

CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER

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DECEMBER, 2008 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. Best wishes for a continued Happy and Safe Holiday Season to you and your families. Also, there has been a great deal of concern over toy safety and lead paint contamination so please keep this in mind when purchasing presents for your family and friends.

The last Chapter Meeting of the year is on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at Michael's Eighth Avenue, in Glen Burnie. Mr. Craig D. Lowry of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation will be giving the presentation "MOSH Update on Current Issues". Craig's presentations are always outstanding and informative.

Please ***SAVE THE DATE – February 19, 2009*** – PDC Conference at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. See the following pages for more information. The PDC Committee has been working hard on the topics/speakers and the information should be distributed within the next few weeks. The PDC is one of the major funding sources for the 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 with certification credits available. We are looking for vendors who are willing to sponsor *both* the PDC and Annual Golf Outing. To reward those vendors that participate in both events we will recognize them in some manner to be announced later.

The Nominating Committee has been selected and they are working on a slate of Officers for the March election. If you are interested in serving the Chapter in some leadership or Committee capacity please e-mail Dick Furst – Dick@lgit.org

If you have ideas for the Chapter or need assistance please free contact me at rllawson2@verizon.net

Bob Lawson
Chapter President

Member Recognition and Award News

Congratulations to the following members who have completed

25 years of ASSE membership.

- *Keith Adelsberg*
- *Glenn Baker*
- *Michael Lavery*
- *Kenneth Shorter*
- *Judith Zipp*

The Chesapeake Chapter is seeking nominations for the Chapter's Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) and Veditz Individual Volunteer Award (VIVA).

- The SPY is given annually to a Chesapeake Chapter member that demonstrated outstanding and recognizable service to the Society and dedicated service to the safety profession.
- The VIVA is given to a person who exemplified the highest standard and qualities as a professional in the field of safety through volunteerism. The nominee must demonstrate a history of dedicated volunteer service to the community as a safety profession.

Contact Mike Ginther (Awards Chair) at 443-778-6454 or mike.ginther@jhuapl.edu if you would like to nominate an individual for either the SPY or VIVA awards.



ASSE Link of the Month

As an ASSE member, you know the rewards of membership. Now is a great time to help your colleagues share in those rewards by [sponsoring them to join ASSE](#). If you recruit one new member by Jan. 31, 2009, you will be eligible to win a \$100 ASSE gift certificate. Recruit three new members by Feb. 28, 2009, and you'll be eligible to win a \$1,000 American Express gift card and a \$100 ASSE gift certificate. Recruit four or more new members by March 31, 2009, and you could win a \$1,500 American Express gift card and a \$100 ASSE gift certificate. The member who recruits the most new members by March 31, 2009, will receive a free registration to [Safety 2009](#) in San Antonio, TX.



**JOIN ASSE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON,
FOR GIFTS OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND REASON**

This holiday season, ASSE would like to pass on the gift of safety to you. If you apply for membership by January 4, 2009, **ASSE will waive the \$25 application fee!** Simply enter promo code **0820112** in the promo code box on the [Membership application](#). In addition, all new members who join before January 4 using this promo code will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Shell gas card and a \$50 ASSE gift certificate. Happy Holidays from ASSE!

Want to learn how to apply lean concepts to eliminate waste, improve efficiency and lower production costs?

- [Check out "Lean Concepts: Opportunities for Safety Professionals" by Fred A. Manuele](#)
From the August 2007 issue of *Professional Safety*, available through the *PS Online Article Database*



COPs Report

From our COPs Rep - J. Scott Lind, CSP, ARM

New Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Named

Thomas Stohler has been named Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA effective Nov. 10, 2008 replacing Edwin Fouke. Stohler had been OSHA's Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Labor since May 2008. To see Mr. Stohler's biography refer to: [Thomas M. Stohler](#)

Comment Period Extended on OSHA's Proposed Rule on Cranes and Derricks in Construction

