

American Society of Safety Engineers -Western PA Chapter



A Message from the President

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Thank you for your membership!

It is quite fulfilling to be in the field of environmental safety and health as there are so many branches of the profession. Thus far we have covered the fields of workers’ compensation management and industrial fire safety in our monthly chapter meetings. We are set to cover supervisor training for the construction industry, IAQ, sustainability, risk management and collaboration as topics of upcoming meetings for this chapter year. Hope you can attend.

October Meeting Acknowledgments:

Thanks to Al Wickline, Director of the Allegheny County Fire Academy, for providing a thought provoking program on industrial fire safety and combustible dusts to the 25 attendees of the October meeting. Officers and chairs from the IUP student section executive board were in attendance along with members from the SRU student section executive board. Thanks to all members and student members who attended.

It is hard to believe that it is time to say this – our **Holiday Social** event is Friday December 18th at the Hofbrauhaus at the Southside Works in Pittsburgh. Details are at the Chapter Events Section of this newsletter. If you or your organization has an item(s) that we can give away to attendees please bring it with you – your help is greatly appreciated.

Don’t forget - ASSE has grant money available for members. You can apply for a professional development grant by visiting http://www.asse.org/foundation/pro_grants/grants.php Applications are due **December 1, 2009** and awards will be announced on the Foundation’s website on or around April 1, 2010.

That is all for now - as always we look for and value your feedback, please don’t be shy.

Be proud of the work you do,

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Chapter Events Calendar

Holiday Social

Friday December 18, 2009 12:00 pm

Location: Hofbrauhaus Pittsburgh

2765 South Water Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

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Make Your Reservations by calling the ASSE-WPA hotline at 412-281-1885.

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 Section

Slippery Rock University

ASSE – Western Pennsylvania Chapter Student Section Executive Board

Aaron Wilson - President

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Tom Huet - Secretary

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ASSE – Western Pennsylvania Chapter Student Section Executive Board

Zachary Pittman – President

Doug Satterfield – Vice President

Tricia Whitesell – Secretary

Tessa Minnick – Treasurer

Mary Nguyen - Social Chair

Tracey Cekada, DSc., CSP – Student Advisor

Student Sponsors

We want to recognize the following members for sponsoring IUP and Slippery Rock students for the October meeting:

Mark Barch - 3 student sponsored

Kim Morrison - 3 students sponsored

Nick Kachur - 1 student sponsored

Students are encouraged to attend all of our monthly meetings at no charge.

Sponsorships demonstrate commitment to the future of our profession and help to offset costs to the Chapter. If you are interested in sponsoring a student, please contact Nick Kachur at nkachur@nevchem.com.

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.

Government Affairs Update

Contributed by Steve Tima

No available information at the time of publishing

Local News and Events

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

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/>.

Membership Communication Information

A reminder as to how our Chapter communicates to membership and updating of emails.

Only the President or Vice President, at the request of the President, sends email messages to membership.

In order to stay current with communication to our membership the President downloads the Chapter roster from Society before each email to membership. This download is used exclusively to communicate with you. We get many requests to add names to our email list. The email list is generated using only information from Society therefore we cannot change your information as this is your private information and only you can make changes to it. We should also add that this list is held in strict confidence and never sold or provided to outside entities.

If you know of someone that is a member and is not receiving email communications from the Western PA Chapter please let them know to do the following – this is quick and easy:

- Log in to www.asse.org
- Click on “Membership Directory” on the left side of the page
- Click on “Update Address” near the middle of the page

The President will then get your most updated information when it is time to download each month.

General Safety Articles

This section is for links to articles published by ASSE-WPA members.

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.

Career Opportunities

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](#).

ASSE Career Opportunity Website

Visit www.nexsteps.org for Your Next Career Opportunity

Whether you are seeking a job in the safety profession, or are an employer looking for that perfect candidate to fill your safety related positions, Nexsteps is the website for you! As you might expect, the opportunities for careers in safety are virtually limitless. With just a few clicks of the mouse, job seekers can easily post their resume on Nexsteps for employers to view, and receive automated notifications when jobs are available that match your interests. There is no cost to post your resume or search available positions. Employers can post listings for available positions, search resumes online and setup a resume agent to alert you when new resumes are posted that match your criteria. Job posting prices vary- details can be found at www.nexsteps.org.

