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MARCH, 2008 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy St. Patrick's Day (Oh well, so I'm early. I'm half Irish, so everyday is St. Patrick's Day to me)

The Executive Committee has decided to get the newsletter out early so we can promote upcoming Chapter Meetings. So from now on, if you have anything that can benefit the Chapter, please have it to us or better yet to Mike Wolf by the 25th of the month so it can be included in the newsletter which will be going out the first of each month.

Therefore, with that said, the next Chapter Meeting will be on March 12, 2008 and be held at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) location at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Maryland 21136 (*see notice later in this newsletter*).

Mr. Ed McDonough, Deputy Public Information Officer will discuss how MEMA assists the citizens of Maryland and then a tour of the facility will be provided. 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, all attendees must have a current government issued ID (driver's license). We also need to know the names of attendees ahead of time.**

Elections – Seems everywhere you turn we are confronted with candidates for office whether it is local, state or nationally. 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 March Chapter meeting. We really want your participation. We will announce those results and ask for your support of those individuals elected.

Input - Also, if you should have information to share with officers and committee chair people their names are listed to the left of this article each month along with phone numbers and e-mail address. Don't be shy or wait till the last minute to ask questions, make comments or to offer information that can assist the Chapter.

Our April Monthly Chapter Meeting will be the **Professional Development Conference (PDC) at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory April 3, 2008** – The PDC is one of the major funding sources for this Chapter so please help out by attending and talking it up with your colleagues. This will be a great event where you can obtain information on a wide variety of topics and the ability to network with others. Information has been mailed out asking for

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vendors who are willing to sponsor this conference and have an exhibit booth.

SAVE THE DATES

May 6, 2008 - The “Playing for the Future” - Annual Golf Outing at Patuxent Greens Country Club, Laurel, Maryland on May 6, 2008. Applications and information for sponsors have been sent out. This is another major event in our Chapter year for supporting the Scholarship Fund. Please check out website as well.

45th Anniversary – Our May Chapter Meeting will be on May 14, 2008. This is a milestone for the Chapter and we really want a good showing for this meeting. A lot of work is underway to celebrate this mark in our history. So please mark your calendar and confirm your attendance as soon as possible.

Joint Chapter Meeting – The June Chapter Meeting will be a joint meeting with our Chapter and the Chesapeake AIHA. More information on the actual date, speaker(s) and location to follow.

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

Talk to you next month – If I can assist you any further, please contact me if you have questions and or suggestions on improving what we are doing as a Chapter at dick@lgit.org.

PERSON OF THE MONTH

Richard A. Furst - ASSE Chesapeake Chapter President **Senior Loss Control Manager**

Dick is the Senior Loss Control Manager at LGIT. He has been in the insurance industry for over 30 years working in Loss Control and Risk Management.

Dick teaches Risk Management classes for elected and appointed local government officials for the IGS Academy for Excellence.

Dick has been a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers since 1979 and is the President of the Maryland Chapter starting July 1, 2007. He is a Certified Instructor for the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving course. Dick is a past President of the Public Employees Safety Association and is currently on the Board of Directors for the Chesapeake Region Safety Council (including Co-Chair for their Traffic Division and Planning Committee member for the CRSC's Annual Conference). Dick was recently appointed to the Maryland PRIMA Board.

He has been a speaker at many conferences and seminars both regionally and nationally including the Maryland Association of Counties, Maryland Municipal League, National Institute for Standards and Technology, County Engineer's Association, Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, Safety Council of Maryland's Annual Conference, the Delmarva Safety Association and the National League of Cities Risk Information Consortium Regional Southeast Loss Control and the National League of Cities-Risk Information Sharing Consortium Board of Trustee's meetings.

He has received the top “Program Innovation” award three years in a row from the MSAE – Maryland Society of Association Executives. LGIT's Risk Management Manual, which is written and under his

direction has received high recognition from PRIMA - Public Risk Management Association and similar organizations around the country. LGIT was nationally recognized by PRIMA and received the Second Place award for the Qualifying Contractors seminar Dick has presented frequently to a variety of local governments.

He is from a family of four children and was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He grew up in the Baltimore and Towson areas and now resides in Bel Air (Harford County), Maryland. Dick has a B.S. degree in Personnel and Labor Relations from the University of Baltimore.

Dick and his wife Elizabeth have been married for 38 years. They reside in Harford County and have two children (Michelle and Christopher).

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:

- George Maze
- Seth Sedgewick Atlantic Industrial
- Mike O'Neill Grace

We look forward to meeting you and all other new members at our upcoming meetings! Current membership in the Chesapeake Chapter is 374 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, 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 for applications, official rules & more information. *Restrictions apply.

