

American Society of Safety Engineers -Western PA Chapter



A Message from the President

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We have to start the year with a quick look back at the Holiday party. Thanks to Tad Pajak, Delegate and Past President, for organizing the fun. Thanks to Mark Barch, Arrangements Chair and Gene Mattis, Programs Chair for all of the work during the event. A very big thanks to all of you who brought gifts to raffle, everyone who wanted to walked away with a gift. It was a very jolly occasion indeed. Thanks also to Carl Heinlein, Membership Chair, for taking the time to set up the ASSE membership booth for all attendees to see. ASSE has updated the booth with a new look and refreshed material. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining ASSE please contact Carl at cwheinlein@acig.com and he will be sure to help you out.

The following is our line up for the next few months – thanks to all of you who have volunteered to present at our **Chapter meetings**. Mark your calendars and look for more detailed information on page 2 of this newsletter.

- Friday January 29th Lunch Meeting** – Jason Malatak from Mosites presents Effective Supervisory Training in the Construction Industry.
- Thursday February 25th Dinner Meeting** with AIHA – Tom Price from Hazard Control Technologies presents Combustible Dusts, the Applicable Regulations and Corrective Actions.
- Monday March 22nd Dinner Meeting** at IUP.
- April 2010 Dinner Meeting** - Michael Romansky, Examining and Analyzing Same Level Fall Claims. TBD.
- May 2010 - Northern Star Generation Services**, Ebensburg PA – Plant Tour and 70E discussion. Thanks to Shawn T. Simmers, PE.
- June 2010 – Golf Outing**

Now is the time to consider and speak up if you are interested in joining the ASSE-WPA Executive Board. Your Executive Board functions on volunteer service and I can tell you the experience is rewarding in many ways. You can review the list of Chairs by looking at the current Executive Board list on the last page of this newsletter.

The elected positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Delegate (three delegate positions). You can find a detailed description of the duties of each elected Officer by logging into www.ASSE.org and clicking on Officer Central found on the left side of the page.

Please contact me if you are interested in serving the membership of ASSE-WPA.

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.

Be proud of the work you do,

Kim Morrison, President, WPA – ASSE

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Chapter Events Calendar

Friday, January 29, 2010 Lunch Meeting

Topic: Effective Supervisory Training in the Construction Industry.

Speaker: all from Mosites: Jason Malatak, Erik Bertrand, and Derrick Jeannerette

Location: Constructors Association of Western PA

1201 Banksville Road, PGH PA 15216

Topic: – Effective Supervisory Training in the Construction Industry.

Schedule:

11:00am – 11:30am Registration and Networking

11:30am – 12:30pm Presentation

12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch

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

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Dinner Meeting with AIHA

Topic: Combustible Dusts - Applicable Regulations and Corrective Actions

Speaker: Tom Price from Hazard Control Technologies

Location: Bravo Italian Kitchen, 20001 Route 19, Cranberry PA 16066

Schedule:

5:30 – 6:00pm Registration and Networking

6:00 – 7:00pm Presentation

7:00 – 8:00pm Dinner

Make your reservations by leaving your name and number on the ASSE-WPA hotline at 412-281-1885 – Please state the meeting for which you are registering.

Monday, March 22, 2010

Safety Conference

Our Chapter is partnering with the IUP Student Chapter to present a one-day conference at the IUP campus on Monday March 22nd. The day's events will be followed by a joint Chapter meeting for dinner. We have priced the day's activities so that you can attend just the conference, just the dinner, or both for a discounted price. We have applied for CEUs as well.

Our Chapter has graciously agreed to provide some funding to help offset the costs of the conference so we hope you will take the time to travel to Indiana and participate in some or all of what's planned.

Conference information and a registration form are also posted on the Chapter website. If you have any questions, you can email Pam Ferrante at pam@jcsafety.com or call 412.414.4769.

ASSE-WPA Chapter Meeting (Following the Conference)

Location: Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Oak Room Foster Dining Hall

Schedule:

5:00 – 5:30pm Registration and Networking

5:30 – 6:30pm Dinner

6:30 – 7:30pm Presentation

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April 2010 Dinner Meeting

Speaker: Michael Romansky

Topic: Examining and Analyzing Same Level Fall Claims. TBD.

