

American Society of Safety Engineers -Western PA Chapter



A Message from the President

December 2009	
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SEASONS GREETINGS

What a wonderful time of year – a time to give thanks for what we have – enjoy the company of friends, family and coworkers and take time to plan for the new year. It is also an excellent time to stress safety in the home environment - ah the power of our profession to touch the lives of others in so many meaningful ways.

We thank you for your membership and hope to hear from you on how we can continue to serve you and help you make the most out of your membership.

2010 Plans:

We are planning, for early 2010, a Webinar-thon complete with popcorn and refreshments to provide you with an opportunity to earn CEU's in one sitting.

We are working out the details with Society. In addition, we are working on a joint AIHA meeting in February and have plans to have our March chapter meeting at IUP. We are also continuing to plan for a June 2010 golf outing. Stay tuned, as plans are confirmed you will be the first to know.

November Meeting Acknowledgments:

Heartfelt thanks to Rich McElhaney, Director of Safety and Risk Management for Taggart Global, for a very moving presentation that reminded all who attended of our daily mission and why we chose this profession.

In early December Nick Kachur, our Student Section Chair, and Angela Mattis Bernardo, our Faculty Advisor at Slippery Rock, worked together to organize and conduct a presentation for approximately 60 students on "Surviving in the Safety Profession." We thank both of them for their time and effort.

Students graduating in December: ASSE has a gift for you – a free one year membership! To redeem your gift please contact Geri Golonka, ASSE's Membership Coordinator at ggolonka@asse.org or by phone at 847-768-3424. Don't forget to use ASSE's Nexsteps in your job search.

WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Be proud of the work you do,

Kim Morrison, President, WPA – ASSE

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Thank You to Holiday Luncheon Door Prize Donations

A hearty Thank You! to all of those donating door prizes (gifts) to the Holiday Luncheon on December 18, 2009 at the Hofbrauhaus at the South Side Works. The gifts were awarded as names were drawn and after the first round where everyone received a gift, then a second round of drawing names occurred and more than half of those attending were able to receive a second gift. The generosity was very much appreciated. Thank you again!

Chapter Events Calendar

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Registration begins at 5:30 pm

Topic: The importance of collaboration

Speaker: Candi Castleberry Singleton

Location: Forbes Tower in Oakland - 11th floor boardroom -

200 Lothrop Street, 15213 - enter from Meyran and park in garage under Forbes Tower

Parking is FREE

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

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Dinner Meeting

Topic: Combustible Dusts - Applicable Regulations and Corrective Actions

Speaker: Tom Price from Hazard Control Technologies

Location: Mars PA area – TBD

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

Monday, March 22, 2010

Location: IUP

Information is forthcoming.

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

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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

ASSE Supports Safety Management System Requirement in FAA Rulemaking

In a comment (Thursday, November 12th)

(http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs_new/docs/102109FAAsms%20e.docx) on a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ANPR (http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs_new/docs/072309FAAsafetymgmntsyste.ms.doc), ASSE stated its support for requiring certain suppliers to have Safety Management Systems (SMS) in place when doing business with the FAA. ASSE also urged that competent professionals be assured a role in establishing an SMS and urged reference to Z590 on the scope and functions of the professional safety position. ASSE also urged reference to voluntary standards concerning SMSs and risk assessment, including Z10, ISO/FDIS 31000, IEC/FDIS 31010 and, for construction, A10.33, A10.38, and A10.39-1996, among other comments.

ASSE Urges Support for Fed OSH Agencies in FY10 Appropriations

ASSE shared its views on funding for OSHA, NIOSH and MSHA in a letter

(http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs_new/docs/080409-SHappropriationslt2-e.doc) to Senator Harkin and Representative Obey, chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. Information on the federal appropriations process can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app10.html>.