On October 9, 2008, at 73 FR 59713, OSHA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) titled "Cranes and Derricks in Construction". The proposed rule for cranes and derricks in construction, provided an explanation of its economic analysis, and solicited comments from the public regarding various issues related to the safe operation of cranes and derricks. The period for submitting written comments was to expire on December 8, 2008. However, a significant number of stakeholders have requested an extension (ranging from 60-90 days) for submitting their written comments and information. OSHA believes that a 45-day extension will be sufficient to accommodate these considerations, facilitate the submission of more thorough reviews, and provide OSHA with a complete record for this proposed rule that will improve the information available to OSHA in developing a final rule. Accordingly, OSHA is extending the comment period by 45 days, and written comments must now be submitted (sent or postmarked) by January 22, 2009. Refer to the following link for full details: [Cranes & Derricks in Construction](#)

New ASSE Gov't Affairs Committee Chair

Jim Thornton has been appointed to chair ASSE's Government Affairs Committee. The appointment by Tom Lawrence, Vice President for Professional Affairs and member of ASSE's Board of Directors, comes after the recent resignation of Tom Cecich. Jim is the Director of Environmental Health and Safety, Health, Safety and Environmental Division of Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, VA. Jim also chairs OSHA's Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH) and served as the President of AIHA from 1999-2000, among his many accomplishments.

Rumors of New Fed Safety and Health Agency Leadership - Monday, November 17th

It is very early, but the rumors of who may be in line to lead federal agencies under an Obama administration are moving quickly through the occupational safety and health community. The rumors need to be taken with a grain of salt and the realization that politicking goes with the rumors. But, for what it is worth, here is fair representation of the talk going around –

For OSHA the names being reported and talked about include Michael Silverstein, with federal OSHA, WISHA and ergonomics experience, former NIOSH Director John Howard; and Peg Seminario, AFL-CIO's safety and health expert. BNA is reporting David Michaels, a professor at GWU and assistant secretary of energy for environment, safety, and health under Clinton, and Frank Mirer, former director of health and safety for UAW.

For Secretary of Labor, the names being mentioned are former Speaker of the House Dick Gephardt and Andrew Stern, head of SEIU, the labor group that broke away from mainstream labor and is the fastest growing union in the nation. Gephardt is a former House Majority Leader, had a lot of labor support in his career, and would no doubt offer a level of experience in dealing with Congress. Also the names of former congressman David Bonior and Linda Chavez-Thompson, former AFL-CIO Executive VP are in play.

For NIOSH, John Howard may very well return if not at OSHA. He is well thought of on both sides of the aisle, as the outpouring of support when CDC let him go earlier this year demonstrated.

For Secretary of HHS, Howard Dean is being mentioned. He is a physician and became involved in politics in the last go around at health system reform. As head of a victorious Democratic National Committee, he would no doubt have his pick of jobs.

For MSHA, Joe Main, former safety director of the United Mine Workers, is thought to have the inside track but John Howard's name has also come up in the rumor mill. He handled mining issues through the Sago debates over the last couple years and no doubt gained credibility working with stakeholders on those issues.



Come explore an engaging online environment where safety professionals from around the world can get together, share in the acquisition of knowledge and share their experiences.

Upcoming Webinars

Wednesday, December 9, 2008 - 11am-12:30pm CST
Wednesday, December 17, 2008 - 11am-12:30pm CST

[OSHA in a New Presidential Administration](#)
[Safe Practices for Motor Vehicle Operations](#)

Archived Webinars

Missed a webinar? Through WebEx, ASSE offers downloadable versions of past webinars. See our [Webinar Archive](#) for more information.

Virtual Classroom Resources

- [Instructions For Completing the Webinar Post Assessment](#) (pdf)
- [Group Webinar CEU Procedures](#) (pdf)
- [Individual Webinar CEU Procedures](#) (pdf)

SAFETY 2010 IS COMING TO BALTIMORE!

Safety 2010, The ASSE National Professional Development Conference, will be held here in Baltimore, June 13-16!! Did you know? ASSE Safety 2010 will be held right in the heart of the Chesapeake Chapter. [Our new page on the chapter website will help you get involved, get informed, and get the most benefit out the national conference in Baltimore.](#)

Our contest to design the Chesapeake Chapter Logo for T-shirts and specialty items starts soon! Details coming – start designing your entry now!

Plus, we want your input! Tell us your favorite spots in the Baltimore – Chesapeake Bay area.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The National Aquarium? | <input type="checkbox"/> The U.S. Naval Academy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Maryland Zoo? | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil War Historical Sites? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camden Yards? | <input type="checkbox"/> Tidewaters of the Chesapeake? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fells Point? | |

E-mail your top spots to [Wendy](#).