Information is forthcoming.

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May 2010 - Northern Star Generation Services

Ebensburg PA – Plant Tour and 70E discussion. Thanks to Shawn T. Simmers, PE.

Information is forthcoming.

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June 2010 – Golf Outing

Information is forthcoming.

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

Sarah Hand - Vice President

Tom Huet - Secretary

Jill Klocek - Treasurer

Angela Mattis Bernardo, Ph.D., CSP – Student Advisor

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

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

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 Urges Coverage of Public Sector Workers in OSHA Reform

In a letter (http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs_new/docs/112309-Woolsey-PubSector-e.docx) to Representative Lynn Woolsey, sponsor of the Protecting America's Workers Act (HR 2067) (<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:hr2067:/>), the key OSHA reform bill in Congress, ASSE urged inclusion of provisions to provide coverage to the more than 8 million state and municipal workers now without federal-level safety and health protections. Such coverage is required only in states with federally-approved state OSH plans (<http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/osp/index.html>).

NIOSH Asks Feedback on OSH Professional Study Design

ASSE encourages its members to respond to the NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health request for comments on its design for research to determine whether there will be enough occupational safety and health professionals to help protect workers from the workplace hazards of the 21st Century. Among NIOSH's goals is to find out if OSH professional skill-sets will match employers' needs and demands. The last federal study to determine OSH professional supply was Safe Work in the 21st Century, published in 2000 by the Institute of Medicine. NIOSH invites public comment at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-27334.htm>.

OSHA Announces Fall 2009 Regulatory Priorities

OSHA describes its latest rulemaking priorities with descriptions, which can be found at <http://www.osha.gov/dsg/2009regulatory-priorities.html>. The priorities are:

Airborne Infectious Diseases

In March 2010, OSHA intends to publish a Request for Information to help examine how to improve worker protection from exposure to airborne diseases.

Occupational Injury and Illness Recording and Reporting Requirements (Musculoskeletal Disorders)

The MSD column was removed from the OSHA 300 Log in 2003. The Agency will issue a proposed rule in January 2010.

Cranes and Derricks

This year, OSHA completed the public hearing and comment phase of the process and is now analyzing the public's input and preparing the final rule. OSHA plans to issue the final rule in July 2010.

Crystalline Silica

This rulemaking will update existing permissible exposure limits and establish additional provisions to protect workers from exposures to respirable crystalline silica dust. OSHA plans to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in July 2010.

Combustible Dust

OSHA is engaged in the early stages of rulemaking to develop a combustible dust standard for general industry. OSHA published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in October 2009 and is preparing to hold stakeholder meetings in December 2009.

Hazard Communication Standard-Global Harmonization System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals

On September 30, OSHA published the proposal and is preparing for hearings in March 2010.

Beryllium

Currently, the Agency is preparing to conduct a peer review of the health effects and risk assessments and plans on initiating the peer review in March 2010.

Diacetyl

OSHA is currently working on the proposed regulatory text and developing the health, risk and feasibility analysis. The Agency plans to initiate a peer review of the health effects and risk assessments in October 2010.

Walking / Working Surfaces - Subparts D & I

The Agency plans to issue a proposal in March 2010.

OSHA and MSHA on DoL's Agenda

The Department of Labor's Fall 2009 regulatory agenda is published in the Federal Register and can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28591.htm>. The MSHA and OSHA portions of DoL's agenda include the following –

Mine Safety and Health Administration--Completed Actions

- Explosives and Blasting (Section 610 Review)

- Occupational Safety and Health Administration--Prerule Stage

- Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica

- Occupational Exposure to Beryllium

- Methylene Chloride (Section 610 Review)

- Occupational Exposure to Diacetyl and Food Flavorings Containing Diacetyl

- Bloodborne Pathogens (Section 610 Review)

