

# GREATER CHICAGO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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## ASSE MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY— MAY 9, 2006

### " IDENTITY THEFT " and 2006-2007 Officer Elections

Our May presenter will be Barbara Chalko. Barbara is the Manager of the State's Treasurer, Judy Baar Topinka, Office department of Financial Education. Ms. Chalko has been with the State Treasurer's Office for the past three years; first as manager of ethnic community outreach, and then with the Financial Education Division.

Barbara will be presenting on the ever concerning and very timely topic of "Identity Theft". Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation today.

During the presentation today, information will be provided on what identity theft is, how to help prevent it, and how to remedy the situation if one becomes a victim.

Please join us for this very helpful presentation.

### Lunch and Meeting Pricing:

Advanced Registration: \$20  
Registration at the Door: \$25  
Retired Members: \$10

### Meeting Information:

11:30 am Registration  
12:00 pm Lunch  
1:00 pm Presentation  
2:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (all are welcome to attend)

**Cucina Biagio Restaurant**, 7313 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL (708-867-4641). *Directions: From Downtown, take I-90 West (toward O'Hare) to Harlem Avenue, exit South. Go approximately 1 mile to Lawrence, turn right (West) - on left side of street, about 1 block.*

**RSVP to 773-894-7065**, by May 5th and leave a message that includes your name, company name and phone number or respond directly to your Evite.



I honestly can't believe that my second term is coming to an end. It has been my pleasure to work with such a great group of volunteers. We are, "Greater Chicago" because of all of your hard work. You all made it work. I only pointed you in the right direction.

Elections will take place this month. Come out and vote, show your support for our new board members. They can always use your help on our many committees.

Congratulations go out to Leslie Batterson and Marian Synowiec. Marion is this year's recipient of the Regional SPY Award and Leslie is our Chapter SPY recipient

As always, stay safe!

Al Borzych, President—Greater Chicago Chapter President



**NEW OFFICERS ELECTIONS AT MAY 9TH MEETING**

During the May 9th General Meeting for the Greater Chicago Chapter we will be voting on the following list of officers for the 2006-2007 Chapter Year.

2006-2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF OFFICERS

Maribeth Anderson	President
Sanobeia Brima	President Elect
Todd Macumber	2nd Vice President
Mark Fifield	Secretary
Jim Smith	Treasurer
Linda Rhodes	Delegate
Marion Synowiec	Delegate

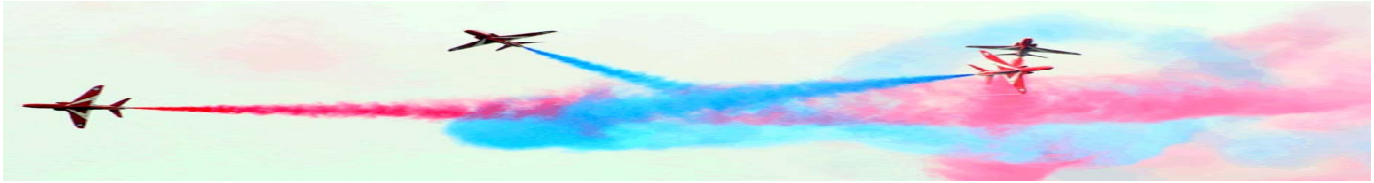
We are always looking for great people to serve on our numerous committees for the Greater Chicago Chapter, if you are interested in serving on any of the committees, please contact Al Borzych at 630-705-4600, ext. 7184 or email at: [aborzych@roman.com](mailto:aborzych@roman.com).

Some of the great committees that could always use help on are:

- Membership—Current Chair: Mary Abbatacola
- Newsletter—Current Chair: Leslie Batterson
- Asst. Newsletter Editor—Open Chair Position
- Programs—Current Chair: Allan Kaufman
- Scholarship—Open Chair Position
- Governmental Affairs—Open Chair Position as of July, 1 2006
- Web Administrator—Current Chair: Maribeth Anderson
- Asst. Web Administrator—Open Chair Position
- Assistant Financial Secretary—Current Chair: Milton Vicenteno

**IDEAS AND ASSISTANCE IS ALWAYS NEEDED!!!!**





## TEAMWORK AND SAFETY

The picture above shows why teamwork and safety are so important!