Upcoming Events in and around the chapter

DECEMBER 2008 CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday, December 9, 2009 - 11:30am - Michael's Eighth Avenue

Lunch Meeting and MOSH Update on Current Issues

We look forward to it every year – the annual MOSH update! Mr. Craig Lowry, Deputy Commissioner for Maryland Occupational Safety & Health (MOSH) will provide a presentation on regulatory updates, covering recent changes in existing regulations and future new or revised regulations that will affect various work sites, including crane safety updates.

Get ready for 2009 with this popular program! It's a great opportunity to get your questions addressed by MOSH!

This will be a lunch meeting. Cost is **\$25**. Please make checks out to Chesapeake Chapter ASSE.

New!! Register by phone at 410-729-8226 or email smcca@menv.com.

Please register by close of business Friday, December 5 to make sure we have enough food and space for everyone!

Location:

Michael's Eighth Avenue
7220 Grayburn Drive
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Schedule:

11:30am - Lunch and Social
12:30pm - Craig Lowry's Presentation

Do you have ideas for Chapter Meeting topics? Send your ideas to [Sue!](#)

Calendar of upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
Dec. 9, 2008	Chesapeake ASSE Chapter Meeting Craig Lowry with our Annual MOSH Update - Lunch	Michael's 8th Avenue Glen Burnie, MD
Jan. 14, 2009	Chesapeake ASSE Chapter Meeting Linda Harding - Workers Compensation and Your Company	TBD
Feb. 14 th 2009 Feb. 19, 2009	NAOSH Poster Contest entries due Professional Development Conference	Nationwide John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Laurel, MD
Mar. 2-4, 2009	Annual Seminar and Exposition Delmarva Safety Association	Clarion Resort Hotel Ocean City, MD
May 3-9, 2009	NAOSH 2009	Nationwide

PDC Announcement

Date: February 19, 2009

Location: Johns Hopkins' Applied Physics Lab Kossiakoff Center, Laurel, MD

Title: "Current Topics in Safety, Health & Environmental Issues"

Sponsors: Chesapeake and the National Capital Chapters of ASSE, the Chesapeake Section of AIHA, and the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health Education and Research Center

Keynote Speaker: Lindsay Booher, President of AIHA

Topics include:

- REACH
- Metal Working – Health Affects
- Flavoring Related Lung Disease
- Epidemiology – Food Contamination
- Cranes and Derricks in Construction
- Infection Control Risk Assessment – Healthcare Facilities
- Risk Management and Renovation – Biotech
- Arc Flash
- Building Services – Green Cleaning
- HR-Resume Building

Closing Speaker – Dr. Katie Puttgen - PediatricDermatology

Description: Professional Development Conference

Credits: Applying for COC, CM and CEU points

Fee: \$95.00 for members, \$110.00 for non-members by 1/29/09

Certifying organization: ABIH

Contact: Richard A. Furst (dick@lgit.org)



7th Annual ASSE "Safety-on-the-Job" Poster Contest - Celebrating North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week May 3-9, 2009 and Occupational Safety and Health Professionals Day May 6, 2009.

2009 Poster Contest Entry Form (doc)

2003-2008 Poster Contest Winners

2009 Poster Contest Rules (doc)

Links to other ASSE Region 6 Chapters (See what your neighbors are up to);

- <http://colonialva.asse.org/>
- <http://delmarva.asse.org/>
- <http://tidewater.asse.org/>
- <http://ncc.asse.org/>
- <http://www.nc-asse.org/>
- <http://www.nova.asse.org/>
- <http://piedmont.asse.org/>

- <http://www.midnet.sc.edu/asse/>
- <http://www.starvalley.asse.org/>
- <http://tarheel.asse.org/>
- <http://www.triadasse.org/>
- <http://wcchapter.asse.org/>
- <http://www.assekuwait.org/>
- <http://www.lowcountryasse.org/>

[Check the Region 6 calendar for upcoming events](#)

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@itt.com by the 25th of the month.

EXISTING MEMBERS PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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 http://www.asse.org/about/address_change.php , or calling customer service at 847-699-2929. Have your member ASSE ID number ready.