- Occupational Safety and Health Administration--Proposed Rule Stage

- Confined Spaces in Construction

- Occupational Safety and Health Administration--Final Rule Stage

- Electric Power Transmission and Distribution; Electrical Protective Equipment

- Cranes and Derricks in Construction

OSHA Asks for Nominations to FACOSH

OSHA has invited interested parties to submit nominations for membership on the Federal Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (FACOSH), whose charter the Secretary of Labor renewed on November 6, 2009. Nominations are due February 12, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-29675.htm>

EPA Takes Position that Greenhouse Gases Threaten Health

From EPA –

December 7, 2009

EPA: Greenhouse Gases Threaten Public Health and the Environment

WASHINGTON – After a thorough examination of the scientific evidence and careful consideration of public comments, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that greenhouse gases (GHGs) threaten the public health and welfare of the American people. EPA also finds that GHG emissions from on-road vehicles contribute to that threat.

EPA issued the proposed findings in April 2009 and held a 60-day public comment period. The agency received more than 380,000 comments, which were carefully reviewed and considered during the development of the final findings. Information on EPA's findings:

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/endangerment.html>. View the news conference live on EPA's home page: <http://www.epa.gov>. Sound bites:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/08d11a451131bca585257685005bf252!OpenDocument>

Joe Main Outlines Goals for MSHA

The West Virginia Gazette reported on new Department of Labor Assistant Secretary for MSHA Joe Main's goals for the agency at <http://blogs.wvgazette.com/coalatattoo/2009/11/20/joe-main-outlines-priorities-for-msha/>

MSHA plans action "fairly quickly — as in the "next couple of weeks" — on a plan that Main said will end deadly black lung disease.

- Along with that, Main plans to generally "beef up" the "health" part of MSHA, including staffing changes aimed toward those issues.
- MSHA will be focusing some efforts on the types of violations it finds to be leading causes of deaths in mines....

US Teen Drivers Ignore Texting Bans

ASSE recently revised its position statement on distracted driving, which addresses texting among the variety of distractions that can cause dangerous driving and encouraged its members to become involved in state efforts to limit distracted driving from their leadership positions as SH&E professionals concerned that the leading cause of workplace fatalities are roadway incidents. ASSE's position statement can be found at http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs_new/positions/ddmv.php. The full article below can be found at <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE5BA0F920091211>

With momentum building in Washington for all 50 U.S. states to outlaw text messaging behind the wheel, there is evidence that the key demographic targeted by such legislation, teen drivers, will not pay much attention....

DoL Updates Employment Law Guide

From OSHA's Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs –

The U.S. Department of Labor has posted an updated version of its popular Employment Law Guide, an online publication that describes the major employment laws administered by the Department. The Employment Law Guide helps workers and employers understand many of the laws affecting the workplace, including the Occupational Safety and Health Act. U.S. Department of Labor News Release:

<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/asp/oasp20091467.htm>; Employment Law Guide:

<http://www.dol.gov/compliance/guide/index.htm>; and FirstStep Employment Law Advisor:

<http://www.dol.gov/elaws/FirstStep/>.

EPA on NESHAP for Gas Distribution Terminals, Bulk Plants and Pipeline and Gas Dispensing Facilities
EPA received two petitions for reconsideration regarding the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Gasoline Distribution Bulk Terminals, Bulk Plants, and Pipeline Facilities; and Gasoline Dispensing Facilities, which EPA promulgated on January 10, 2008, and amended on March 7, 2008. Now EPA is proposing amendments and clarifications to certain definitions and applicability provisions of the final rules in response to some of the issues raised in the petitions for reconsideration. In addition, several other compliance-related questions posed by various individual stakeholders and state and local agency representatives are addressed in this proposed action. Comments are due February 16, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-29570.htm>

EPA Policy Paper on Revised Risk Assessment Methods

EPA has made available for comment a policy paper, "Revised Risk Assessment Methods for Workers, Children of Workers in Agricultural Fields, and Pesticides with No Food Uses," that describes how EPA will assess pesticide risks not governed by the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. EPA anticipates that implementing this policy will increase protections, especially for agricultural workers and children of

workers in agricultural fields. Comments are due February 8, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-29209.htm>

