Chapter Events Calendar

August Event
No events are scheduled due to the Summer Break. Have a great Summer!

September Meeting
To be determined and posted later!
Date:
Time:
Location:
Cost: Members: ; Non-members: ; Students:
Topic/Speaker:
Registration: Follow Instructions on the included Brochure.

October Meeting
To be determined and posted later!
Date:
Time:
Location:
Cost: Members: ; Non-members: ; Students:
Topic/Speaker:
Registration: Follow Instructions on the included Brochure.

November Meeting
To be determined and posted later!
Date:
Time:
Location:
Cost: Members: ; Non-members: ; Students:
Topic/Speaker:
Registration: Follow Instructions on the included Brochure.
**December Meeting**
To be determined and posted later!

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Location:**

**Cost:** Members: ; Non-members: ; Students:

**Topic/Speaker:**

**Registration:** Follow Instructions on the included Brochure.

**Event Registration**
You can register for the event(s) using one of two (2) ways:

1. Register through the ASSE WPA website and pay at the door; OR
2. Call the hotline at 412-281-1885, leave your name, the number of people attending and a phone number where we can call you back in case of questions.

**Future Program Ideas**
It’s never too late to think about topics for future programs - please give it some thought and let us know what you’re interested in hearing about. Forward any ideas on speakers or topics to Andrew Longacre, Programs & Arrangements Chairperson at alongacre@acraneusa.com or any of our other Executive Board Volunteers listed at the end of the Newsletter.

**2nd Annual Western PA Joint Professional Development Conference (PDC) & Joint PDC Planning Committee Invitation - Thursday, October 16, 2014 at IUP**
The event is planned and registration is open. You can review the Brochure at the end of this newsletter and also at ShowClix at: [http://www.showclix.com/event/SecondAnnualWesternPAA SSEJointPDC](http://www.showclix.com/event/SecondAnnualWesternPAA SSEJointPDC).

**Chapter Event Summary**
(This section will be to summarize the monthly Chapter Events such Technical Meetings, tours, outings, and other events of the local chapter.)

**July & August Meetings**
Off for the Summer – back in September
Chapter News
This section dedicated to news related to the chapter concerning recognition and achievements. Send all articles or news to the Editor for publication.

Congratulations to the 2014-2015 Executive Board
The election results are in and the 2014-2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015) Executive Board is:
President: Joe Kopko
Vice President: Andrew Longacre
Secretary: Jeff Durand
Treasurer: Mike Meneely
Delegate: Aaron Cameron
Delegate: Carl Heinlein
Delegate: Wayne Vanderhoof
A special thank you to Mary Hoerster who is stepping down following consecutive terms as treasurer.
The new officers officially assumed their duties starting on July 1

Congratulations to our newly elected officials!

Positive Results from the ASSE Annual PDC – Orlando (June 8-11)!

HOD Meeting: As Delegates for Western PA, Wayne Vanderhoof, Fran Sehn and Aaron Cameron represent this chapter at the House of Delegates (HOD) meeting. Carl Heinlein has was elected as a Delegate for this 2014-15 chapter year. Join us in thanking Fran Sehn for his time as Delegate. He stepped down this year to concentrate on his role as the administrator for the Risk Management practice specialty.

The major focus in this year’s HOD meeting was the proposed governance model, which was approved in a 166 to 31 vote. Before approving the measure, delegates discussed various issues related to the proposed changes, including the need to ensure that members are truly represented on the board, the role of a public director and the influence of chapters. Other discussion points included the implementation plan, the need for regular review to ensure that the governance structure continues to meet the Society’s needs and how the changes will affect board costs. By approving the ASSE bylaws with the governance change, the HOD also authorized ASSE’s Board of Directors to implement the changes. The key differences are as follows:

- Decrease Board of Directors from 16 to 10 members
- Add one public member
- Elect 8 BOD members Society-wide
- Separate governance function from operations function
- Expand regions (anticipated) for additional chapter support
- Operate practice specialties and common interest groups more transparently

More information can be found on the ASSE website at [www.asse.org/restructure](http://www.asse.org/restructure).
**GOLD Award:** Representatives from your Western PA chapter accepted the GOLD award at this year’s chapter recognition luncheon. This award is given each year for those chapters whose performance warrants such an honor. The criteria includes our ability to not only meeting basic level chapter standards to maintain our charter, but extends to our ability to hold technical/educational meetings, volunteer in our community and support our student sections and our profession.

![ASSE Gold Level Award 2012-2013](image)

**Foundation:** The Western PA chapter, proudly representing our 2 student sections, presented ASSE Foundation with a check for $3500 to start an endowed scholarship. This money, which was presented during the HOD meeting, came as a direct result of the profits made from the Joint PDC held at Slippery Rock University in October 2013. There were 87 professionals and 136 students in attendance. This money will be managed by the ASSE Foundation for the benefit of students at both Universities. To start awarding scholarships on our behalf, the Foundation requires a $30k fund, which will require several more Joint PDCs and additional support from the professional members of the Western PA chapter. The next Joint PDC will be held at Indiana University of Pennsylvania on Thursday, October 16, 2014. Save the Date!

