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JUNE 2009 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well summer is here and school will be out in the next few weeks. If your children or children of relatives and friends will be working or doing volunteer work in the workplace please remember their safety orientation. Unfortunately, most summer employers do not consider that these “employees or volunteers” are inexperienced and naïve about the hazards that exist in the workplace. Each year many of our youth lose their lives or are seriously injured or incur a permanent disability during their summer jobs. Also, you need to remember that Maryland Law requires work permits for minors, limits hours of work by age and prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from operating certain hazardous machinery (including riding lawnmowers). For further information please go to www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/empm.shtml .

The ASSE National Professional Development Conference (PDC) is June 28th through July 1st in San Antonio. If you have not registered as yet there is still time to consider attending. Please go to the www.ASSE.org for additional information.

Also fast approaching is the ASSE Region VI PDC in Myrtle Beach on September 21st through the 25th. For additional information please go to www.ASSE-Region6.org

Continuing in the PDC mode of thought the National Professional Development Conference (PDC) in 2010 is going to be in Baltimore in June of that year. We are the host Chapter for this event and will need help with many of the on-site events. If you are interested in helping or having your work location be a technical tour please contact one of the Officers or Executive Committee members.

We wish you and your family a pleasant summer and joyful vacation times and safe travels.

Bob Lawson
Chapter President



ASSE's 100th Anniversary

The American Society of Safety Engineers will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2011. Founded in 1911 as the United Association of Casualty Inspectors, the Society was formed in the wake of tragic events such as the March 1911, Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire in New York City where 146 young girls and women lost their lives in a workplace tragedy that drew the attention to the need for workplace safeguards and regulations. As its 100th anniversary nears the 30,000 plus members of ASSE, the world's oldest and largest professional safety organization, look forward to commemorating 100 years of dedicated service to workplace safety and health.

To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the Society, we look forward to:

- Celebrating the accomplishments and professionalism of its members
- Building on its leadership in protecting people property and the environment and
- Launching its vision for the future of the safety profession

The Society's 100th year theme is:

Your Safety is our Business. Your Future is our Mission.

Tell us Your Story

We look forward to commemorating the key events that have contributed to the SH&E profession, as well as celebrating the special events and stories that have become an integral part of that history. If you have a story, anecdote or event relating to the safety profession, ASSE or workplace safety in general, we encourage you to submit the information to us. Please share your stories – insights, best practices, milestones and more.

We are particularly interested in hearing stories that touch on:

- Best SH&E practices you feel have impacted positively on the safety and health of employees or a community
- Your personal aspirations or reasons for being in the safety business
- How you feel the SH&E profession impacts the public and businesses alike
- What role safety will play in the future workplace
- What milestone event from the past 100 years had a major affect on workplace safety, health and the environment (positive or negative)

[Submit your story online below, or send the information by mail to:](#)

American Society of Safety Engineers
Attn: 100th Year
1800 East Oakton Street
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Safety 2009 in San Antonio, TX - June 28 - July 1st

SAFETY 2009 features more than 225 sessions covering the full spectrum of managerial and technical topics important to attendees.

With the current economic crisis, hearing from top management levels is critical right now. This year's Executive Summit offers attendees the opportunity to gain important insights - and knowledge that can benefit you and your company's bottom line. Online registration ends June 19th, so **do it now**.



Welcome New Chesapeake Members-

We have 4 new members to celebrate this month:

- ❑ Kimberly Brown R.E. Michel Company
- ❑ Enrique Algarin Structural Preservation Systems
- ❑ Michael Barton IWIF
- ❑ Anthony Carr

We look forward to meeting you at upcoming chapter events; remember your first chapter meeting is ***free!***

COPS Newsletter Report 6/09 (Scott Lind)

Federal Update:

OSHA releases H1N1 flu guidance for employers and workers

OSHA issued worker safety and health guidance for H1N1 flu, including fact sheets on "What Employers Can Do to Protect Workers from Pandemic Influenza" ([English/Spanish](#)), "Respiratory Infection Control: Respirators Versus Surgical Masks" ([English/Spanish](#)), and "Healthcare Workplaces Classified as Very High or High Exposure Risk for Pandemic Influenza" ([English/Spanish](#)). [QuickCards™](#) were also released on "Pandemic Flu Respiratory Protection" ([English/Spanish](#)) and "How to Protect Yourself in the Workplace during a Pandemic" ([English/Spanish](#)).

