

# American Society of Safety Engineers -Western PA Chapter



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Thank you for your membership! I just cannot believe that this chapter year is coming to an end, it was certainly fast. I can't thank you enough for the honor of serving you, the membership, and although we did not complete everything that we wanted to I believe we accomplished much. Meetings were well attended and we teamed up with several local groups such as the Contractors Association of Western PA, the Allegheny County Fire Academy, the local chapter of the AIHA and the Mid Atlantic Safety and Health Alliance.

I enjoyed my time spent as President and I have learned so much. Volunteering in such a way is rewarding on many levels and I will certainly take the opportunity to continue learning and step into the queue for a run at this again in the future. My hope is that there are many members out there who wish to do the same.

One item to make good on is having a day long session of webinars for CEU's. Actually the goal is to offer as many opportunities for CEU's as we can. We are happy to announce that ASSE is rolling out a program similar to Netflix where chapters can obtain webinar recordings for free to use at chapter meetings. You can bet this will be an initiative you will see soon.

The votes are in, your 2010-2011 Officers and Delegates are:

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

Delegates:

- Fran Sehn
- Pam Ferrante
- Tad Pajak

I also wanted to thank the student sections and their faculty advisors Angela Bernardo at SRU and Tracey Cekada at IUP. We had student attendance at nearly every meeting and great collaboration throughout the chapter year. It is exciting and motivating to see such a commitment to excellence and the level of professionalism from the students.

That is all for now, please stay in touch.

Be proud of the work you do,

Kim Morrison, President, WPA – ASSE  
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# Chapter Events Calendar

## 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

## **IUP wins ASSE Outstanding Student Section Award**

The Outstanding Student Section of the Year Award is co-sponsored by the American Society of Safety Engineers and Mine Safety Appliances Company. The award is given to the student section that makes the most significant contribution to safety education and research each year. This year's award went to the Indiana University of PA Student Section. Under the direction of Faculty Advisor Dr. Tracey Cekada, the Student Section completed numerous projects that promoted professional development, contributed to the community, participating companies and the safety profession.

Congratulations to the IUP student section and especially to Dr. Cekada and the Student Section Officers for all of their hard work and dedication to the safety profession.

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| Zachary Pittman                        | President      |
| Doug Satterfield/Dave Maggio (fill-in) | Vice President |
| Tricia Whitesel                        | Secretary      |
| Tessa Minnick                          | Treasurer      |
| Mary Nguyen                            | Social Chair   |

IUP Student Section won the 2010 Outstanding Student section of the year award from ASSE!

## **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](mailto:nkachur@nevchem.com).

## **Government Affairs Update**

Contributed by Steve Tima

ASSE Nominates Thornton and Davis for MACOSH

In letters to OSHA, ASSE nominated for reappointment to OSHA's Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH) current Chair James Thornton ([http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs\\_new/communications/federal/docs/050710ThorntonMACOSH-e.docx](http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs_new/communications/federal/docs/050710ThorntonMACOSH-e.docx)), CSP, CIH, and member R. Allan Davis ([http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs\\_new/communications/federal/docs/050710DavisMACOSH-e.docx](http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs_new/communications/federal/docs/050710DavisMACOSH-e.docx)). Jim Thornton works in shipbuilding industry and Allan Davis in the fishing industry. Jim Thornton is the current Chair of ASSE's Government Affairs Committee.

ASSE Hosts Webinar with OSHA Assistant Secretary Michaels

On Wednesday, May 12, ASSE hosted a free webcast conversation with the new Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, Dr. David Michaels – A Conversation with Assistant Secretary for OSHA Dr. David Michaels – What to Do About Safety Incentives?

About 1500 people registered for the event. Assistant Secretary Michaels spent an hour answering questions and responding to comments from ASSE members and others. How to determine the difference between appropriate and inappropriate safety incentives in the workplace and how to address inappropriate incentives is one of those issues. If you missed the webcast, it's not too late. You can access it at <http://eventcenter.commpartners.com/se/Meetings/Playback.aspx?meeting.id=504812>. Dr. Michaels has expressed an interest in talking with the safety and health profession about the challenging issues OSHA and the occupational safety and health are facing, and said in the webcast he looked forward to talking with ASSE's members at Safety 2010 June 13-16 in Baltimore, where he will be the plenary speaker on Monday, June 14.

Florida 2010 Legislative Sessions Ends Without Addressing Public Sector OSH Protections

Since the US Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board found that Florida's lack of occupational safety and health coverage helped lead to two Daytona Beach municipal worker deaths in 2006. ASSE and its members in Florida have been working to enact the most basic requirement that Florida's public sector employers meet federal OSHA standards and that the state report injury data back to those employers. ASSE's effort succeeded in establishing a task force of state leaders that recommended Florida begin to provide safety and health protections to its public sector workers and introduction the last two years of legislation to carry out the task force's recommendations. Last year, that legislation passed the Florida House but was not heard in the Senate.