ASSE Membership Benefits & Services

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Professionalism

As the nation's oldest and largest organization serving the SH&E practitioner, the American Society of Safety Engineers, ASSE, is dedicated to enhancing the SH&E profession by:

- Accrediting high quality U.S. college/university baccalaureate and master's degree programs in occupational health and safety.
- Fostering the development of future safety practitioners through the sponsorship of Student Sections at accredited colleges and universities with safety programs.
- Defining ethical standards for safety professionals in the ASSE "Code of Professional Conduct."
- Recognizing outstanding accomplishments in safety and in Society service through ASSE's awards and honors program.

Influence

ASSE keeps on top of developments in government regulations and standards, providing up-to-date information to members and representing members' views through:

- ASSE membership in the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).
- Secretariat for ANSI Committees on eight major safety topics and projects that will produce eleven standards.
- Regulatory News which is featured in *Professional Safety* each month.
- The reference "Scope and Functions of the Professional Safety Position."
- Strong commitment to [Governmental Affairs](#) to protect the interests of Safety Professionals at the national and state levels.
- TQA: Technical Question and Answer Bulletin

Personal Services

ASSE helps meet members' personal needs through:

- [Online Community](#) featuring a career center, on-line directory, chat room, bulletin boards and permanent e-mail.
- Medical, accident, life, disability, and Medicare supplement insurance at low group rates. ASSE insurance programs are available through [Liberty Mutual](#), [Marsh](#), and [Complete Equity Markets](#).
- A low rate MBNA, ASSE MasterCard with no annual fee. [Apply online!](#)
- Discounts on [AVIS](#) rental car rates in the U.S. and abroad.

Technical Resources

A network of 30,000 safety professionals willing to share their expertise and experience.

- Fourteen technical [Practice Specialties](#) serving specialized interests in academics, construction, consulting, engineering, environmental, fire protection, healthcare, industrial hygiene, international, management, mining, public sector, risk management/insurance, and transportation. Open to all dues paying Society members.
- [151 local Chapters](#), covering all 50 states, Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands, northern Mexico, the United Kingdom, the Middle East, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, giving opportunities for cooperative problem-solving, leadership training and low-cost educational opportunities.
- *Professional Safety*, our monthly journal, covers a wide variety of safety and health related topics on the cutting edge of the profession. All articles are written by practicing safety professionals.
- [Society Update](#), our online member newsletter, provides information about all Society activities, services and benefits, as well as related activities and developments of interest to members. The newsletter showcases ASSE's most important assets-its members and chapters and appears on ASSE's web page every other month.
- The annual [Professional Development Conference and Exposition](#) where each June more than 3,000 safety professionals gather to hear many of the nation's top safety and health experts discuss the profession's major issues, and to review the products and services of more than 300 exhibitors.
- [Technical Publications](#) cover a broad range of topic areas and subjects of concern to practitioners in the field of safety and health. From practical "how-to" manuals to self-study guides, ASSE Technical

Publications offer a valuable tool in professional development. Special Member pricing is available on all ASSE publications.

Career Development

ASSE has introduced the Professional Safety Academy (PSA) as an organizational unit dedicated to offering a higher level of career support to members and the profession. The PSA provides members with:

- Continuing Education Seminars aimed at improving skills, expanding technical knowledge, developing new areas of expertise, and increasing professionalism.
- Career assessment tools to assist safety professionals in positioning themselves for the next career step.
- CEUs and other education credits for maintenance of certifications and designations.
- Discounts on all educational programs.
- CEU tracking for ASSE sponsored programs.

Professional Development Grants

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Earn CoC's: Write for Professional Safety!

The [Board of Certified Safety Professionals](#) awards [Continuance of Certification points](#) for articles published in peer-reviewed journals like ASSE's [Professional Safety](#). Encourage your chapter members to visit <http://www.asse.org/professionalsafety/submit.php> to learn more about writing for the journal.

ASSE-WPA Executive Board

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

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