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MAY, 2008 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't know where this year has gone to. Memorial Day and the official start of summer are almost here. I have to admit (don't tell my wife) that I have consumed soft crabs twice already.

Anyway, let me comment on a few events that have taken place or are about to be held. Our Professional Development Conference held at JHU/APL was an outstanding success (see pictures on next page). The facility, speakers, topics, food and meeting rooms were very good. As with a large conference like this one there are always areas that can be improved. The PDC Committee met on April 9th to discuss what went well and what needs to be improved. We used the comments from those in attendance and our own outline of items to critique the event. I want to thank the PDC Committee for all the hard work that went into the conference. A special "thank you" to the National Capital ASSE Chapter and The AIHA Chesapeake Chapter who joined with our Chapter to hold the conference. We hope to work together again with both of these partners.

By the time you receive this newsletter you will be either planning to attend, already on the course or are telling everyone how much you enjoyed the Golf Outing at Patuxent Greens Country Club, Laurel, Maryland on May 6, 2008. This event takes a lot of effort and coordination. On behalf of the Executive Committee, my thanks to all who participated and assisted us by being sponsors. This too was a joint effort between our Chapter and the National Capital Chapter. This type of joint venture helps to make events a success. Thanks also to the "*Playing for the Future*" – Golf Outing Committee who organized this great day of fun and sportsmanship.

Therefore, with that said, the next Chapter Meeting will be held on May 14, 2008 at Northrop Grumman's Historical Electronics Museum. (*See notice later in this newsletter*). This will be a unique event because we will have Past President's share with us many memories and the history of this Chapter. I'm feeling somewhat older already because I probably will personally remember many of them. Please be sure to join us at this Chapter Meeting as a lot of time and effort has gone into the planning for this meeting.

Input - Also, if you should have information to share with officers and committee chair people their names are listed adjacent to 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.

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Congratulation to John Lanigan (on left) for receiving the Chesapeake Chapter's Safety Profession of the Year Award for 2008 from Dick Furst, Chesapeake Chapter's President.



A special thanks to Environmental Management Services Inc. who sponsored lunch at the Current Topic in Safety, Health & Environmental Issues Educational Seminar.



Keynote speaker Dr. John Howard, Director of NIOSH, addressed Nanotechnology and Risk.

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.*

June 18th @ MDE Joint Chapter Meeting – The June Chapter Meeting will be a joint meeting with our Chapter and the Chesapeake AIHA. More information 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.

ASSE DUES INCREASE (RESPONSE REQUESTED)–

At the EC meeting on Friday May 2nd the board of the Chesapeake Chapter unanimously voted against the proposed **24%** dues increase. Please send us your opinion, by email, of the proposed increase before COB 5/8/08 so that our delegates will know how you want them to vote in Vegas. Send response to mike.wolf@edocorp.com

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 member:

- Jeffrey Moore, Constellation Energy

We look forward to meeting you and all other new members at our upcoming meetings!

Current membership in the Chesapeake Chapter is 375 Members.



NAOSH Week is May 4-10

Safety is Good Business

During NAOSH Week and throughout the year ASSE, CSSE, OSHA and its partners will illustrate how safety is good business. Safety and health not only add value to a business, but to the workplace, employees, community and to everyone's quality of life.

- Workplaces that establish safety and health management systems reduce their injury and illness costs by 20 to 40 percent.
- Businesses spend \$171 billion a year on costs associated with occupational injuries and illness, expenditures that come straight out of company profits and can comprise as much as 5 percent of a company's total costs.
- Preventing injuries and illnesses decreases workers compensation and retraining costs, absenteeism and faulty product.
- [See Large and Small Employer Results When They Focus on "Prevention is the Cure" \(ppt\)](#)
- [Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day Wikipedia Entry](#)
- [ASSE's Kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" Poster Contest Wins National Recognition](#)
- [Australians Find Stock Price Success Linked to Safety and Health - The West Australian](#)
- [The Scope of an Occupational Safety and Health Professional \(doc\)](#)



SPRING IS HERE!

TIME FOR OUR "PLAYING FOR THE FUTURE" GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Tuesday, May 6, 2008 - Patuxent Greens Country Club

Get outside and play! Participate in our Golf Tournament - Support the Chesapeake ASSE Educational Foundation *and* give yourself a health and wellness opportunity!

Become a Sponsor -- Join our growing list of 2008 Golf Tournament Sponsors:

Law Office of Adele L. Abrams, PC
Beltsville, MD

Constellation Energy Group
Baltimore, MD

Aerobiology Laboratory Associates
Dulles, VA

COPT Property Management Services
Columbia, MD

Aerosol Monitoring & Analysis, Inc.
Hanover, MD

James G. Davis Construction Group
Rockville, MD

AES Electrical, Inc.
Beltsville, MD

PS Graphics, Inc.
Baltimore, MD

Chesapeake Region Safety Council
Baltimore, MD

Saf-Guard Safety Shoe Company
Baltimore, MD

Chesapeake Safety Resources
Clarksville, MD

All the information you need is here:

Patuxent Greens Country Club
14415 Greenfield Drive
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](#)
- **Get Directions** and [Map](#)



45th Anniversary Luncheon

American Society of Safety Engineers
Chesapeake Chapter
Charter Granted April 9, 1963

May 14, 2008
11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Northrop Grumman
Historical Electronics Museum
1745 West Nursery Road
Linthicum, Maryland

Cost is \$25 Per Person

Visit
www.chesapeakeasse.org
for more information.