Building a working responsive safety team can be a challenge for the safety manager in many companies. The safety team should have a mission statement including a stated purpose. Each person on the safety team, should have a defined role within the team's function. The safety manager should act as an advisor and mentor.

Some of the team duties can include:

- Develop safety and health policies
- Conduct safety audits, assessments and inspections
- Conduct a safety investigation after an incident
- Participate in Job Safety Analysis
- Create employee safety awareness programs
- Help conduct or select safety training classes
- Be a safety consultant or liaison for their department
- Report any safety violations to their supervisor or safety manager
- Think outside-the-of-box for safety programs

The safety team should be required to meet on a regular basis. Encourage different members of the team to take a lead role in presenting new programs, conducting some parts of training or even taking a leadership role during the meeting. This strategy often gets them to "buy in" to the program(s). If a member is unable to attend, a replacement from the same department should attend the meeting. Attendance should be part of the minutes. Selection to the safety team should be on a volunteer basis. There can be small rewards (lunch during the meeting) for participation.

It is very important to have a member of upper management be part of the safety team. This will help demonstrate management's support for the safety program and sends a clear message of importance to each team member. Communication to the company's employees can have a key effect on the success of the safety team and what projects they undertake. Good marketing in any business venture is a key. Safety teams should consist of about 8-12 members, depending on the company size. There should be a cross section of employees from management to line workers. The safety manager should act as an advisor. It is **IMPERRATIVE** that the safety team members have safety training themselves. Company employees often consider the safety team members safety experts. This is another reason for the need of additional safety training, to understand why safety is so important. If a team member does not take the responsibility seriously they should be replaced after a reasonable time.

Ron Lundy, Safety Manager at Raco Steel, describes his safety team as follows: "Our safety committee consists of 8 to 10 people each month. In addition to a core group of 4, we have one member of executive management (there are three that rotate) and 4 different employees each month. Every employee in the shop takes a turn on the safety committee whether he wants to or not. We always find that an individual's attitude towards safety improves considerably after taking a turn on the committee and attending the meeting."

Creating an effective safety team will be a valuable asset to any company. Working on decreasing incidents will have a positive effect on decreasing worker compensation and health care costs, and show an increase in productivity. These effects can be measured and presented to upper management. In most organizations, a 10% reduction in worker's compensation cost can reflect significant dollars down to the bottom line.

If you do not have a safety team, consider starting one. Don't "FLY by the seat-of –your pants." Creating an effective team can help provide a safe environment for all your employees

Allan Kaufman, Director of The Compliance Resource Center

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## ASSE NATIONAL NEWS— CONFERENCE CALLS, MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND NAOSH WEEK

### Inspiring Behavioral Change: Beyond Auditing

Safety at its highest level positively changes skills, attitudes, decisions and actions at work and at home. For those companies that have reached a plateau or experienced pushback with auditing, there are other powerful & proven methods for making step changes in safe behaviors, habits and personal responsibility. This innovative audio conference covers practical and positive strategies and methods for effectively improving safe behaviors, heightening involvement and buy-in and preventing injuries.

Sample topics:

- \* What does it take to change behavior?
- \* Thinking critically and strategically about auditing
- \* Going beyond conventional limitations to changing behavior
- \* Dynamics of creating ownership: Doing the "right things" when no one is watching
- \* Developing kinesthetic "feel" for work and safety

To address the issue ASSE will be holding a technical audio-conference call on **May 17, 2006** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Central Time. Our featured speaker will be Robert Pater, and members who have heard him before are aware that he is a high-caliber speaker and will give a quality presentation. Robert has spoken on such calls before for ASSE and member response has been overwhelmingly positive.

The presentation will go for approximately one hour and there will around 25 minutes for questions and answers.

This program is only \$75 for members is recognized for BCSP CoC credit and includes the following:

1. A PowerPoint Presentation.
2. A quality presentation.
3. A website of technical materials.
4. The ability to submit your questions via e-mail to the speakers and moderator.
5. Following the call you will receive a CD recording of the call.

**Save the Date: May 17, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. central time**

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

### 2006-07 Member Recruitment Challenge

ASSE's [2006-07 Member-Get-a-Member Campaign](#) is underway. Sponsor as many new, full ASSE members as you can before March 31, 2007, and you could [win a trip to Hawaii](#).



