one establishment and 500 or more workers to report to OSHA the numbers and rates of work-related deaths, injuries, and illnesses at all of their work sites. The bill can be found on Thomas at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:H.R.2113>:

Flu Resources

OSHA and NIOSH have a wealth of information on addressing the pandemic flu risk on their websites. ASSE, also, has posted some helpful information with links to these government resources. You can visit ASSE's swine flu resource page at: <http://www.asse.org/H1N1facts.php>

From OSHA -

OSHA provided ASSE and its other cooperative program participants with a list of its compliance assistance resources. You can find these resources in the "In Focus" box on OSHA's home page. They will also be available on OSHA's Publications page and on the Pandemic Influenza Safety and Health Topics Page.

OSHA Homepage: <http://www.osha.gov/>

OSHA Publications Page: <http://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.html>

Pandemic Influenza Safety and Health Topics Page: <http://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/pandemicflu/index.html>

How to Protect Yourself in the Workplace:

<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/protect-yourself-pandemic.html>

Respiratory Protection: QuickCard

<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/protect-yourself-pandemic-respiratory.html>

What Employers Can Do to Protect Workers: Fact Sheet

<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/employers-protect-workers-flu-factsheet.html>

High Exposure Risk Occupations (Healthcare): Fact Sheet

<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/exposure-risk-classification-factsheet.html>

Respirators vs. Surgical Masks: Fact Sheet

<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/respirators-vs-surgicalmasks-factsheet.html>

From NIOSH –

The NIOSH H1N1 Influenza Virus (Swine Flu) web page addresses occupational health issues associated with the exposure or infection to the virus. NIOSH provides technical guidance for workers, including health-care and transportation workers, for whom job-related questions about exposure or infection may be an occupational concern. <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/H1N1flu/>.

Free Help on Designing Safety and Health Management System

Goodwill Industries International, an OSHA Susan Harwood Training Grant Program recipient, is offering free, online and in-person training to help organizations design a safety and health management system. Visit Goodwill's Web site for course details. Employers and workers covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Act are eligible to participate.

OSHA Notifies 13,500 Workplaces with High Injury/Illness Rates

Approximately 13,500 employers received a letter last month from OSHA alerting them that their injury and illness rates are above the national average, and that the agency offers free assistance to help employers better protect the safety and health of their employees. The notifications were based on data reported by approximately 80,000 worksites surveyed by OSHA last year (the survey collected injury and illness data from calendar year 2007).

NIOSH Science Blog Looks at Horse Racing Safety and Health

NIOSH Science Blog, perhaps in time for the Kentucky Derby, provides an opportunity to share your thoughts with NIOSH and others on safety and health in the horse-racing industry. http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/blog/nsb050109_horseracing.html.

Company Managers Punished for Environmental/Safety Violations

EH&S Today at <http://ehstoday.com/environment/news/company-managers-sentenced-5115/> reports on the following convictions –

Company and Four Senior Managers Sentenced for Environmental, Worker Safety Crimes

Apr 30, 2009 10:14 AM, By Laura Walter

On April 24, Atlantic States Cast Iron Pipe Co. of Phillipsburg, N.J., was sentenced to pay a fine of \$8 million for committing numerous environmental and worker safety crimes after what EPA called the "longest trial in environmental crimes history." This action follows the sentencing of four former Atlantic States managers to federal prison terms ranging from 6 to 70 months.

PHMSA Incorporates by Reference API Standards 5L and 1104

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has issued a direct final rule incorporating by reference the most recent editions of API Specification 5L "Specification for Line Pipe" and API 1104 "Welding of

Pipelines and Related Facilities." PHMSA states it is not eliminating the use of the current referenced standards but simply allowing the additional use of these new standards. This rule became effective April 14, 2009.
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-8376.htm>

Aussi Unions Call for Nano Oversight

Unions in Australia are demanding urgent regulation of the nanotechnology industry, citing mounting evidence that some tiny particles used in products such as sunscreens and cosmetics could be as harmful as asbestos at The Age (<http://www.theage.com.au/national/unions-call-for-action-to-oversee-nanotechnology-20090413-a4ts.html>).