EPA Proposed Rule on Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide

Based on its review of the air quality criteria for oxides of sulfur and the primary national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for oxides of sulfur as measured by sulfur dioxide (SO₂), EPA is proposing to revise the primary SO₂ NAAQS to provide requisite protection of public health with an adequate margin of safety. Specifically, EPA proposes to establish a new 1-hour SO₂ standard within the range of 50-100 parts per billion (ppb), based on the 3-year average of the annual 99th percentile (or 4th highest) of 1-hour daily maximum concentrations. The EPA also proposes to revoke both the existing 24-hour and annual primary SO₂ standards. Comments are due February 8, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28058.htm>

Amendments to Procedures before OSHRC

The Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC) is making various corrections and technical amendments to its rules of procedure and regulations that implement the Government in the Sunshine Act and the Equal Access to Justice Act in proceedings before OSHRC. The effective date was December 7, 2009. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28845.htm>

Transportation Secretary Offers Legislation to Improve Rail Safety

This article is from OH&S Online and can be found in full at <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2009/12/13/lahood-proposes-legislation-to-improve-rail-transit-safety-oversight.aspx>

LaHood Proposes Legislation to Improve Rail Transit Safety Oversight

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood on Dec. 8 called on Congress to pass the Obama administration's Public Transportation Safety Program Act of 2009, a new transit safety bill to ensure a high and standard level of safety across all rail transit systems. The measure would effectively eliminate the statutory prohibition against imposing such broad safety standards that has been in place since 1965.

LaHood made his remarks in testimony before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in Washington, D.C.... The proposed legislation would do three things:

- First, the bill would authorize LaHood to establish and enforce minimum federal safety standards for rail transit systems--effectively breaking through the 1965 prohibition.
- Second, the bill would authorize LaHood to allow states to receive federal transit assistance to staff and train state oversight personnel to enforce new federal regulations.
- Third, the bill would require the state agencies conducting oversight to be fully financially independent from the transit systems they oversee.

For a text of the bill, go to <http://testimony.ost.dot.gov/final/default.htm>.

Changes to Pipeline Safety Operator Qualification Program

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is issuing this Advisory Bulletin to inform pipeline operators about the standardized notification process for operator qualification (OQ) plan transmittal from the operator to PHMSA. This Advisory Bulletin also informs operators about the addition to PHMSA's glossary of definitions of the terms "Observation of on-the-job performance" as applicable to determining employee qualification and "Significant" as applicable to OQ program modifications requiring notification. Finally, it makes other miscellaneous clarifications to assist operators in complying with OQ program requirements. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-29073.htm>

PHMSA Final Rule on Integrity Management Program for Gas Pipelines

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has amended the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations to require operators of gas distribution pipelines to develop and implement integrity management (IM) programs. The purpose of these programs is to enhance safety by identifying and reducing

pipeline integrity risks. The IM programs required by this rule are similar to those required for gas transmission pipelines but tailored to reflect the differences in and among distribution pipelines. Based on the required risk assessments and enhanced controls, the rule also allows for risk-based adjustment of prescribed intervals for leak detection surveys and other fixed-interval requirements in the agency's existing regulations for gas distribution pipelines. To further minimize regulatory burdens, the rule establishes simpler requirements for master meter and small liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) operators, reflecting the relatively lower risk of these small pipelines. In accordance with federal law, the rule also requires operators to install excess flow valves on new and replaced residential service lines, subject to feasibility criteria outlined in the rule. This final rule addresses statutory mandates and recommendations from the DOT's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and stakeholder groups. This Final Rule takes effect February 2, 2010. Comments can be submitted by January 4, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28467.htm>

EPA Final Rule on Emissions from Paints and Allied Products Manufacturing

EPA has issued national emission standards for control of hazardous air pollutants (HAP) for the Paints and Allied Products Manufacturing area source category. The final rule establishes emission standards in the form of management practices for volatile HAP, and emission standards in the form of equipment standards for particulate HAP. The emissions standards for new and existing sources are based on EPA's determination as to what constitutes the generally available control technology or management practices (GACT) for the area source category. This final rule became effective on December 3, 2009.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-27947.htm>