OSHA Makes Corrections to HazCom Proposed Rule

OSHA has published corrections to its OSHA Hazard Communication standard proposed, published in the Federal Register of September 30, 2009. This notice corrects eight errors, four in the preamble and four that appear in Appendix A: Table A.1.1, Table A.1.2, Table A.2.3, and Table A7.1.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-26579.htm>

OSHA Final Rule on Standards Referenced in Acetylene Standard

OSHA has confirmed the effective date of its direct final rule revising the Acetylene Standard for general industry by updating references to standards published by standards-developing organizations. The direct final rule stated that it would become effective on November 9, 2009, unless OSHA received no significant adverse comments on the direct final rule by September 10, 2009. OSHA received eight comments on the direct final rule by that date, which it determined were not significant adverse comments. Therefore, OSHA is confirming that the direct final rule became

effective on November 9, 2009. The direct final rule published on August 11, 2009, became effective November 9, 2009. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-27004.htm>

OSHA Releases Nevada OSHA State Plan Evaluation

OSHA has made available its comprehensive evaluation of the Nevada OSHA plan, which can be found at <http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/final-nevada-report.html>. The evaluation followed the string of construction deaths on the Las Vegas strip, which won the Las Vegas Sun a Pulitzer for its reporting. OSHA has determined the evaluation revealed an urgent need for corrections in oversight to all phases of Nevada OSHA's workplace safety and health program. Failure to issue appropriate willful and repeat citations, poorly trained inspectors, and lack of follow-up to determine whether hazards were abated were among the serious concerns addressed in the report. OSHA's press release on the evaluations can be found at <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/osha/osha20091267.htm>

OSHA Posting Weekly Summaries of Worker Fatalities and Catastrophes

From OSHA QuickTakes –

OSHA has posted weekly summaries of worker fatalities and catastrophes reported by OSHA area offices and state plan states. Visit the Directorate of Enforcement Program's Worker Fatality Reports web page at http://www.osha.gov/dep/fatcat/dep_fatcat.html for more details.

OSHA Releases Status Report on Combustible Dust NEP

From OSHA's Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs –

As part of our efforts to keep OSHA's cooperative program participants informed of the agency's activities, I wanted to let you know that OSHA has released a status report (<http://www.osha.gov/dep/combustibledust/NEP-status-report.pdf>) on its Combustible Dust National Emphasis Program (NEP). OSHA started this NEP on October 18, 2007 to inspect facilities that generate or handle combustible dust that pose a deflagration/explosion or other fire hazard. OSHA revised the NEP on February 7, 2008 to focus on industries with more frequent and high consequence dust incidents and to include more inspections.

According to the report, OSHA and state plan states conducted more than 1,000 inspections from the inception of the Combustible Dust NEP through June 2009. The wood products, food products, chemicals, metal products, and rubber/plastic products industries have accounted for more than 70 percent of these inspections. OSHA and state plan states found more than 4,900 violations at the facilities inspected under the NEP. This includes not only combustible dust related violations, but also violations such as lockout/tagout, walking and working surfaces, and other hazards. OSHA found that only 18 to 22 percent of the inspected facilities were in compliance with OSHA requirements.

OSHA will continue to take strong enforcement actions to address combustible dust hazards under its existing standards and the General Duty Clause of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. In addition, OSHA issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=FEDERAL_REGISTER&p_id=21152) in the October 21, 2009 Federal Register to start the process of developing a combustible dust standard.

OSHA ANPR on Combustible Dust

In this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR), OSHA is requesting comments, including data and other information, on issues related to the hazards of combustible dust in the workplace. For the purposes of this notice, the term "combustible dust" includes all combustible particulate solids of any size, shape, or chemical composition that could present a fire or deflagration hazard when suspended in air or other oxidizing medium. OSHA plans to use the information received in response to this notice in developing a proposed standard for combustible dust. Comments are due January 19, 2010.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-25075.htm>

Combustible Dust Stakeholder Meetings Announced

OSHA has invited interested parties to participate in informal stakeholder meetings on the workplace hazards of combustible dust. OSHA plans to use the information gathered at these meetings in developing a proposed standard for combustible dust. Dates and locations for the stakeholder meetings are:

December 14, 2009, at 9 a.m., in Washington, DC.

December 14, 2009, at 1 p.m., in Washington, DC.

Additional meetings are planned for early 2010, and will be announced in one or more subsequent notices. A notice of intent to participate in one of the scheduled or future stakeholder meetings can be submitted at <https://www2.ergweb.com/projects/conferences/osha/register-osha-stakeholder.htm>.
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-27003.htm>

OSHA Says High-Visibility Garments Needed in Road Construction

High-visibility warning garments are required safety attire for highway and road construction workers according to an interpretation letter issued by OSHA. Read the letter at http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=INTERPRETATIONS&p_id=27155 for additional information.

