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**FEBRUARY, 2008 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Belated Happy Valentine's Day*

The February, 2008 Chapter Meeting was found to be very challenging. Due to a serious ice event the evening before and our policy to cancel the meeting if Baltimore County schools are closed, we would have typically cancelled the meeting. Well, with the coordination several (Sue M., Ed Hobbs, etc.) the word got out and the meeting was a success with 37 in attendance.

We were not able to confirm the Bridge Inspection presentation with SHA so Mr. John Lanigan, Corporate Safety Director with Corman Construction, Inc. did a stellar job presenting “Template for a World Class Safety Programs. John we really appreciated you “pinch hitting” and we were really impressed by all the power point animation skills you possess (ha, ha). Actually, John touched on and showed a lot of pictures regarding bridge construction and related safety exposures. There were many “right” and “wrong” ways of doing construction work shown. Several projects were shown including the 695/I95 bridge work which is amazing. I go by that project each day and it continues to amaze me. Kudo's again to John.

Thanks Bob L. for all your work on the revised By Laws which were approved during the Chapter Meeting. We will revisit them again at the start of the next FY and that will put us back on track for annual review of the By Laws.

The Nomination Committee has offered a slate of candidates which was sent out electronically to all members. The vote on these candidates will occur at the Next Chapter meeting.

The next Chapter Meeting will be at Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). See the notice later in this newsletter. I do want to remind you all that if you plan to attend, which I hope you will, that you need to call ahead. **Due to security reasons, they need to know the names of attendees ahead of time. All attendees must have a current government issued ID (driver's license).**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**April 3, 2008 – PDC Conference at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.** See the following pages for more information. The PDC Committee has confirmed the topics/speakers. You should have received a brochure with all the specifics on the conference. If you have not received the brochure please let us know. It is important to keep e-mail, work and home address information current. We have

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to keep e-mail, phone, both work and home address information current. We have had several notices returned.

The PDC is one of the major funding sources for this Chapter so please help out by attending. This will be a great event where you can obtain information on a wide variety of topics and the ability to network with others. We are mailing out information for vendors who are willing to sponsor this conference

**May 6, 2008 - The "Playing for the Future"** - Annual Golf Outing at Patuxent Greens Country Club, Laurel, Maryland on May 6, 2008 applications are in the mail.

***Please talk these events up as much as possible with colleagues and potential sponsors.***

*Talk to you next month – Please contact me if you have questions and or suggestions on improving what we are doing as a Chapter at (dick@lgit.org) if I can assist you.*

## **PERSON OF THE MONTH**

**Mike Ginther** is currently the Awards/Library Chair for the ASSE Chesapeake Chapter. His educational experiences include both a Bachelor of Science (1989) and Master's (1999) degrees in Safety Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is a Certified Safety Professional in comprehensive practice.

Mike began his career at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory as a Safety Engineer and after 18 years he remains at APL, currently as the Assistant Group Supervisor of the Environmental/Health/Safety Group. He oversees safety and enjoys EHS safety training which includes 35 different topics.

Mike resides in Marriottsville, Maryland with his wife Sandy and two children Ashley, who is currently attending Towson University for nursing and Michael, who is in eighth grade. Mike is currently involved with scouting, and has been for six years, and is a committee member for the Carroll County Parkinson Committee which sponsors a 5K run/walk and fun run to raise money for Parkinson research.

In his free time, Mike enjoys family camping, fishing, hiking, watching sports, and following his kids around on whatever sports fields they are on.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to extend a special welcome to the new members of the Chesapeake Chapter. A warm welcome to our newest members:

- Wubshet Ayalew - WSSC
- Roger Lis - Bechtel
- Carl Short - Primo Electric
- Geneva Edwards – Lafarge
- Chris Quinn - GE

We look forward to meeting you and all other new members at our upcoming meetings!  
Current membership in the Chesapeake Chapter is 375 Members.

## Existing Members Update Your Contact Information!

It is very important to stay informed of both local and regional ASSE activities. Please take a minute to update your contact information with ASSE. Please check your information to be sure it is accurate. You can do that by going to [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org), or calling customer service at 847-699-2929. Please don't mark "Do not Email". If you do, you won't get important things like meeting announcements, etc. It only takes a minute to stay informed!