OSHA announces rulemaking on combustible dust hazards

OSHA will issue an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on combustible dust hazards and convene related stakeholder meetings. The purpose is to evaluate possible regulatory methods and request data and comments on issues related to combustible dust such as hazard recognition, assessment, communication, defining combustible dust and other concerns. Visit OSHA's Safety and Health Topics Web page on [combustible dust](#) to learn more about this hazard.

OSHA convenes rulemaking panel on exposure to diacetyl

OSHA convened a [Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act](#) panel May 5 on a draft proposed rule on [occupational exposure to diacetyl and food flavorings containing diacetyl](#). The SBREFA allows for small businesses that may be affected by a proposed rule to review the proposal and provide comments before it is published in the Federal Register.

DOL releases it "Semiannual Regulatory Agenda" for OSHA on May 11, 2009

Occupational Safety and Health Administration -- Prerule Stage

| Sequence No. | Title | Regulation Identification No. |
|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 236 | Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica | 1218-AB70 |
| 237 | Occupational Exposure to Beryllium | 1218-AB76 |
| 238 | Methylene Chloride (Section 610 Review) | 1218-AC23 |
| 239 | Occupational Exposure to Diacetyl and Food Flavorings Containing Diacetyl | 1218-AC33 |

Occupational Safety and Health Administration -- Proposed Rule Stage

| Sequence No. | Title | Regulation Identification No. |
|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 240 | Confined Spaces in Construction | 1218-AB47 |
| 241 | Electric Power Transmission and Distribution; Electrical Protective Equipment | 1218-AB67 |
| 242 | Cranes and Derricks in Construction | 1218-AC01 |

| Sequence No. | Title | Regulation Identification No. |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 243 | BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS (610 REVIEW) (SECTION 610 REVIEW) | 1218-AC34 |

Maryland State Update:

MDE enacts the “Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act on May 7, 2009

The act relates to greenhouse gas emissions; requires the Department of the Environment to publish and update an inventory of statewide greenhouse gas emissions for calendar year 2006; requires the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by a specified percentage; requires the State to develop and adopt a specified plan, adopt specified regulations and implement specified programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and develop renewable energy.

Maryland enact law requiring certification of crane operators in construction and demolition work

The new law signed by the Governor on May 19, 2009 prohibits a person from operating a crane in the state for construction work or demolition work unless the person holds a Certificate of Competence; prohibits a person from authorizing the operation of a crane in the state for construction work or demolition work unless the crane operator holds a Certificate of Competence; requires a person who holds a Certificate of Competence to carry the certificate while operating.

ASSE Government Affairs Update

ASSE Protects SH&E Level Playing Field on Mold in Arkansas and Maryland

In Arkansas and Maryland, ASSE is taking a stand for all SH&E professionals by opposing legislation that would inappropriately give preference to one SH&E designation in dealing with possible risks associated with mold. In Arkansas, an ASSE [letter](#) objects to a [bill](#) that has already passed the House. In Maryland, an ASSE [letter](#) states for the record our Maryland members’ opposition to a [bill](#) even though the bill has already failed. To be clear, ASSE does not oppose CIHs doing mold work. What ASSE has consistently objected to over the years are any efforts intended to keep SH&E professionals who may have the experience and training to assess and address mold risks from doing that work. ASSE members agree that nothing in the CIH designation itself determines a unique ability to deal with mold risks. Given ASSE’s wide-ranging membership that includes CIHs, CSPs, CHMMs and every other SH&E designation – as well as members working towards such designations – it is ASSE’s purpose to protect and promote a level playing field among SH&E professionals. ASSE does not seek competitive advantages for any one group of SH&E professionals over other SH&E professionals when such an advantage is not based in professional training and experience.

Chesapeake Chapter Works With Maryland 4-H Foundation

(from the ASSE Society Update Page)



Chesapeake Chapter's ASSE booth set up in front of a tractor display.

When members of the [Chesapeake Chapter](#) were brainstorming ways to attract young college-bound people to the SH&E profession, they embraced Mike Wolf's idea to partner with the [Maryland 4-H Foundation](#). Having six children of his own, all in 4-H, Wolf suggested they focus on the agriculture safety area. On behalf of the Chesapeake Chapter, Wolf recently attended and hosted an ASSE booth at a 4-H tractor safety event. At the booth, attendees were able to pick up ASSE folders stuffed with ASSE's teen worker laminated cards and agriculture safety bulletins, and ASSE pens, key chains and magnets.