This year, ASSE's efforts were taken up by a coalition of labor, business and ASSE that undertook the most comprehensive lobbying effort so far.

Unfortunately, the 2010 Florida legislative session ended April 30 without passage of legislation. In fact, under considerable opposition from the Florida League of Cities, the bills were not heard in committee and the bulk of lobbying efforts in the later part of the session were devoted to having the legislation added to other bills as amendments.

From all indications so far, the coalition will continue its efforts, and planning on how to deal with the current obstacles to this legislation has begun.

#### OSHA Opens Las Vegas Office - Fed OSHA to open Las Vegas office for worker safety oversight

Read the entire article from the Las Vegas Sun at <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/may/04/fed-osha-open-las-vegas-office/>

Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration officials will open a Las Vegas office to provide oversight of worker safety regulators there, David Michaels, assistant secretary for the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, announced May 4, 2010.

In a statement, Michaels said the office will make direct oversight of state regulators easier and more effective, and allow federal officials to "provide technical assistance to the state as needed to ultimately ensure workers are better protected...."

#### OSHA Announces New NACOSH Members

OSHA has announced seven new members to OSHA's National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH). The new appointees will serve two-year terms. OSHA's news release can be found at [http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=17556](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=17556) and the NACOSH webpage can be found at <http://www.osha.gov/dop/nacosh/nacosh.html>.

#### OSHA Announces I2P2 Stakeholder Meetings

OSHA has invited interested parties to participate in informal stakeholder meetings on Injury and Illness Prevention Programs, referred to as "I2P2." OSHA plans to use the information gathered at these meetings in developing an Injury and Illness Prevention Program proposed rule. The discussions will be informal and will provide the Agency with the necessary information to develop a rule that will help employers reduce workplace injuries and illnesses through a systematic process that proactively addresses workplace safety and health hazards. Dates and locations for the stakeholder meetings are June 3, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in East Brunswick, NJ; June 10, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Dallas, TX; and June 29, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Washington, DC. The deadlines for confirmed registration at each meeting are May 20, May 27, and June 15, 2010 respectively. A notice of intent to participate can be submitted at <https://www2.ergweb.com/projects/conferences/osha/register-osha-I2P2.htm>. Approximately 50 participants will be accommodated in each meeting, and eight hours will be allotted for each meeting. Specific information on the location of each meeting can be found on the I2P2 Web site at <https://www2.ergweb.com/projects/conferences/osha/register-osha-I2P2.htm>.

#### OSHA Seeks Info on Infectious Disease Exposure in Health Care and Health Care-Related Settings

OSHA has asked for information and comments on occupational exposure to infectious agents in settings where healthcare is provided, (e.g., hospitals, outpatient clinics, clinics in schools and correctional facilities), and healthcare-related settings (e.g., laboratories that handle potentially infectious biological materials, medical examiner offices and mortuaries). OSHA is interested in strategies that are being used in such healthcare and other healthcare-related work settings to mitigate the risk of occupationally-acquired infectious diseases. As such, OSHA would like to collect information and data on the facilities and the tasks potentially exposing workers to this risk; successful employee infection control programs; control methodologies being utilized (including engineering, work practice, and administrative controls and personal protective equipment); medical surveillance programs; and training. OSHA will use the information received in response to this request to determine what action, if any, the Agency may take to further limit the spread of occupationally-acquired infectious diseases in these types of settings. Comments are due August 4, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-10694.htm>

#### Final 2008 BLS Worker Fatality Data Issued

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has released a final count of 5,214 worker fatalities that occurred in the U.S. during 2008. Although the final figure was the lowest annual total since the fatality census was first conducted in 1992 it is still tragically high, representing an average of more than 14 worker deaths each day. The final number reflects updates to the 2008 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries file made after the preliminary total of 5,071 was released in August 2009. For more information, read the BLS news release at [http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshwc/cfoi/cfoi\\_revised08.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshwc/cfoi/cfoi_revised08.pdf).

### Howard Provides Update on Post-WTC Health Issues

If you have interest in the ongoing efforts to address the health impact of the World Trade Center tragedy on first responders, you may want to read NIOSH Director John Howard's "From the Director" column in the latest NIOSH eNews, which can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews/enewsV8N1.html> from. Dr. Howard's column provides a good summary of the status of that effort, which he and NIOSH are helping lead.

### CSB Board Member Wark Comments on New TX and OK Public Deaths at Oil Sites

The following is from CSB at <http://www.csb.gov/newsroom/detail.aspx?nid=317>. April 28, 2010

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) today learned of a tragic accident in New London, Texas. Two 24-year-olds – a man and a woman, both members of the public --were socializing in the vicinity of an unattended oil and gas production site located in a rural area of Texas when an explosion killed one of the individuals and seriously injured the other. The CSB has learned that this particular site was unsecured and unmanned.

