

American Society of Safety Engineers -Western PA Chapter



A Message from the President

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Thank you for your membership and please do not hesitate to let us know how we can help you make the most of your membership. Visit www.asse.org for many sources of valuable information.

Don't forget that May 2nd – 8th is North American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Wednesday May 5th is Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day.

March Meeting Acknowledgments:

Thank you to Detective Ashley Thompson of the Criminal Intelligence Unit, City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, for providing “C.A.T. Eyes” Community Anti-Terrorism Training. This training provided us with the skills to recognize indicators of terrorism that we may encounter through daily activities in order to protect our communities, work places and homes. We had a full house of students and members and enjoyed a great meal. Thanks to all who attended this meeting at the IUP campus.

In addition to the evening Chapter meeting, March 22nd began with a variety of educational opportunities of a full day safety conference hosted by the IUP student section. The conference was very successful and

provided all who attended a boost of EHS energy. Thanks to all of the staff, students and speakers for all of the work in making this event a success.

We are winding down the 2009-2010 Chapter year and we will be asking for a vote on the following ballot in the month of May.

The 2010-2011 ballot of Officers is ready for your review:

- President - Aaron Cameron
- Vice President – Nick Kuntz
- Treasurer – Mary Hoerster
- Secretary – Joe Kopko

To all of the golfers out there, I am sorry to report that the June Chapter Golf Outing is postponed until later in the year. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with this event please contact me using either method listed below. Thanks very much.

Be proud of the work you do,

Kim Morrison, President, WPA – ASSE
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Chapter Events Calendar

May 2010 - Northern Star Generation Services

Ebensburg PA – Plant Tour and 70E discussion. Thanks to Shawn T. Simmers, PE.
Information is forthcoming.
Make Your Reservations by calling the ASSE-WPA hotline at 412-281-1885.

June 2010 Dinner Meeting

Speaker: Michael Romansky
Topic: Examining and Analyzing Same Level Fall Claims. TBD.
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

Student Sponsorship Opportunity March 22 Meeting

We have 20 IUP students signed up for the March 22 meeting already. I advised Tracey that we would start with 20 spots for students, but we could add more depending on meeting attendance. Since we will have a large student contingent at this meeting (at no cost to students), students sponsors are welcome to help offset costs.

Let me know if you are interested in sponsoring one or more students.

Thanks.
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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
Unavailable for publication.

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.

Pam Ferrante - In February 2010, Chapter member Pam Ferrante, CSP, CHMM was one of 800 safety professionals taking part in the 9th Professional Development Conference and Exhibition in the Kingdom of Bahrain for the Middle East Chapter of ASSE. She led a two-day Pre-Conference Workshop on Risk and Crisis Communication as well as presented a General Session on the same topic. The Middle East Chapter encompasses the countries of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, and Oman and was attended by over 800 safety professionals, mostly in the oil and gas and related industries.

Pam is the President of JC Safety & Environmental, Inc. and was the President of the Chapter for the 2007-2008 Program Year.

Membership Milestones

Congratulations to the following Western PA Chapter Members who have reached 25 years membership with ASSE.

Mark Fagan since 4/01/85
Joel Haight since 2/01/85
Nick Kachur since 2/01/85
Scott Keener since 12/01/84
Chet Marsh since 12/01/84
Mark Patterson since 11/01/84
Dennis Simmers since 3/01/85
Eric Sturm since 12/01/84



100 Women – Making a Difference in Safety

ASSE will celebrate its 100th anniversary on October 14, 2011. But *WISE* - Women in Safety Engineering is working now to commemorate this momentous occasion. We will honor 100 women who have, or are currently, making a difference through their work and dedication to protecting people, property and the environment.

In October 2009 *WISE* have began honoring up to four women in our monthly Newsletter, and we will continue to do so until October 2011. Then in October 2011, *WISE* will consolidate the profiles of those 100 dedicated women into a single publication, *100 Women – Making a Difference in Safety*, and will debut it at the 2011 ASSE Leadership Conference.

WISE plans to honor women throughout the ages who dedicate their lives to making a difference in the lives of other through their promotion and innovation in safety, health and environmental issues. The honorees will not all be ASSE members. And some paved the way long before ASSE was even founded, like Rebecca Luken who made a difference in manufacturing safety in the 1800's. While others nominees, such as Trish Ennis and Terry Wigfall are ASSE members making a difference today. Our honorees will be diverse. They won't all be public figures, well known, or famous; they will be everyday heroes making a difference in the lives of others through their commitment to protecting people, property and the environment.

Join us in our efforts to honor the women you know who are making, or have made, a difference by nominating them for this honor. Complete the nomination form below and send it to Terrie Norris at tsnorris@earthlink.net. The nomination form is also available on our web site at <http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/wise/index.php>. You will find the link to the nomination form by clicking on "100 Women Project" listed near the bottom of the column on the left side of the page.

If you would like to join us in this exciting project or to find out more information, please contact: Kelly Bernish, at Kelly.a.bernish@disney.com, Jennifer Zipeto at jzipeto@gmail.com, Terrie Norris at tsnorris@earthlink.net, Deb McDaniel at mcdaniel@kochind.com, and/or Maureen Johnson at maureenj@us.ibm.com.





100 Women – Making a Difference in Safety Nomination Ballot

100 Women Nomination Ballot

Name of Nominee: _____ Her email: _____

Nominator's email address: _____ Your email _____

Describe in 100 words or less how this woman is making a difference/why should she be included in our *100 Woman* collection:

Are you willing to write the article? Yes No Maybe
Would you like to work on the project? Yes No Maybe



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

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.

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