Tales from the Front: OSHA Small Business Forum on H1N1

ASSE's Liz Harmon, Professional and Government Affairs Coordinator, attended the September 30, 2009 OSHA Small Business Forum "Workplace Preparedness: How Small Businesses Can Prepare for H1N1 Influenza" held at the Department of Labor by OSHA's Office of Small Business Assistance, which is part of the Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs.

Some of the notable resources in addition to the CDC's guidance for small businesses included:

- Tarrant County, TX APC – Preparing Your Business for Emergencies, Natural & Man – Made Disasters

<http://www.naccho.org/toolbox/tool.cfm?id=649>

- Montgomery County Health Department

Building a Continuity of Business Operations Plan

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/hhs/phs/APC/MC-TipSheet-Coop-fnl.pdf>

During the question and answer session, a few interesting topics were brought up including the following:

- People who are allergic to eggs can not receive either the seasonal or H1N1 flu vaccine in injection form.
- Employers can not make vaccination a condition of employment. Employers can only encourage their employees to get the seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines, particularly employees that fall into one of the high risk categories.
- Employers that regularly use or have contracts with temp agencies may want to begin a dialogue to ensure that the agency can honor the contract in the face of a pandemic. Businesses should consider asking their temp agencies what they are doing to manage their business practices to ensure that sick people will not be sent into the workforce during a pandemic.
- Generally speaking, employees can get both the seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccines at the same time. However, if someone opts to be vaccinated through the nasal spray, the vaccination must be spaced out by 4 weeks.
- There is EPA registered disinfectant but most antibacterial soaps and disinfectants are acceptable if the directions are followed.

OSHA Posts Web Page on H1N1 Safety

As part of our efforts to keep OSHA's cooperative program participants informed of the agency's activities and resources, OSHA has posted a new Web page entitled Workplace Safety and H1N1 (<http://www.osha.gov/h1n1/index.html>). The Web page includes fact sheets that inform workers and employers about ways to reduce the risk of exposure to the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus at work. Separate fact sheets for health care workers and employers contain additional precautions.

OSHA Touts NIOSH Resource on Ergo in Construction

As part of our efforts to keep OSHA's cooperative program participants, including members of the Alliance Program Construction Roundtable informed about new compliance assistance resources, a new NIOSH publication, titled "Simple Solutions: Ergonomics for Construction Workers" is available. The publication, available in English <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2007-122/> and Spanish http://www.cdc.gov/spanish/niosh/docs/2007-122_sp/ is intended for construction workers, unions, supervisors, contractors, safety specialists, human resources managers- anyone with an interest in safe construction sites. To aid in the prevention of work-related musculoskeletal disorder, the booklet suggests many simple and inexpensive ways to make construction tasks easier, more comfortable, and better suited to the needs of the human body. Bulk copies of the booklet (Pub. No. 2007-122, April 2007) are available

for ordering from NIOSH at NIOSH-Publications Dissemination, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1998, E-mail: cdcinfo@cdc.gov

OSHA Bulletin Addresses Particle Accelerator Radiation Exposure

OSHA has issued an OSHA Information Bulletin (SHIB) identifying the risks and providing information on the safe operation of special purpose particle accelerators, which use electrostatic or electromagnetic fields to increase the speed of electrically charged particles and direct the particles to collide with each other or other targets. The bulletin is available at <https://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib073109.pdf>

NIOSH Guidance on Controlling Silica Exposure

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the federal research agency for workplace safety and health, recently published guidance (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/silica/jackhammer.html>) for reducing exposure to crystalline silica dust during construction activities. The guidance suggests using a water-spray attachment to suppress dust when operating construction equipment such as a jackhammer. Silica is known to cause the lung disease silicosis. Visit NIOSH's Web site (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/silica/jackhammer.html>) for more information.