### Support NAOSH Week, April 30 - May 6, 2006

The goal of the annual North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) Week is to focus the attention of employers, employees and the general public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, and to improve their understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health. Help support this effort by participating in one of the many events scheduled across the nation. Visit the [NAOSH Week website](#) for ideas on how you can get involved.

## GREATER CHICAGO CHAPTER SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR (SPY) AWARDS



Al Borzych, Greater Chicago Chapter President presenting the SPY Award to Leslie Batterson



Leslie Batterson is pictured with her Manager, Dan Redican, VP, Risk Management for Sara Lee Corporation (left) and her husband Blake Batterson (right)

On April 11, 2006, Leslie Batterson, Manager, Corporate Claims & Casualty Insurance for Sara Lee Corporation was awarded the Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) for the Greater Chicago Chapter. She was joined at the luncheon by her manager, Dan Redican, Vice President, Risk Management at Sara Lee Corporation and her husband Blake Batterson.

Leslie Batterson, CSP, CPEA has been employed by Sara Lee Corporation for over 16 years; starting in the Coffee & Tea Division and the Bakery Division in Corporate Environmental, Health and Safety roles to her current position of Manager, Corporate Claims & Casualty Insurance. Previous to Sara Lee, she worked in the Chubb Loss Control Department for three years. Leslie is a graduate of Illinois State University in Occupational Safety with an MBA from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. She has been an active member of ASSE, both with the local and national chapter since her student years at Illinois State University. She was the Chapter President in 1999-2000 and has held various positions, including the current Newsletter Editor, since that time. She has served on various National Committees, including the ASSE PDC Planning Committee, Risk Management Planning Symposium, Tellers Committee and Compensation Committee. In addition to ASSE, she has served in various leadership roles with National Safety Council—Food and Beverage Section. Her current volunteer activities include Board Member and Event Chair for Kids In Danger and also work with North Park Elementary School and Old St. Patrick's Church.

She is married to Blake Batterson and has two daughters, McKenna (9) and Hunter (6).

Congratulations Leslie from the entire Greater Chicago Executive Committee.

**Congratulations to Marion Synowiec for receiving the Region V—Safety Professional of the Year (SPY). He will be recognized by the Region V—Regional Vice President at the June 2006 Professional Development Conference in Seattle.**

**Marion will be also recognized at the May Chapter Meeting by Al Borzych.**

## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

If you would like to get immediate email updates of the full text, please contact Todd Macumber, our Governmental Affairs Chairperson. He will add you to the email distribution of all of the latest recaps for both State and Federal, as they are made available.

New Email:  
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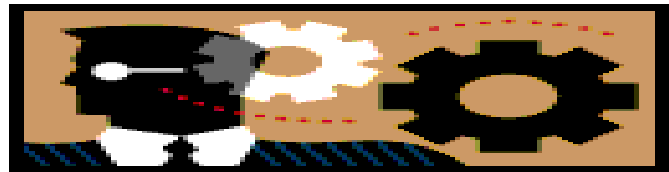
## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome new members to the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

**Michelle Brozell of ASSE**

**Charles Sheinin**

**Jason Guadagno**  
**Visteon CMC**



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION NOTICE

Please note that boundaries for the Greater Chicago Chapter have changed recently, unless you have indicated that you would like to stay in the Greater Chicago Chapter and your office or home is in the suburbs, you may be reassigned to another ASSE Chapter. Please contact ASSE at 847-699-2929 directly to verify your chapter choice or to request any Chapter Changes.

## REGISTER EARLY....

Looking for more bang for your educational buck? Look no further than ASSE's [Safety 2006](#), slated to run June 11-14 in Seattle.

Online registration for the annual professional development conference and exposition opens December 15. In addition to 200 concurrent education sessions, the Executive Summit, technical tours, roundtable discussions, and a selection of pre- and post-conference seminars, this year's conference will also feature the 2006 International Fall Protection Symposium, sponsored by the International Society for Fall Protection. Look for your advance brochure in the mail this month.

Sign up now at: [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org) for early registration fees...

COME ENJOY ANOTHER FABULOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE!!