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

CONSENSUS STANDARD UPDATE

ASSE/ANSI

Newly Redesigned U.S. TAG Websites Now Live

ASSE recently launched redesigned websites for two U.S. Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs)*the U.S. TAG for Fall Protection and the U.S. TAG for Risk Management. Each website features background

information on its respective TAG and includes a secured area where members can access important documents. Members of the U.S. TAG for Fall Protection include government agencies, users of fall arrest systems, professional societies representing safety professionals, fall arrest equipment manufacturers and employers of those who use the equipment. This U.S. TAG develops recommendations for the U.S. position on international fall protection standards developed by ISO Technical Committee 94 Subcommittee 4. The U.S. TAG for Risk Management will develop the ISO 31000 series of risk management standards. To view the new U.S. TAG for Fall Protection website, visit: [U.S. TAG - Fall Protection](#)
To view the new U.S. TAG for Risk Management website, visit: [U.S. TAG - Risk Management](#)

FEDERAL UPDATE

OSHA

OSHA Issues a Compliance Directive on Hexavalent Chromium

OSHA recently issued its compliance directive to enforce the hexavalent chromium standards that were effective May 30, 2006. This directive establishes uniform inspection and compliance procedures for compliance safety and health officers. To view the compliance directive visit OSHA at: [HexChrom Compliance Directive](#)

OSHA Launches a New National Emphasis Program on Crystalline Silica

OSHA recently published a new [directive](#) implementing a National Emphasis Program (NEP) to help reduce or eliminate workplace exposures to silica-related hazards. The NEP compliance directive provides guidance to OSHA national, regional, and area offices and to those state programs which choose to implement a similar program. OSHA's [Safety and Health Topics Web page on crystalline silica](#) offers resources on identifying the health hazards associated with occupational exposure to crystalline silica and possible solutions for those hazards.



ASSE's Public Relations department would like to know what steps your organization is taking to address "**greening**" in your industry. Your input will give ASSE a clearer picture of members' efforts in this area.

To respond, [click here](#) and complete the online feedback form by March 10, 2008.



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	Registration Opens	
7:30	Breakfast	
8:00	Welcome - Dick Furst , President of ASSE Chesapeake Chapter	
8:30	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Overview of NIOSH - Dr. John Howard , Director of NIOSH	
9:55	Safety Management Systems Paul Esposito, CSP, CIH ESIS, Inc.	MRSA Peggy Pass, Director of Infection Control Saint Agnes Hospital
10:55	Legal Updates Martha Marrapese, ESQ Keller & Heckman LLP	Indoor Air Quality (Mold) Ed Light, CIH Building Dynamics
11:45	Lunch and Vendor Area Open	
12:45	Fall Protection Systems George Stallings Sales Solutions, Inc.	LEEDS Certification/Green Bldgs. Dave Pratt Lorax Partnerships
1:45	Work Zone Safety Denny Lockhard Denny Lockhard Enterprises Inc.	Laser Safety Dave Bisson Johns Hopkins APL
2:35	Break and Vendor Area Open	
3:00	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" Bruce A. Donato, CSP Principal, K & A First Aid, LLC	
4:00	Closing Comments - Kevin O'Connor, CIH , 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 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

Long Term Field Evaluation Program

The NIOSH Long-Term Field Evaluation (LTFE) Program was established to obtain data to determine the expected performance characteristics of self-contained self-rescuers (SCSRs) used in the mining industry.

NIOSH E News

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews/enewsV5N10.html>



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



“Failure is always a combination of factors.”

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professor Andrew Whittle discussing the 2004 excavation disaster in Singapore which left four people dead.

In April of 2004, during construction of a subway project in Singapore, a deep excavation collapse occurred without warning. Left in its wake were deformed steel beams, the destruction of expensive construction equipment and, most tragically, the death of four people.

From overestimating the soil shear strength to under-designing the structure to resist lateral earth pressures - like many disasters, the factors were many. In his analysis of the disaster, MIT professor Andrew Whittle said, "This was one of the largest failures of a civil engineering project under construction in about 50 years." This article appeared in the February 2008 edition of MIT's TechTalk. Click this link to view the original article. <http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2008/techtalk52-15.pdf>

Join ASSE member Mike Haylsip in an important look at the **ANSI A10.12-standard**, Safety Requirements for Excavation. During the discussion, you'll have a chance to look at real-world scenarios as you discover ways to avoid trenching and excavation hazards.

In addition to covering general excavation safety requirements, we will discuss soil field tests, warning signs of ground instability such as tension cracks, bulging or water accumulation, and the selection of protective systems such as benching, shoring and trench boxes.

This [virtual class](#) will take place on **Wednesday – March 5th**, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM (CST).

Learning Objectives

After completing this virtual classroom, you will:

- Understand and be able to apply excavation best practices

- Recall the key safety elements from ANSI A10.12
- Recognize the warning signs of ground instability
- Understand how to protect yourself from hazards associated with water accumulation
- Understand how to select proper protective systems

About the Instructor

Michael Hayslip is an ASSE member and president and CEO of NESTI, a construction training and litigation support firm founded in 1996, located in Dayton, OH. An attorney and Professional Civil Engineer, Mr. Hayslip is a member of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A10.12 subcommittee *Safety Requirements for Excavation*.

Save the Date:

March 5, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. central time.

[Details and to register...](#)

Additional Upcoming Webinars:

[Beyond Compliance: Breaking Through to the Next Level of SH&E Excellence](#)

March 19, 2008 - 11am-12:30pm

[Safety Standards for Steel Erections](#)

April 9, 2008 - 11am-12:30pm

[Enhancing Safety Training Through Games and Simulations](#)

April 30, 2008 - 11am-12:30pm

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

The Veditz Individual Volunteer Accomplishment (VIVA) Award

The Chesapeake Chapter is seeking nominations for the VIVA award. The VIVA award is given to an individual whose voluntary activities within the society and or the community help promotes and/or improves environment, health, and safety (EHS) conditions.

If you know of a member or non-member whose voluntary activities help improve/promote EHS activities submit their information to Mike Ginther (Awards Chair) at mike.ginther@jhuapl.edu or call if you have questions 443-778-6454

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 by the 10th of the month.