## JOIN THE FIESTA & EARN A SIESTA

ASSE's 2007 – 2008 Membership Recruitment Challenge.

Each time you sponsor a new full member between April 2007 and June 2008 you'll be entered into the drawing for a trip for two to Mexico\* Visit [www.asse.org/membership](http://www.asse.org/membership) for applications, official rules & more information.

\*Restrictions apply.

## UPDATE FROM THE COUNCIL ON PRACTICES AND STANDARDS (CoPS).

### FEDERAL STANDARD UPDATE - OSHA

**Posting Period for OSHA 300A – Annual Summary of Work-Related Injuries & Illnesses is in Effect.** Don't forget...if you have not posted your facility's 300A you are not in compliance! 300A Summaries must be posted annually from February 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information on OSHA Recordkeeping requirements visit: [OSHA's Recordkeeping Page](#)

**Employer Payment for Personal Protective Equipment** – The final rule became effective on February 13, 2008. Employers have until May 15, 2008 to fully implement the requirements of the final rule. The new Employer requirements may be found by visiting:

[General requirements. - 1910.132](#)

### Small Business Assistance Web Page Receives a New Look, New Link and Updated eTool –

The redesigned Small Business Assistance Web Page now features categorical tabs for easier navigation and access to data. The new format highlights focal points, new products and links. The page introduces a link which provides small businesses with Spanish-language safety cards, booklets and posters. Additionally, the updated "Safety Pays" eTool allows employers to estimate the costs of work-related injuries and illnesses and the estimated impact on a company's bottom line. It also computes the projected sales growth that would be needed to cover the costs associated with those injuries and illnesses. To view the new Web Page visit:

[Small Business Assistance Web Page](#)

### NIOSH

**Preventing Musculoskeletal Injuries in Construction** – NIOSH's new publication, *Simple Solutions: Ergonomics for Construction Workers*, describes ways to prevent musculoskeletal injuries in the construction industry. This guide suggests a range of interventions to prevent common occupational injuries from handling heavy or awkward loads, making repetitive movements and other physical demands of construction work. All of the interventions have been used on actual construction worksites. Solutions in the guide are organized according to the types of construction work in which physical demands can pose risks for musculoskeletal injuries: 1) floor and ground-level work, 2) overhead work, 3) lifting, holding and handling materials and 4) hand-intensive work. In each category, individual tip sheets describe interventions for specific work activities or equipment, such as power-assisted rebar tiers, spring- and power-assisted drywall finishing systems, vacuum lifters and powered caulking guns. To view and download the guide, visit: [Ergonomics for Construction Workers](#)

### NIOSH

#### Recommends Interventions to Prevent Electrocutions & Shocks –

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's new *Workplace Solutions: Preventing Worker Deaths and Injuries from Contacting Overhead Power Lines with Metal Ladders* offers recommendations for preventing job-related electrocution or electrical shock from unintended contact of metal ladders with power lines in outdoor work. The document provides employers with recommendations for controlling hazards when they set up worksites and when work is performed at worksites. It also gives steps for workers to take to help reduce their risk of electrocution when performing their job. In addition to these recommendations, the document outlines suggestions for general contractors and ladder manufacturers. To view and download the document, visit: [Preventing Worker Deaths/Injuries from Power Lines](#)



Wednesday, March 12, 2008

*Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)*

MEMA was created by legislature to ensure the state is prepared to deal with large-scale emergencies. The key element of MEMA is the Maryland Joint Operations Center (MJOC), which is operated around the clock by National Guard and civilian personnel. In times of disaster, the director of MEMA activates the state Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to support local governments as necessary or requested.

Come listen to Ed McDonough, Deputy Public Information Officer, discuss how MEMA assists the citizens of Maryland and give a brief tour of the facility.

This meeting will be a **lunch meeting**.  
Please join us for this informative presentation.

**Location:** Maryland Emergency Management Agency  
Camp Fretterd Military Reservation  
5401 Rue Saint Lo Drive  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. Lunch and social, 12:30 p.m. Speaker's Presentation

**Cost:** \$25.00

Checks should be addressed to Chesapeake Chapter ASSE

Phone 410-298-4770 to reserve your place!

