

**GREATER CHICAGO
CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER**



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ASSE NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY— May 8, 2007

“Shedd Aquarium Behind the Scenes Tour”



There is still a couple of spots left for the Shedd Aquarium FREE Tour on Tuesday, May 8th 2007.

Will meet down at the Shedd Aquarium, starting at 9:30. The ASSE Group will be meeting at the Group Entrance. Parking is available in associated lots or parking meters. The Shedd can also be accessed by numerous Public Transportation routes. During the tour, we will be conducting the Election Ballot and voting process.

For more details and reservations, please contact Maribeth Anderson ASAP at 773-894-7065.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING AND LUNCHEON AFTER THE SHEDD AQUARIUM. The executive team will be having a conference call later in the week.

Last Greater Chicago Chapter Meeting, until Summer break is June 12th—HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL A MEETING SOON. Come out and meet your new Executive Team.

A special thank you to our folks during the April Meeting.

“On April 4th the ASSE Greater Chicago Chapter sent an Evite Invitation, for our April 10th meeting, to Chapter members. At our meeting, we had a very informative presentation on the subject of THE DYNAMICS OF FLEET SAFETY. This slide presentation was given by a team of two of our Chapter members: Allan Kaufman, our Chapter’s Program Chair and Maribeth Anderson, our Chapter President. Mr. Kaufman is also the President of the Compliance Resource Center. Ms. Anderson is also the Project Administrator, Safety for the Department of Aviation at O’Hare International Airport. Both speakers covered successful fleet management essentials. They also included up to date, innovative ideas regarding this subject as well as examples of recent actual situations to stress some key points of the information given. There was considerable informal interaction, between the speakers and the attendees at the meeting, and the overall meeting went very well.”

Dear Chapter Members,

Thank you to all members who took the time to vote and congratulations all of the new Board Members and Jim Weaver our Region Vice President. There were many qualified contenders and it is refreshing to know that so many people are willing to volunteer their time to advance our profession.

As I am finalizing this note, I will be leaving for the Regional Operating Committee to represent our Chapter that is being sponsored by the Quad Cities Chapter. I have received some positive feedback from the members, which I will present.

Don't forget that we will be hosting a tour at the SHEDD Aquarium on May 8th. Right now there are only 6 spots left for the tour! Those who have already registered will be contacted during the week of April 23rd with the final details. Our Chapter voting will be occurring in the next week. If you can not attend the meeting, please watch for an email to cast your vote.

Many of you have called or emailed to ask how Al Borzych is. I am happy to say that I spoke with him this week and he sounds great! Only a few weeks ago, he received a double-transplant. He has been working hard to gain his strength back. Al has such a positive attitude and is certainly one of a kind! Keep going Al, we can't wait to have you back at the meetings!

As always, I want to thank the members and their guests for coming to our monthly meetings, it is always nice to meet with you! I would like to express a special thanks to Allan Kaufman and Leslie Batterson who donate a lot of time behind the scene to prepare speakers and the information that we provide to each of you.

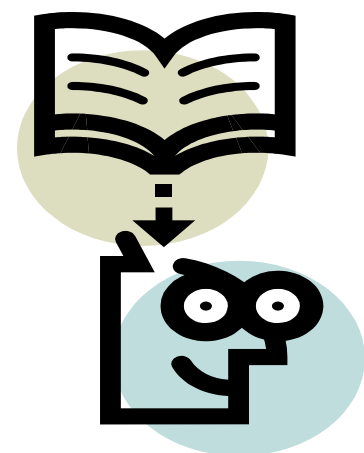
See you at the next meeting!

IT'S ELECTION TIME FOR AND THE GREATER CHICAGO CHAPTER

During the May 8th General Meeting for the Greater Chicago Chapter we will be voting on the following list of officers for the 2007-2008 Chapter Year.

2007 - 2008 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS SLATE

President	Maribeth Anderson
1st Vice President	Todd Macumber
2nd Vice President	Milton Vicenteno
Secretary	Mark Fifield or Paul Perrino
Treasurer	Jim Smith
Delegate	Al Borzych
Delegate	Marion Synowiec



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2007-2008 CHAPTER YEAR— YES, WE NEED YOU....

If anyone is interested in serving on the Executive Committee above, please contact Al Borzych at 847-468-0325 or email at: aborzych@msn.com. Additionally, 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 Maribeth Anderson at 773-894-7065 or email at: manderson@ohare.com.