Pipeline Safety Control Room Management/Human Factors

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is amending the federal pipeline safety regulations to address human factors and other aspects of control room management for pipelines where controllers use supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems. Under the final rule, affected pipeline operators must define the roles and responsibilities of controllers and provide controllers with the necessary information, training, and processes to fulfill these responsibilities. The effective date of this final rule is February 1, 2010. An operator must develop control room management procedures by August 1, 2011, and implement the procedures by February 1, 2012. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28469.htm>

EPA on Effluent Standards for Construction and Development

EPA has published final regulations establishing Clean Water Act (CWA) technology-based Effluent Limitations Guidelines and New Source Performance Standards for the Construction and Development (C&D) point source category. EPA expects compliance with this regulation to reduce the amount of sediment and other pollutants discharged from construction and development sites by approximately 4 billion pounds per year. This final rule is effective on February 1, 2010.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28446.htm>

Recent Deaths Among 9/11 Rescue Workers Raises Alarm

The UK's Guardian newspaper reports that an apparent recent increase in deaths among New York police and fire officers who took part in the emergency operation at Ground Zero after the 9/11 attacks has heightened fears that it could be the start of a delayed epidemic of cancer-related illness among such workers. The article can be found at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/nov/11/cancer-new-york-rescuers>

Program to Lower Trucker Health Risks

From ACOEM at <http://www.acoem.org/news.aspx?id=6491>

A program incorporating web-based education and other approaches can help reduce the high health and safety risks faced by truck drivers, reports a study in the November Journal of Occupational and

Environmental Medicine (JOEM), official publication of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM).

Ryan Olson, PhD, and colleagues of Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, sought to develop a new type of health promotion program for truck drivers. The program – using a combination of approaches such as web-based health and driving safety courses, a safe driving competition, and motivational phone interviews with health counselors – was designed to take advantage of the laptop computers and cell phones truckers use to keep in touch while on the road.

The program produced real reductions in health risks: after six months, truckers enrolled in the program reduced their weight by an average of nearly eight pounds. They also improved their diets by reducing consumption of fats and sugar, with a trend toward increased physical activity.

Clorox Ends Use of Chlorine

Clorox has announced an end to making its bleach out of chlorine and sodium hydroxide before the House of Representatives was set to take up plant security legislation (H.R. 2868) that would require high-risk chemical plants and water-treatment facilities to use safer processes or chemicals. The article in Chemical and Engineering News can be found at <http://pubs.acs.org/cen/news/87/i45/8745notw2.html>.

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 cwhleinlein@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.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY URGES SAFER BOATING

PITTSBURGH, PA -- The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 78, is offering four easy-to-follow tips to those who resolve to be safer boaters and water enthusiasts this year:

1. Always wear your life jacket. Statistics show time and again that these personal flotation devices or PFDs save lives. It's like wearing a seat belt while driving or riding in a vehicle. Resolve to wear one anytime you are on or near the water.
2. Be prepared -- take a safe boating course. Think of this as taking a driver's education course for your boat. Eighty percent of those involved in boating fatalities never had any instruction. Visit www.cgaux.org to find a class near you.
3. Get a free Vessel Safety Check (VSC). A check to make sure your boat is properly equipped, in good operating condition, and free of hazards is free for the asking. To request one, visit www.safetyseal.net, and click on "I WANT A VSC."
4. Avoid alcohol while on or near the water. At least 40 percent of all boating fatalities involve the use of alcohol. If you are drunk and get into an accident on the water, you could be subject to large fines and the loss of automobile driving privileges. Alcohol can also affect your passengers who are ten times more likely, in the event of an accident, to fall overboard and drown.

By following these tips, the Auxiliary hopes that you and your passengers will enjoy a safe 2010 on the water and will be around to make additional resolutions next year.

The Auxiliary is composed of uniformed, non-military volunteers who assist the U.S. Coast Guard in all of 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
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Thank you,
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