**Mandatory Registration for attendance!**

*No one will be admitted to the facility without pre-registration.*  
*All attendees must have a current government issued ID (driver's license).*

Election of 2008 – 2009 Chapter Officers will take place. Please attend!

**<http://www.mema.state.md.us/MEMA/index.jsp>**



## IT'S COMING! THE 2008 EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

**Who:** You're ASSE Chapter, working with the ASSE National Capital Chapter and the AIHA Chesapeake Chapter, and the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and Research Center

**What:** The 2008 Educational Seminar, "Current Topics in Safety, Health & Environmental Issues"

**When:** Thursday, April 3, 2008 – Early Bird Registration Deadline 03/28/08

**Where:** Kossiakoff Center -- Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, Maryland

**Why:** Keynote Speaker Dr. John Howard! Up-to-the Minute Issues! Industry Experts! Vendors! Networking! Only \$95 for Everything! See the Full Agenda below

**How:** To register for the Educational Seminar just go to the chapter website <http://www.chesapeakeasse.org/news.php>

7:00	<b>Registration Opens</b>	
7:30	<b>Breakfast</b>	
8:00	<b>Welcome - Dick Furst</b> , President of ASSE Chesapeake Chapter	
8:30	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Overview of NIOSH - Dr. John Howard</b> , Director of NIOSH	
9:55	<b>Safety Management Systems</b> <b>Paul Esposito, CSP, CIH</b> ESIS, Inc.	<b>MRSA</b> <b>Peggy Pass, Director of Infection Control</b> Saint Agnes Hospital
10:55	<b>Legal Updates</b> <b>Martha Marrapese, ESQ</b> Keller & Heckman LLP	<b>Indoor Air Quality (Mold)</b> <b>Ed Light, CIH</b> Building Dynamics
11:45	<b>Lunch and Vendor Area Open</b>	
12:45	<b>Fall Protection Systems</b> <b>George Stallings</b> Sales Solutions, Inc.	<b>LEEDS Certification/Green Bldgs.</b> <b>Dave Pratt</b> Lorax Partnerships
1:45	<b>Work Zone Safety</b> <b>Denny Lockhard</b> Denny Lockhard Enterprises Inc.	<b>Laser Safety</b> <b>Dave Bisson</b> Johns Hopkins APL
2:35	<b>Break and Vendor Area Open</b>	
3:00	<b>CLOSING SESSION: Conducting Effective Safety Training - "How to Get Employees to Want to Come to Training Without Bribing Them with Food or Forcing Them to Attend"</b> <b>Bruce A. Donato, CSP</b> Principal, K & A First Aid, LLC	
4:00	<b>Closing Comments - Kevin O'Connor, CIH</b> , Secretary Chesapeake AIHA Section	

# “PLAYING FOR THE FUTURE” GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, May 6, 2008



**Patuxent Greens Country Club**

14415 Greenfield Rd.

Laurel, MD 20708

- **Register Today!** Click for [Registration Form](#) (doc)
- **Be a Sponsor!** Click for [Sponsor Application Form](#) (doc)
- **Find Out More** about [Patuxent Greens Country Club](#)

## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**March 4–6, 2008** - DOE Forrestal Headquarters Auditorium in Washington, DC

The Joint EFCOG/DOE Chemical Safety and Lifecycle Management Workshop -- “10 Years and Still Learning” Presented by the Department of Energy Office of Worker Safety and Health Policy, in the Office of Health, Safety and Security.

For more information, contact [Dan Marsick](#), at 301-903-3954 or 301-903-8815.

- [Agenda Here](#) (pdf)
- [Registration Form Here](#)

**March 13-14, 2008** - Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel

The National ASSE 2008 Management Symposium – “The Business of Safety: A Matter of Success”

- [Agenda Here](#)
- [Registration Information Here](#)

The 31st Annual Delmarva Safety Association Seminar and Exposition

**March 17-19, 2008** - Clarion Conference Center in Ocean City, MD

- [Brochure Here](#) (pdf)

## NIOSH Word of the Month

**Respirator Fit Test Panel:** A selection of men and women who participate in the fit-testing of respirators. The testing is intended to ensure that a respirator, fitted according to the manufacturer's instructions and passing the manufacturer's prescribed user seal check, will protect as expected and maintain a proper fit.