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

ASSE 100th Anniversary Chapter Committee	Current Chair: Rich Moscato
Membership	Current Chair: Mary Abbatacola
Newsletter	Current Chair: Leslie Batterson (Open position for 2007-2008)
Asst. Newsletter Editor	Open Chair Position
Programs	Current Chair: Allan Kaufman
Scholarship	Open Chair Position
Governmental Affairs	Current Chair: Todd Macumber
Web Administrator	Current Chair: Maribeth Anderson
Asst. Web Administrator	Open Chair Position
Assistant Financial Secretary	Current Chair: Milton Vicenteno

ASSE MAY AND JUNE TECHNICAL CONFERENCE CALLS SIGN UP NOW THROUGH WWW.ASSE.ORG

[The New ANSI A10.46 Standard](#)

May 2, 2007 - 11am-12:30pm CST

There are an estimated half million-construction workers exposed to hazardous levels of noise. On Wednesday, May 2 at 11:00 AM CDT, ASSE will present a special Technical Conference Call on the ANSI/ASSE A10.46-2007 standard. This standard provides necessary recommendations for preventing hearing loss in construction and demolition operations.

The ANSI/ASSE A10.46-2007 standard is one of a series of standards that focus on construction and demolition operations. It was approved by ANSI on March 5, 2007. The standard is intended to help employers prevent occupational hearing loss among construction and demolition workers and applies to all construction and demolition workers with potential noise exposures (continuous, intermittent and impulse) of 85 decibels, A-weighted (dBA) and above. ASSE serves as the secretariat for the A10 Accredited Standards Committee on construction and demolition operations.

Scott Schneider is the Director of Occupational Safety and Health for the Laborers' Health & Safety Fund of North America in Washington D.C. Scott is national respected SH&E professional with extensive experience in construction and demolition operations. Scott is a long-time active member of the ANSI Accredited A10 Standards Committee (ASC) for Construction and Demolition Operations and serves as the Chair of the A10.46 Subgroup for Hearing Loss Prevention.

Walter Jones is the Assistant Director of Occupational Safety and Health for the Laborers' Health & Safety Fund of North America in Washington D.C. Walter is also a nationally respected SH&E professional with extensive experience in construction and demolition operations. Walter is an active member of the ANSI Accredited A10 Standards Committee (ASC) for Construction and Demolition Operations. Walter served on the A10.46 Subgroup for Hearing Loss Prevention and served as a significant technical resource during creation of the standard.

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Roles, Responsibilities and Activities of Managers and Supervisors for Maximizing Safety and Health Performance

May 16 , 2007 - 11am-12:30pm CST

In organizations that attain safety and health performance excellence, senior managers, middle managers, first line supervisors and safety professionals are equally engaged in the management of safety and health. Their roles, responsibilities, and activities are clearly defined and executed with zeal and precision. This ASSE Technical Conference Call will discuss how management effectively manages safety and health in the safest companies in the US and abroad. This webinar is designed for the safety and health professional and the entire management team.

Objectives:

- To review the cold hard facts about effective safety management.
- To clearly delineate roles of senior managers, middle managers, first line supervisors and safety and health professionals necessary for the attainment of safety performance excellence.
- To discuss specific activities that need to be engaged in by senior managers, middle managers, first line supervisors to facilitate a safety culture change.

Samuel J. Gualardo M.A.,C.S.P., President of National Safety Consultants, Inc. is a nationally recognized expert in safety management. He serves on the faculty for Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Dupont Safety Resources, the American Society of Safety Engineers and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Mr. Gualardo holds a B.S. in Safety Management and a M.A. Degree in Labor/Industrial Relations. He is also a Certified Safety Professional. Mr.Gualardo is a distinguished past National President of the American Society of Safety Engineers. In 2004, Mr.Gualardo was nominated by the American Society of Safety Engineers as a candidate to serve as the Assistant Secretary of Labor as head of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. In 2006, he was again nominated by ASSE to serve as a Deputy Director under the Assistant Secretary of Labor-OSHA. He currently serves as a member of the board of directors for the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.

Strategies in Investigative Photography for SH&E Professionals

May 24, 2007 - 11am-12:30pm CST

Many safety professionals are required to use photography as part of investigations and are called upon to testify to photography in legal proceedings. Understanding what it takes to be credible during a legal proceeding and gaining the skills needed to become competent in investigative photography are necessary for many SH&E professionals. On Thursday, May 24, John Wenzel will present Strategies in Investigative Photography for SH&E Professionals in an ASSE Webinar.