EPA Final Rule on NESHAP for Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources

EPA has issued national emission standards for the control of hazardous air pollutants for nine area source categories in the chemical manufacturing sector: Agricultural Chemicals and Pesticides Manufacturing, Cyclic Crude and Intermediate Production, Industrial Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing, Industrial Organic Chemical Manufacturing, Inorganic Pigments Manufacturing, Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing, Plastic Materials and Resins Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical Production, and Synthetic Rubber Manufacturing. This final rule establishes emission standards in the form of management practices for each chemical manufacturing process unit as well as emission limits for certain subcategories of process vents and storage tanks. The rule also establishes management practices and other emission reduction requirements for subcategories of wastewater systems and heat exchange systems. The final rule became effective October 29, 2009. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-25576.htm>

PHMSA Revises Requirements for Emergency Response Telephone Numbers

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has issued a final rule amending the Hazardous Materials Regulations to clarify requirements governing emergency response information services provided by arrangement with hazardous materials offerors (shippers). PHMSA is requiring basic identifying information (offeror name or contract number) to be included on shipping papers. This will enable the emergency response information provider to identify the offeror on whose behalf it is accepting responsibility for providing emergency response information in the event of a hazardous materials incident and obtain additional information about the hazardous material as needed. The effective date of the final rule is November 18, 2009. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-24799.htm>

Excluding Solvent-Contaminated Industrial Wipes from Hazardous and Solid Waste

EPA invites comments on a revised risk analysis supporting EPA's proposed revisions to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste regulations governing the management of solvent-contaminated wipes. The revised analysis addresses public comments received on the risk screening analysis conducted on EPA's 2003 proposal to exclude solvent-contaminated wipes from the RCRA definitions of solid and hazardous waste. To address these comments, EPA updated the data, models, and approach used in the risk analysis and then had the product peer reviewed by outside experts. The revised risk analysis, as well as the peer review comments and our response to those comments are available in this docket. Comments are due December 28, 2009. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-25812.htm>

CPSC ANPR on a Standard for Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles

The Consumer Product Safety Commission "Commission" is considering whether there may be unreasonable risks of injury and death associated with Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs). This advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) begins a rulemaking proceeding under the Consumer Product Safety Act. The Commission voted 4-0 to publish this ANPR. Chairman Tenenbaum issued a statement about the rulemaking at <http://www.cpsc.gov/pr/tenenbaum10212009.pdf>. Comments are due December 28, 2009. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-25959.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.

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.

Twelve Gift Ideas for Boaters from the U. S. Coast Guard/Auxiliary

Submitted by: Dave Zazac, Public Affairs Officer, Flotilla 78, 7th Division, 8th District, Eastern Region

PITTSBURGH, PA -- As the holidays draw near, the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary would like to offer some holiday gift ideas for boaters to help them stay safe all year long.

One of the best gift ideas for boaters is to sign them up for a boating safety course. Knowledge is power, and it has

been statistically shown that boaters who have taken a safety class are far less likely to be involved in a boating mishap or fatality.

Course topics include basic boat handling, required and recommended safety equipment, navigational rules and dealing with boating emergencies. To learn more, visit <http://www.cgaux.org>.

Another gift for boaters doesn't cost anything but time, such as scheduling a free vessel safety check (VSC) with the local Coast Guard Auxiliary. An Auxiliarist will examine your vessel and ensure its compliance with federal, state and local safety requirements before getting underway. For more information or to schedule a VSC, visit: <http://safetyseal.net/> and click on "I WANT A VSC."

Ten other great gift ideas to help keep boaters safe include:

- * Sleek, light-weight, and comfortable inflatable life jackets (personal flotation devices or PFDs)
- * A carbon monoxide detector
- * Emergency signaling kits -- flares, signal mirror or whistle
- * Kill switch leash -- kills the engine if the boater falls overboard
- * Up-to-date navigational charts and/or a handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) unit
- * Navigation tools and calculators
- * Hand-held Very High Frequency or VHF marine radio with extra batteries
- * Personal emergency position indicating radio beacons (PEPIRBs)
- * Tool kit and spare parts for boats
- * First-Aid kit, sun screen, sunglasses, food and water.

The price range for these items runs from under \$10, up to several hundred dollars, but giving the gift of safety to a friend or loved one is priceless.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of uniformed, non-military volunteers who assist the Coast Guard in all its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement.

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

To apply for a professional development grant visit 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. Be sure to share this information with your chapter members and students.

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.

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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