

Chesapeake Chapter Past Presidents

Term	Name	Employer When President
1961-1963	Leonard Wozny Jr.*	Bethlehem Steel
1963 – 1964	Kenneth C. Robinson*	Eastern Stainless Steel
1964 – 1966	Joseph H. Shofstal	Westinghouse Electric
1966 – 1968	Paul E. Grundman	Armoco Steel
1968 – 1969	Allen E. Savage*	Bethlehem Steel
1969 – 1970	Harry R. Bahel	Bethlehem Steel
1970 – 1971	Bert W. Behringer	Westinghouse Electric
1971 – 1972	Ralph B. Wray	American Mutual Insurance
1972 – 1973	Samuel A. Clauss	Steamship Trade Association
1973 – 1974	Richard Hass	Insurance
1974 – 1975	Martin Mossa	Bethlehem Steel
1975 – 1976	John E. Russell	Maryland Casualty Insurance
1976 – 1977	Gordon M. Betz*	Western Electric
1977 – 1978	Herman J. Nordstrom	Bethlehem Steel
1978 – 1979	Leroy C. Stainbrook	Aetna Insurance
1979 – 1980	Ronald W. Tognocchi*	AAI
1980 – 1981	Philip P. Pedone	Black and Decker
1981 – 1982	Calvin L. Sproul	White Coffee Pot
1982 – 1983	Harry G. Giesey	Maryland Casualty Insurance
1983 – 1984	Henry G. Gastrich	AAI
1984 – 1985	Francis A. Valentino*	Catonsville Com. College
1985 – 1986	Thomas W. Grabowski	Bendix Field Engineering
1986 – 1987	B. Diane Cooke	Safety Council of Maryland
1987 – 1988	Richard E. Drake	Argonaut Insurance
1988 – 1989	Arthur M. Gayhardt	MOSH
1989 – 1991	Robert D. Baron	Steamship Trade Association
1991 – 1992	Joseph B. Gillian	Maryland Casualty Insurance
1992 – 1993	Emory E. Knowles	Westinghouse Electric
1993 - 1994	Stephen R. Wallace	Baltimore Gas & Electric
1994 – 1995	John E. Cribben	Maryland Insurance Group
1995 – 1996	Daniel L/ Souders	Baltimore Sun
1996 – 1997	Charles V. Pippen, Jr.	General Motors
1997 – 1998	Dominic N. Pompa	Northrup Grumman Corp.
1998 – 1999	Kenneth J. Shorter	Cherry Hill Construction
1999 – 2000	Robert M. Bianconi	National SemiConductor
1999 – 2000	Peter F. Holzberg	Montgomery Mutual Insurance
2000 – 2001	Frederick A. Miller Jr.	Guilford Pharmaceuticals
2001 – 2002	Maryellen P Harper	Aon Risk Services, Inc.
2002 – 2003	Kevin Penharlow	CIENA
2003 – 2004	Jim Lewis	MD Department Environment
2004 – 2005	Tony Ashdown	U. S. Park Service
2005 – 2006	Carrie Maragos	Northrup Grumman Corp.
2006 – 2007	Erik Ketelsen	Harford County
2007 -2008	Richard Furst	LGIT

* Deceased



Welcome to Our 45th Anniversary Luncheon

**May 14, 2008
11:30 am**

**Northrop Grumman
Historical Electronics Museum
Linthicum, Maryland**



1963 - 2008

Chesapeake Chapter 45th Anniversary Luncheon



Schedule of Events:

11:30 am Welcome/Social
12:00 noon President's Welcome & Lunch
Honoring Our Past Presidents
New Officer Induction Ceremony
Presentation of Awards
Tour

2007-2008 Chesapeake Chapter Officers:

Richard FurstPresident
Robert LawsonVice President
Joe OpauskiTreasurer
Ed HobbsSecretary

The Formation of the Chesapeake Chapter

Prior to 1960, a small group of men working in Industrial Safety in the Baltimore area and members of the Safety Engineering Club of Baltimore, expressed a desire to be associated with a nationally recognized organization that was already "light years" ahead of our philosophy and practices. This brought the group to consideration for affiliation with the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE).

For a long time, other than a number of meetings, discussion, desire and more talk, not much action took place toward reaching our goal. The first such action did take place when a small committee, consisting of Ken Robinson, Joe Gaskill and Calvin Peltó visited Philadelphia to meet with Mr. Arthur Christian who was Eastern Regional Vice President of ASSE (Region III). The committee carried with it the roster of the engineering club, with names, titles and business affiliation. After viewing the list, Mr. Christian was sympathetic to the group for its efforts, but explained that they could not qualify as a chapter because of the small percentage of qualified safety people shown on the roster. That seemed to be the end of all possibility to joining the ASSE.

However, in early 1963, Joe Gaskill and Len Wosny returned to the city of Brotherly Love, lunched with Mr. Christian and put their cards squarely on the table. They asked simply: What had to be done in Baltimore to meet ASSE requirements? Art advised us to start a new organization, consisting only of people who could qualify as safety pros to meet the ASSE requirements. He explained patiently that it would then be necessary for this group to be in existence for a year, with duly elected officers, keeping accurate minutes of regular meetings and an account of finances. At the end of one year, we were to submit a proper application for membership in ASSE as a recognized Chapter, and if all went well, we would probably be accepted. We saw a long fight ahead, but also a challenge.

Effective April 8, 1963, ASSE granted our charter. From that point on we have conducted ourselves as the Chesapeake Chapter of ASSE.

- Bert W. Behringer