The event featured the Carroll County 4-H Tractor Operator Certification Driving Test, which is the final requirement in an 8-week tractor safety operator training program (along with a written test and a trouble shooting parts test). After passing, each youth gets a card s/he can show to potential employers. The chapter also donated 25 "Gearing Up for Safety" CDs that provide an interactive self-paced training tool used in conjunction with the 8 weeks of classroom lectures and adds a hands-on, kid-friendly aspect to the training. In addition, the chapter provided the 4-H Foundation with 18 complete AEM Agricultural Mower Operator Safety Programs, which contain a DVD, VHS, instructor's guidebook with a quiz and two manuals.



Looking for work? – check the [ASSE Nexsteps Website!](#) That's where this listing came from on 6/1/09.

| | Job Title | Company | City | State | Salary Range | Distance | Date Posted |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Manager - Industrial Hygiene (Columbia, MD) | WR GRACE | Columbia | Maryland | | | 4/1 |

ASSE Foundation Mission Statement

The [American Society of Safety Engineers Foundation](#) established by and in partnership with the American Society of Safety Engineers, generates funding and provides resources for scholarship, applied research, academic accreditation, and related academic initiatives in order to advance the safety, health, and environmental profession.

The Foundation currently supports these initiatives:

- **Fostering Future Safety and Health Professionals** - Award scholarships, internships and fellowships to students and faculty pursuing safety and health studies in accredited college and university degree programs.
- **Conducting Applied Safety Research** -Support safety and health research initiatives and publish findings that advance accident and illness prevention.

- **Expanding Accreditation of Safety and Health Curriculum** - Provide funding and direction to colleges and universities with safety degree programs seeking ASSE/ABET accreditation.

More on the ASSE Foundation can be found at asse.org/foundation

ASSE Membership Reveals Campaign Winners

Winners of ASSE's 2008-09 Member-Get-A-Member campaign were recently announced. Each winner met the deadline qualifications and was picked out of a random drawing.

First challenge: Recruit one new member by Jan. 31, 2009. Ronald Graves, CSP, of the Triad Chapter received a \$100 ASSE gift certificate.

Second challenge: Recruit three new members by Feb. 28, 2009. Yassin Darwish of the Egypt Section received a \$1,000 American Express gift card and a \$100 ASSE gift certificate. Darwish was also recognized as the member who recruited the most members—54—during the campaign, which ended on March 31.

Third challenge: Recruit four or more members by March 31, 2009. Parasuraman Sriramolu of the Kuwait Chapter received a \$1,500 American Express gift card and a \$100 ASSE gift certificate.

House of Delegates Meeting

When Friday, Jun 26, 2009

Where San Antonio, TX ([map](#))

Description For Chapter Delegates

[more details»](#) [copy to my calendar»](#)