John Wenzel is a recognized expert in the field of Investigative Photography. He is the founder of Precision Image Photography Company (1999). He has testified to investigative photographs in hundreds of legal cases. Mr. Wenzel has served as an Occupational Safety and Health Compliance Officer and regional Supervisor with the State of Maryland. He has also served as a Senior Safety Specialist and Instructor for the United States Department of Defense and has taught at the University of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, Washington College, Harford Community College and several professional organizations. He currently teaches for Anne Arundel Community College and the US Department of Defense.

OSHA Electrical Safety: New Federal Standard for Electrical Installation

June 6, 2007 - 11am-12:30pm CST

The new OSHA Electrical Standard will significantly impact SH&E professionals and the practice of the profession in regard to electrical safety. On Wednesday, June 6th, at 11:00 AM CST David Wallis of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will give a presentation addressing the new Federal Standard for Electrical Installation, which becomes effective on August 13, 2007.

A media release distributed by OSHA on 2/13/2007 stated:

"The revised standard strengthens employee protections and adds consistency between OSHA's requirements and many state and local building codes which have adopted updated National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and National Electrical Code provisions."

Changes to OSHA's general industry electrical installation standard focus on safety in the design and installation of electric equipment in the workplace. The updated standard includes a new alternative method for classifying and installing equipment in Class I hazardous locations; new requirements for ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and new provisions on wiring for carnivals and similar installations.

The presenter will be Mr. David Wallis. David is the Director of the Office of Engineering Safety, and has been with OSHA for over 30 years. David is a well regarded SH&E professional and has significant experience with both safety engineering and the creation/implementation of public policy.

FIRE SAFETY—TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING

It's that time of year when we can shed the winter hats, coats and gloves and focus on cleaning up and renewing our fire safety plans. According to the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA), a structure fire is reported every 62 seconds and a fire death occurs every two hours and 23 minutes. Are you prepared in the event of a fire? This year, the [Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association](#) encourages everyone to focus on rituals that will improve fire safety in the workplace.

Do some spring cleaning and take stock of storage areas and discard unneeded packaging, cardboard and paper. Sweep storage areas, server rooms, stockrooms and properly store hazardous materials. Make sure exit ways aren't blocked and clear areas at least three feet from electrical equipment and heat sources. Check your fire extinguishers. Make sure there are fire extinguishers located throughout your workplace and inspect pressure gauges to make sure they are fully charged. If they are not charged, contact a local fire equipment service company in your phone book to help you. Around your work area, assess where the closest fire extinguisher is located, as well as the standpipe fire hose station. Make sure they appear to be operational and not tampered with.

Focus on education and provide employees with information on how to use important fire equipment at <http://www.fireextinguisher.com/>, <http://www.rackhosetraining.com/> and <http://www.firesystemstraining.org>.

Take the time to learn about the critical role fire extinguishers play in fire safety: Download printable materials on fire extinguishers and post them in a central location at work. You may even consider hosting a fire safety training event with the local fire department. They can hold actual fire extinguisher demonstrations upon request.

The Role of Fire Extinguishers

Each year, there are approximately 1.6 million fires reported in the United States. These fires cause 3,600 deaths, 18,000 injuries, and \$10.7 billion in property damage every year, according to NFPA.

[Portable fire extinguishers](#) can mean the difference between life and death — a single flame and a tragedy. When a fire is put out in the first three minutes, lives are saved and property loss is minimized. A portable fire extinguisher is your first defense against fire when it is small, contained and everyone is safe.

While fire extinguishers are inexpensive and do not take up much space, they do require that you know how to use one properly and that they be inspected every year to ensure they are still serviceable. Take notice if a fire extinguisher appears to be tampered with or damaged at work. Call a local fire extinguisher maintenance company to inspect the unit. Portable fire extinguishers are an inexpensive insurance policy that hopefully will never be used. But when a fire strikes, it is not the time to learn how to use one. Use the spring cleaning season as the time to focus on basic fire safety rituals. Also take a moment for fire extinguisher education. It could save your life.



NAOSH Week is a Powerful Tool We Can Use to Educate Others on the Importance of Preventing Injury and Illness in the Workplace

Help us increase awareness of the importance of occupational safety, health and the environment and the SH&E profession during the May 6-12 North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week and the May 9 Occupational Safety and Health Professional (OSHP) Day. This note contains a list of tools you can use to get the word out, to hold a local activity, to contact your media and more. You can also go to www.asse.org/naosh07 to access information from prior NAOSH events, past award winners, to add your events and to nominate a NAOSH 07 Champion who will be recognized at the ASSE PDC- Safety 2007. This year's theme is all modes of transportation safety.