The CSB is deeply concerned about the recent surge of accidents at oil and gas production sites across the country. We take seriously any chemical accident that fatally injures members of the public. It is the CSB's view that companies should take proper precautions to ensure that oil and gas production sites are secured properly, with fencing, gates and warning signs to prevent access by teenagers and young adults who are attracted to the sites as secluded places at which to socialize.

Just last week a fiery explosion took the life of a 21-year-old member of the public in Weeetka, Oklahoma. The accident occurred on April 14 at an unattended oil and gas production site that was unsecured and appeared to lack fire or explosion hazard warning signs.

That explosion occurred one day after the release of a new CSB safety video. The safety video, entitled "No Place to Hang Out," (<http://www.csb.gov/videoroom/default.aspx?>) is aimed at educating young people on the hazards of socializing at oil sites, a common practice in rural areas, the CSB found.

### EPA and Fed Agencies Web Resources on Deep Water

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) yesterday posted information on BP's use of dispersants to its oil spill response website, [www.epa.gov/bpspill](http://www.epa.gov/bpspill). The site includes EPA's plan to monitor BP's use of dispersants as well as additional background information and frequently asked questions on dispersants. EPA will add information to the site as it becomes available.

EPA continues to add information to its BP oil spill response website to keep the public informed about the impact of the spill and the EPA's response.

The dispersant page can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/bpspill/dispersants.html>

Continue to track EPA's response to the spill at <http://www.epa.gov/bpspill>.

Additional information on the broader response from the U.S. Coast Guard and other responding agencies is available at: <http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com>

### EPA Eliminates Lead Renovation "Opt Out" Provisions in Final Rule

In a final rule, EPA has finalized several revisions to the Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (RRP) rule that published in the Federal Register on April 22, 2008. The RRP rule established accreditation, training, certification, and recordkeeping requirements as well as work practice standards on persons performing renovations for compensation in most pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities. In this document, EPA is eliminating the "opt-out" provision that currently exempts a renovation firm from the training and work practice requirements of the rule where the firm obtains a certification from the owner of a residence he or she occupies that no child under age 6 or pregnant women resides in the home and the home is not a child-occupied facility. EPA is also requiring renovation firms to provide a copy of the records demonstrating compliance with the training and work practice requirements of the RRP rule to the owner and, if different, the occupant of the building being renovated or the operator of the child-occupied facility. In addition, the rule makes minor changes to the certification, accreditation and state authorization requirements. The final rule is effective July 6, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-10100.htm>

### NIOSH and USFA Initiate Study of Cancer Among Firefighters

NIOSH and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) are partnering on a study to examine the potential for increased risk of cancer among firefighters due to exposures from smoke, soot, and other contaminants in the line of duty. <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-04-23-10.html>

### EPA Begins Rulemaking on Lead Renovation of Public and Commercial Building

EPA has given advance notice of its intention to regulate the renovation, repair, and painting of public and commercial buildings under section 402(c)(3) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice announces the commencement of proceedings to propose lead-safe work practices and other requirements for renovations on the exteriors of public and commercial buildings and to determine whether lead-based paint hazards are created by interior renovation, repair, and painting projects in public and commercial buildings. For those renovations in the interiors of public and commercial buildings that create lead-based paint hazards, EPA will propose regulations to address these hazards. Comments are due July 6, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-10097.htm>

### EPA Proposes Removing Saccharin as a Hazard

EPA is proposing to amend its regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to remove saccharin and its salts from the lists of hazardous constituents and commercial chemical products that are hazardous wastes when discarded or intended to be discarded. EPA is also proposing to amend the regulations under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to remove saccharin and its salts from the list of hazardous substances. This proposed rule is in response to a petition submitted to EPA by the Calorie Control Council (CCC), to remove saccharin and its salts from the above lists. Comments are due <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-9167.htm>

### The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has issued an Advisory PHMSA Advisory Bulletin on New Incident Report Forms

Bulletin advising owners and operators of gas pipeline facilities and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities that the new incident/accident report forms for their pipeline systems are now available for electronic filing. For more information, contact Jamerson Pender, Information Resources Manager, at [Jamerson.Pender@dot.gov](mailto:Jamerson.Pender@dot.gov). <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-10018.htm>

OSHA Asks Paperwork Comments on Construction Fall Protection Systems Criteria, Practices, Training Requirements  
OSHA seeks comments on its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection (paperwork) requirements contained in the construction standards on Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices (29 CFR 1926.502) and Training Requirements (29 CFR 1926.503). Comments are due June 29, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-10036.htm>

### Few Happy with TSCA Changes

Neither industry nor environmental and health activists are satisfied with Congress' new proposals for reforming the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), which governs the manufacture of chemicals. Much of their concern revolves around the main pillar of the legislation, which would require commercial substances to be shown as safe to remain on the market. From Chemical and Engineering News at <http://pubs.acs.org/cen/news/88/i17/8817notw1.html>.