EPA Final Rule on Methyl Bromide Phaseout Exemption

EPA has issued a final rule authorizing uses of methyl bromide that qualify for the 2009 critical use exemption and the amount of methyl bromide that may be produced, imported, or supplied from existing pre-phaseout inventory for those uses in 2009. EPA's action reflects a consensus decision taken at the Nineteenth Meeting of by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The rule became effective April 30, 2009.
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9966.htm>

Local News and Events

This section is for news and events of local importance and should be forwarded to the newsletter editor for inclusion.

Boy Scouts Pre-Camp Inspections – Thank You!

On Saturday, April 25, 2009, Fran Sehn, Gene Mattis, Doug Noble and Cathy Davis conducted a Safety Inspection at Heritage Reservation Boy Scouts Camp. We identified several potential safety issues that were beneficial to the employees and scouts at Heritage.

We offer a hearty Thank You to these volunteers who gave up a beautiful Saturday morning to serve scouting safety and represent our chapter. The Greater Pittsburgh Council of the Boy Scouts of America, also, sends a special note of thanks for these volunteers.

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.

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/>.

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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.

NFL LEGEND DAN MARINO JOINS TEAM COAST GUARD TO HELP PROMOTE RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY

PITTSBURGH, PA – Dan Marino, National Football League Hall of Fame Quarterback, media personality, and philanthropist, has teamed up with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to help raise national awareness of the need for Recreational Boating Safety.

Marino, who played quarterback for the Miami Dolphins for 17 consecutive seasons and held 25 NFL records at the time of his retirement, will appear in a series of public service announcements promoting safe boating messages to the general public.

“As we have seen all too frequently, a fun day out on the water can quickly turn dangerous,” said Marino. “Taking a boating safety class will help boaters of all ages better handle emergencies.”

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary recommends that all boat operators:

1. Take an approved boating safety course.
2. Get a FREE Vessel Safety Check from a certified examiner.
3. File a “Float Plan” with a friend or family member before you leave the dock.
4. Wear your Life Jacket while underway; statistics show they save lives.

To find additional information on the boating safety courses offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, or to find a Vessel Examiner in your area, please visit <http://cgaux.org>.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard created by an Act of Congress in 1939. The Auxiliary, America's Volunteer Guardians, supports the Coast Guard in nearly all of the service's missions.

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Editor's note: Recreational Boating Public Service Announcements recorded by Dan Marino can be found at: <http://www.video.auxpa.org/audio.shtml>.

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.

Job Openings – Local

Current job openings can be sent to Pam Ferrante to post on the chapter website. **Current job openings** 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 wayne@rjrsafety.com by the 15th of each month, if not earlier.

Thank you,

Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP

Golf!

**ASSE Members (past and present), family, friends and clients.
Have a fun day of golf, socializing, food and prizes...**

When: Friday, June 12, 2009

Where: Hill Crest Country Club

Cost: \$75.00 includes greens fees & cart, bag handling, locker & shoe service, a light meal at the turn and dinner

Time: Registration begins at 9:00am - shot gun start promptly at 10:00am

This scramble format includes prize money for the 1st and 2nd place team

Skill Prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin and longest putt

All proceeds go directly to our local ASSE Student Scholarship Fund

The Hill Crest Country Club is a beautiful private course
Located at 3411 Leechburg Road. Lower Burrell, Pa 15068
-off Exit 14, Rt. 28 North. Look for detailed directions at
our web site www.wpa-asse.com

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**2009 GOLF OUTING
Friday June 12TH, 2009 at Hill Crest Country Club**

REGISTRATION – Please register by Friday June 5th

Name	Company Name	Contact Information (telephone or email)	ASSE Member Y or N	Payment Enclosed
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

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