Wednesday, May 14, 2008
Northrop Grumman Historical
Electronics Museum
 1745 West Nursery Road
 Linthicum Heights, MD 21090



Who: The ASSE Chesapeake Chapter is celebrating 45 years! We are honoring all the Past Presidents of Chesapeake ASSE. [Click here](#) for a list of our chapter presidents.

What: Our Celebration Luncheon, including Emory Knowles of Northrop Grumman, Honoring our Past Presidents, Induction of New Officers, Award Presentations, and a tour of the Historical Electronics Museum!

When: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 11:30 AM – Register by 5/09/08

Where: Northrop Grumman Historical Electronics Museum, 1745 West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, Maryland 21090

Click the map to the left to customize driving directions to Northrop Grumman using [Google Maps](#).

Why: The opportunity to meet with Past Presidents, welcome New Officers, visit with Leaders in our profession, and tour a fascinating museum all in one place!

How: Register by calling 410-298-4770. Please register by Friday, 05/09/08. Cost for our celebration luncheon is \$25. Checks should be made payable to Chesapeake ASSE.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
May 4-10, 2008	NAOSH Week	Nationwide
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	Chesapeake Chapter Meeting Chapter 45th Anniversary Celebration Emory Knowles, Northrop Grumman	Historical Electronics Museum (Tour Included!) Linthicum, MD
June 12, 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> Reservations for regular meetings can be made by calling 410-298-4770.

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

CONSENSUS STANDARD UPDATE

ANSI

Original Approval of A10.40 Standard Stands

On March 13, 2007, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Board of Standards Review (BSR) rejected the Construction Industry Employer Coalition's appeal to withdraw the adoption of the approved

voluntary consensus standard "Reduction of Musculoskeletal Problems in Construction" (ANSI/ASSE A10.40-2007).

Pending the conclusion of any further appeals, BSR has determined that its original action to approve A10.40 as an American National Standard stands. For more information, visit [ASSE Newsroom](#). To read BSR's decision in its entirety, [CLICK HERE for the PDF file](#).

OSHA

OSHA Implements RSS Web-based Technology

Visitors to OSHA's Web site can now receive OSHA news releases using Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds. This web-based technology provides a personal, direct channel "to ensure subscribers receive real-time news from OSHA," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Edwin G. Foulke, Jr. An RSS Reader regularly checks OSHA's Web site and provides the user with a headline that links to the news posting plus a short description. More information on the use of RSS Feeds is available on the new [OSHA RSS Feeds](#) page.

OSHA Supports National Work Zone Awareness Week

In support of National Work Zone Awareness Week from April 7-11, OSHA reminds employers of the many resources available that address safety and health for road construction crews and others working in highway work zones. This year's theme was "Slow for the Cone Zone," and sought to bring national attention to motorist and employee safety and mobility issues in work zones. For more information, visit OSHA's Directorate of Construction page on [Highway Work Zones and Signs, Signals, and Barricades](#) and the Safety and Health Topics Page titled "[Motor Vehicle Safety](#)" on OSHA's Web site.

OSHA Confirms Effective Date of Direct Final Rule on its Updated Standards

The effective date of OSHA's direct final rule on updated standards based on National Consensus Standards has been confirmed. The direct final rule, published in the Dec. 14, 2007, [Federal Register](#) was effective March 13, 2008. The rule updates standards such as 29 CFR part 1910, subpart H ("Hazardous Materials"), 29 CFR part 1910, subpart Q ("Welding, Cutting and Brazing"), and 29 CFR part 1910, subpart R ("Special Industries"). It also removes a reference to American Welding Society standard A3.0-1969 ("Terms and Definitions") and eliminates several references to consensus standards that duplicate or are comparable to other OSHA rules.

FEDERAL REGISTER UPDATE

Confined Space in Construction – Notice of Proposed Rule Making

SUMMARY: OSHA is convening an informal public hearing to receive testimony and documentary evidence on the proposed rule for Confined Spaces in Construction. **DATES:** Informal Public Hearing. The Agency will hold the informal public hearing in Washington, DC beginning July 22, 2008. The hearing will commence at 10 a.m. on the first day. If necessary, a second or third day will be scheduled. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. on subsequent days. For more information visit: [Confined Spaces in Construction](#)

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>

CHAPTER WEBSITE

The 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 25th of the month.

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.

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.