Summer CoMRA and Board Meeting

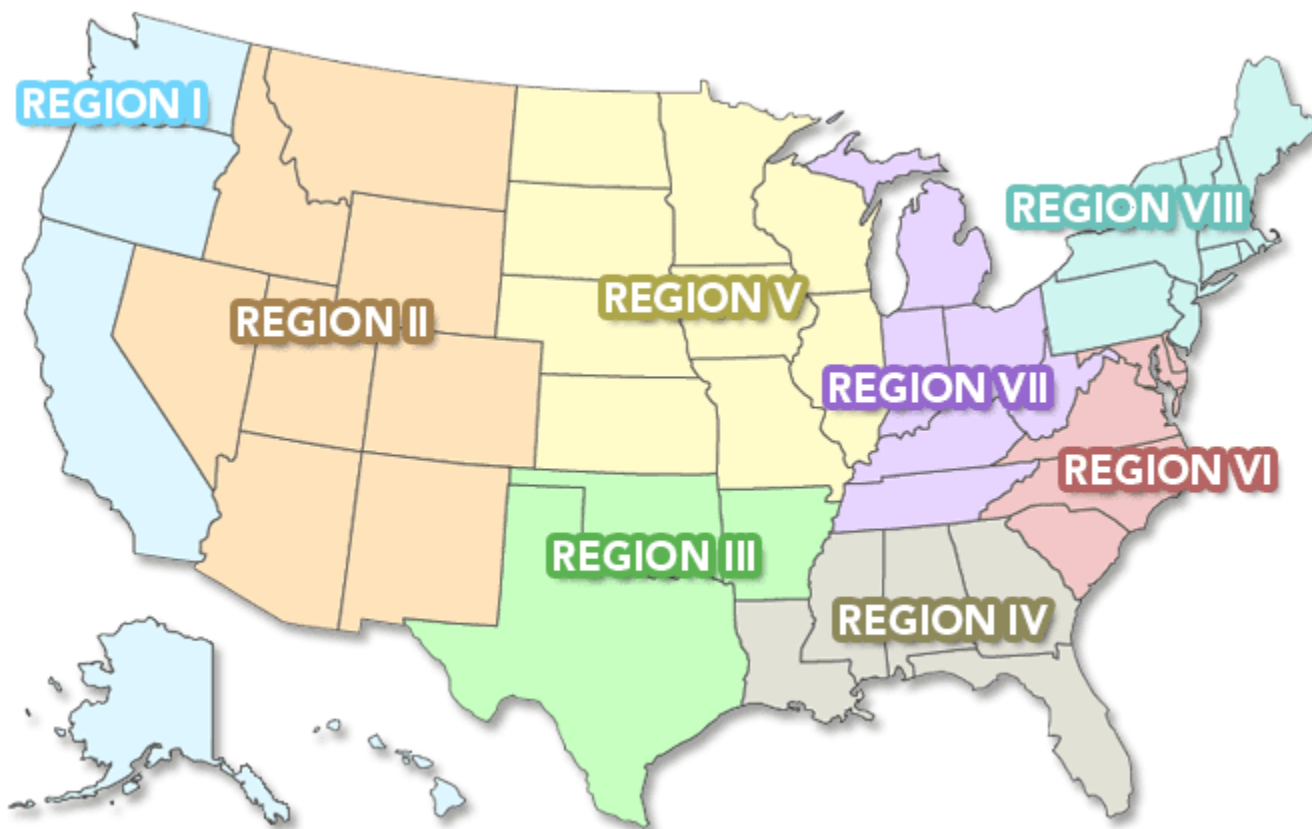
When Jun 24 – 25 2009

Where San Antonio, TX ([map](#))

Description For RVP

[more details»](#) [copy to my calendar»](#)

Regional Education



From the Regional Vice President

ASSE Region VI - from the Low Country of South Carolina to the northern reaches of the Chesapeake Bay, we are a rich resource for information about protecting people, property, and the environment. We're 15 Chapters strong and our membership is growing every day.

With the strength of ASSE's National headquarters behind us, and an active, knowledgeable, and diverse group of grass-roots leaders in each Chapter, Region VI is poised to be the "premier" region in ASSE. Some could argue that we are there already; within the last year, we have two of the three National ASSE Chapters of the Year (South Carolina, Small Chapter of the Year & Triad, and Medium Chapter of the Year).

We're active in the community, as evidenced by the Tarheel Chapter's work with Habitat for Humanity and a number of other Chapters' work with local and national Charities. Even our children got into the act, where we had two of the Kids' Poster Contest Winners for NAOSH Week! Plus, we've got the "best little conference money can buy" with our Regional Professional Development Conference in beautiful Myrtle Beach; this conference rivals many national conferences!

Toss all that in with a number of local development conferences and other training opportunities, and you can get just a glimpse of the group of professionals that are working to improve the visibility and effectiveness of safety, health, and environmental programs in the workplace and beyond. So, feel free to peruse these pages to get a taste of who we are, and if you're not already a part of us, we'd love to have you help us make our communities safer place to live and work!

Jim Morris, Region VI RVP

At present Region VI has Student Sections at:

- ❑ East Carolina University (ECU)
- ❑ North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T)
- ❑ Salisbury University, Maryland
- ❑ Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VA Tech)

Links to other ASSE Region VI 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/>

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Council on Practices and Standards: [Tom Harvey](#)

Council on Professional Development: [Steve LePock](#)

Deputy of Communications: [Bill Geddings](#)

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. Dick@lgit.org

Member Recognition

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

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

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.