We need to keep raising awareness of just how important it is to be able to work in a safe environment and for workers and employers to look to those in our profession for answers on how businesses can protect their workers and how employees can work safely.

On Monday, May 7, ASSE will be host to NAOSH 07 national kick-off events in Washington, D.C. We will also review the strong messages ASSE member children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, have developed on workplace safety in the posters sent in for the fifth annual ASSE kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest as we honor the winners and participants. These messages include: "Moms and Dads of America, Come Home Safe Every Night!" "Think Safe, Be Safe" "Seatbelts Aren't Magic, They are Fastenating (sic)!" "Please Work Safe, We Love You" "Make the Right Choice" "Focus on Safety For Us" "Safety First! -- Safety Never Takes a Holiday!" "Short Cuts Cut Life Short!" Being safe at work matters to these children and it's a message they will remember as they move through elementary, junior high, high school, college and into the working world.

So join us as we continue to get the word out. No activity is too small or too big for NAOSH Week and OSHP Day. We thank you not only for helping, but for all you do. NAOSH Week and OSHP Day are for you. Contact ASSE PR Manager Diane Hurns, dhurns@asse.org, Joanna Climer, jeclimer@asse.org, or Sarajenie Smith, ssmith@asse.org for information and if you need any of the tools mailed to you. Here are some of the NAOSH tools and their web links:

- ASSE President Donald S. Jones Sr., P.E., CSP, Editorial
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/tools.php>
ASSE Preventing Roadway Crashes Brochure (downloadable and available for mailing)
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/tools.php>
Draft NAOSH Proclamation & Draft NAOSH Proclamation Request Letter
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/tools.php>
Mass Transit Safety – For Customers & Employees – presentation paper
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/tools.php>
NAOSH Poster (available for mailing)
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/docs/NAOSH07PosterSm22107.pdf>
NAOSH Poster Contest Winners News Release –
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/release.php?pressRelease=796>
NAOSH Transportation Safety Tool News Release
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/media.php>
NAOSH/Transportation Letter to the Editor (You can personalize and request media lists from ASSE PR and/or we can send it out for you)
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/tools.php>
OSHP Day News Release
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/media.php>
TransActions – Special NAOSH Transportation Practice Specialty Newsletter
http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/transactions_naosh_issue.php
What is the Safety Profession?
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/tools.php>
What is NAOSH Week?
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh07/whatis.php>
Go to www.asse.org/naosh07 for more tools you can use and to nominate a NAOSH Champion.

Welcome new members to the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting

Joe Frydenger
Montgomery Watson Harza

T C Gilchrest

Jake Govorchin
Walsh Construction

William Mahon
Principal

Steve Mills
Sears Holding Corporation

Jorge Navarro
Schulze and Burch Biswit Co.

Jodee Nodsle
Sears Holding Corporation



To our Chapter Members:

Our Greater Chicago Chapter has established an ASSE 100th Anniversary chapter committee this year. The committee's overall goal is to help prepare us to join in this celebration in many ways. This includes documenting our chapter's history and accomplishments over the years and to give back to all our members something of value, in commemoration of this great event.

We will keep you informed of our progress and we definitely welcome any ideas or comments you may have on this subject. Please feel free to contact me, or any member of the committee, with your thoughts. When you do so, we ask that you please put in the Subject line of your e-mail "ASSE 100th Anniversary", so your message can receive prompt attention. For your convenience, following is a list of our Chapter Committee members and e-mail addresses.

Rich Moscato, CSP Chapter Committee Chair

ASSE to Celebrate 100th Anniversary in Chicago

ASSE will hold its 100th year anniversary celebration in Chicago in June 2011.

ASSE was founded in October 1911 in New York City after the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire in which 146 female garment workers died. Many were trapped in the factory and others jumped to their deaths from the ninth floor. The fire exit doors were locked and, reportedly, the only safety measures available for the workers were 27 buckets of water.

"For us, the oldest and largest professional safety society, to have our 100th year anniversary celebration in Chicago is a great way to commemorate the great strides the profession has made over the years," says ASSE President Donald S. Jones, P.E., CSP. "Like Chicago, ASSE continues to grow and become stronger. Our members from around the globe continue to impact our economy in a positive way as well as increase the quality of life for all by working to make sure workers return home from work every day safely and without injury."