## NIOSH E News

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enevents/eneventsV5N10.html>



## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
March 4-6, 2008	<b>DOE Chemical Safety Workshop</b> Details on our <a href="#">Education page</a> .	<b>DOE Forrestal Auditorium</b> Washington, DC
March 12, 2008	<b>Chesapeake Chapter Meeting</b> Maryland Emergency Management Agency	<b>MEMA (Tour Included)</b> Reisterstown, MD
March 13-14, 2008	<a href="#">The Business of Safety: A Matter of Success - ASSE Symposium</a>	<b>Sheraton Baltimore City Center</b> Baltimore, MD
April 3, 2008	<a href="#">Professional Development Conference</a> <a href="#">Current Topics in Safety, Health &amp; Environmental Issues</a>	<b>John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab</b> Laurel, MD
May 6, 2008	<b>Playing for the Future Golf Tournament</b> Chesapeake & National Capital Chapters	<a href="#">Patuxent Greens Country Club</a> Laurel, MD
May 7, 2008	<b>Occupational Safety &amp; Health Professionals Day</b>	Nationwide
May 14, 2008	<b>45th Anniversary</b>	Northrop Grumman Historical Electronics Museum
June 2008	<b>Joint Chapters Meeting</b> Meeting Topic & Speaker TBD	TBD
June 9-12, 2008	<a href="#">ASSE Safety 2008</a> Professional Development Conference	Las Vegas, NV

For more information, directions and updates or to contact a Chapter officer please visit our website at: <http://www.chesapeakeasse.org/index.php> Reservations for regular meetings can be made by calling 410-298-4770.

## 2008 NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL INJURY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

On October 21, 22, and 23, 2008, many of the foremost researchers in occupational injury will convene in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel to present their latest findings and methods at the fourth National Occupational Injury Research Symposium (NOIRS). The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is hosting NOIRS 2008 to provide a forum for researchers to share their work with others.

The symposium will consist of contributed oral presentations in concurrent sessions and poster presentations. The presentations will describe research studies, methods, and findings related to traumatic occupational injuries.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/noirs/2008/default.html>

## **North American Occupational Safety and Health week takes place May 4-10, 2008.**

### **CHAPTER WEBSITE**

#### **OUR NEW FEATURE FOR YOU-- RESOURCES --**

The new Chesapeake ASSE Chapter Resources Page is your internet source for listings of:

- Chesapeake Chapter Member Consultants
- Training Services by Chesapeake Chapter Members
- The Chesapeake Chapter Library and Reference Materials
- Safety and Health Website Links

Be sure to check out the Chesapeake Chapter's website often at <http://www.chesapeakeasse.org/index.php>. There you will find the most up to date & useful information about the chapter, job openings, upcoming events in the area and relevant links. Any suggestions are always welcome!

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### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

#### **Safety Professional of the Year Award**

The Chesapeake Chapter is seeking nominations for the Safety Professional of the Year Award (SPY). The SPY award is given annually to a Chesapeake Chapter member who exemplifies the most outstanding safety professional for their accomplishments and contributions in the field of safety, health and environmental engineering.

If you know of a Chesapeake Chapter member who fits these award criteria please contact Mike Ginther at (443) 778-6454 with the candidate's information

### **CALL FOR TOMORROWS CHAPTER LEADERS**

Looking to enhance your career development and professional growth? Here's an easy way...by becoming more involved in the Chesapeake Chapter.

Our friendly and experienced senior membership will help you to develop your leadership, collaboration and planning skills while having fun along the way.

There are many participation opportunities, big and small. Start in a limited way, working with others on a committee or a special project in support of the Chapter and its members. The option of gradually working your way up to larger responsibilities is always available. You decide! It's **free** leadership training, so take advantage of the opportunities.

### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

We are always looking for items of interest to chapter members to include in our chapter's newsletter. Please submit articles, job openings, or other announcements to [Mike.Wolf@edocorp.com](mailto:Mike.Wolf@edocorp.com) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.