### EPA Opens Access to Chem Info

Searchable database on chemical hazard, exposure and toxicity data now available

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making it easier to find chemical information online. EPA is releasing a database, called ToxRefDB, which allows scientists and the interested public to search and download thousands of toxicity testing results on hundreds of chemicals. ToxRefDB captures 30 years and \$2 billion of testing results.

ToxRefDB provides detailed chemical toxicity data in an accessible format. It is a part of ACToR (Aggregated Computational Toxicology Resource), an online data warehouse that collects data from about 500 public sources on tens of thousands of environmentally relevant chemicals, including several hundred in ToxRefDB.

ToxRefDB connects to an EPA chemical screening tool called ToxCast. ToxCast is a multi-year, multi-million dollar effort that uses advanced science tools to help understand biological processes impacted by chemicals that may lead to adverse health effects.

More information on the database: <http://actor.epa.gov/toxrefdb>

### NIOSH Researching Barriers to Commercial Fishermen's Use of E-Stop

From NIOSH eNews –

Researchers from NIOSH's Alaska Pacific Regional Office will gather information at ports in Alaska this spring to assess barriers to the adoption of an innovative safety device. In 2007, NIOSH licensed the device, the emergency stop

or E-Stop for capstan winches, to Emerald Marine (<http://www.go2marine.com/product.do?no=162904F>) of Seattle, WA. Since that time the system has been used by commercial fishermen in Alaska and Washington to reduce the likelihood of injury from entanglement in their deck winches, though adoption of the technology has been slower than anticipated. NIOSH researchers will engage fishermen and ascertain what barriers remain to the adoption of what has been shown to be a reliable and useful safety technology for fishermen on purse seine vessels. Information gathered in the field will be used to develop a social marketing and traditional marketing program in partnership with the licensee to address fishermen's concerns about the E-Stop. For more information on the product go to <http://www.kodiakdailymirror.com/?pid=19&id=8701> or contact Ted Teske at [tteske@cdc.gov](mailto:tteske@cdc.gov) or 509-354-8070.

#### Cruise Ship Security

Maritime Security: Varied Actions Taken to Enhance Cruise Ship Security, but Some Concerns Remain.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-400>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d10400high.pdf>

## 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 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Kelly.a.bernish@disney.com), Jennifer Zipeto at [jzipeto@gmail.com](mailto:jzipeto@gmail.com), Terrie Norris at [tsnorris@earthlink.net](mailto:tsnorris@earthlink.net), Deb McDaniel at [mcdaniel@kochind.com](mailto:mcdaniel@kochind.com), and/or Maureen Johnson at [maureenj@us.ibm.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

## **U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY URGES VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS**

PITTSBURGH, PA - The 2010 National Safe Boating Week will get underway this Saturday, May 22 and last until May 28. Before heading out on the water, boaters should consider how safe their vessels are for this week and the weeks ahead.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers boaters an on-site free Vessel Safety Check each year. Vessel Safety Checks are conducted by qualified Auxiliary vessel examiners who educate boaters on safety equipment and ensure that recreational vessels meet the most recent legal requirements before leaving the dock.

This preventive outreach program encourages voluntary compliance. Vessel examiners do not (and cannot) issue citations or “turn in” vessels not meeting all the requirements to a regulatory agency like state authorities or active-duty U.S. Coast Guard.

Instead, the examiner’s single goal is prevention, so that vessel owners can operate safely when they get underway and are outfitted with all the required safety gear.

During the Vessel Safety Check (VSC), the examiner reviews:

- Registration and documentation; proper number display
- Life jackets, fire extinguishers, visual distress signals
- Ventilation, battery covers, secured fuel containers
- Sound-producing devices and navigation lights
- Overall condition of the vessel
- Knowledge and education of local operating area hazards

Upon completion of a satisfactory Vessel Safety Check, the vessel owner receives a safety decal valid for one calendar year. The decal reflects that the vessel met all safety requirements when it was inspected by an approved vessel examiner.

While displaying the safety decal does not prevent the state authorities or Coast Guard from boarding a vessel, owners should feel more comfortable, knowing that their vessels have all required safety items on board.

The VSC should not be just a one-time event. Rather, it is part of a boater's ongoing learning process. To get a VSC, visit <http://safetyseal.net/GetVSC/>.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the volunteer arm of the United States Coast Guard and provides support in most of the service's activities, except for law enforcement and military operations.

## 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](http://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](http://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](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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Thank you,  
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