**Outstanding Student Section Award (OSSA):** As a result of our work with the student sections at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Slippery Rock University, and with special thanks to our Student Section Liaison Pam Walaski and IUP Faculty Advisor Tracey Cekada, Indiana University of Pennsylvania was awarded the Outstanding Student Section Award for 2013-14. It recognizes and encourages the activities of established ASSE Student Sections and honors the Section making the most significant contributions toward the advancement of excellence in safety education and research. A $6,000 award and plaque is presented by Mine Safety Appliances Co. to the school in honor of the selected Student Section. This award was presented as the 1st order of business at this year’s HOD meeting by outgoing President Kathy Seabrook. President of the IUP student section Elliot Laratonda was on hand to accept the award on behalf of his section. You can find more information about the award and IUP’s complete application package at [http://www.asse.org/membership/OSSA.php](http://www.asse.org/membership/OSSA.php). IUP won the same award for the 2009-2010 chapter year.
Chapter Member News

This section dedicated to news related to members concerning professional development, published articles, new positions within the local chapter, regional, and/or national ASSE and other accomplishments. Send all articles or news to the Editor for publication.

Council on Practices and Standards Safety Professional of the Year Award

Pam Walaski, CSP, CHMM

The winner of this year’s Council on Practices and Standards Safety Professional of the Year Award is Pam Walaski. The Consultants Practice Specialty was very pleased to nominate Pam Walaski for the Council on Practice and standard’s Safety Professional of the year award for 2013. Pam has done an outstanding job as Administrator of the Consultants Practice Specialty with many accomplishments including the development of the on line Consultants Directory and one of three editors of the book becoming an effective SH&E Consultant. Pam is a well-respected and regarded SH&E Professional who has gone out of her way to assist and mentor new and incoming safety professionals. Pam has consistently stepped forward to volunteer her time for ongoing CoPS related initiatives such as the Body of Knowledge and the upcoming digital expansion program for our publications. Pam has as coordinated section on emergency response in the Safety Professional Handbook and authored a chapter in the Cost Analysis and Budgeting for Emergency Response. Pam’s diligent work and tireless effort has benefited ASSE for many years and has been a presenter for the Professional Development conference for many years. Pam is also active with standards development as a member of the United States TAG to ISO for the PC283 Committee creating a global standard for occupational health and safety management systems. Pam is well respected within the Council for her leadership and is well deserving of this award.

Student Section

Congratulations to the IUP Student Section

The Student Section at IUP has been awarded the 2014 ASSE Outstanding Student Section Award this year. More information will follow about the award and how the Student Section won this award. Thank you to the...
guidance and patience of Dr. Tracey L. Cekada, CSP, CHSP, Associate Professor, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Safety Sciences Department.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) Student Chapter Exec Board (2014-2015)
[Advisor Tracey Cekada, D.Sc, CHSP, CSP, Assistant Professor, Safety Sciences Department, IUP]
- President –
- VP –
- Treasurer –
- Secretary –
- Social Chair –

Slippery Rock University (SRU) Student Chapter Exec Board (2014-2015)
[Advisor Angela Mattis Bernardo, Ph.D., CSP, Assistant Professor, Department of Health and Safety, SRU]
- President:
- VP:
- Secretary:
- Treasurer:

Student Sponsors
Students enrolled in Safety Sciences are the future of our profession. The Executive Committee and Chairs are continuing the effort to develop linkages and outreach with the two Student Sections at IUP and Slippery Rock. The current policy is to allow Student Section members from either school attend our monthly technical meetings for free. The chapter absorbs this cost in our operating budget. You can help the chapter by sponsoring a student or two and pay their meeting fee. If you or your company would be willing to do this, please get in touch with Pam Walaski, CSP, CHMM – pwalaski@complianceplace.com or Jackie Kuntz, ASHM – jackie@rjrsafety.com.

Opportunities to Assist Students
As many of you know, our Professional Chapter sponsors two Student Sections at Indiana University and Slippery Rock University. For this Program Year, Jackie Kuntz and I have taken on the role of Student Section Liaisons and have been working with the faculty sponsors to identify how we can best work together. We have developed several goals for this year, one of which involves Professional members providing opportunities to assist students to prepare for graduation and professional work. This can be done through a variety of activities, including work-shadowing and internships; small group tours of member worksites; research projects; mock interviews; and resume practice.

We understand many of you perform these types of tasks as part of the organization you work for or because you are alumni of one of the schools. We are looking to expand this process and are looking for volunteers who are interested in engaging with a student(s) in some way. As safety professionals, we all understand the need to give back to our profession and to reach back and pull along the next generation who will continue the good work we do every day.

We know there are many demands on your time and we promise to make the commitment as minimal as possible and to work within your scheduling constraints. Please give this your best consideration and let Jackie or I know if you think you can help.

Thanks in advance!
Pam Walaski, CSP, CHMM – pwalaski@complianceplace.com
Jackie Kuntz, ASHM – jackie@rjrsafety.com
Local News and Events
(This section is for news and events of local importance and should be forwarded to the newsletter editor for inclusion.)

Article in PGH Post- Gazette
An article was published online May 06, 2014 in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Power Source titled “Energy Companies Study the Role of Human Behavior in Safety”. There were a few members of this local chapter that provided information for the article. The link to the article is: http://powersource.post-gazette.com/powersource/features-powersource/2014/05/06/Human-factors/stories/201405060008.

Welcome to New Members!!!
(Information on new members should be sent to Carl Heinlein, Membership Chairperson.)

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A quick reminder of the ASSE Member Tools
- Nexsteps Career Center: http://www.nexsteps.org/
- Update Your Membership Information: http://www.asse.org/about/addresschange.php
- Social Media: http://www.asse.org/connect/
- New Membership: http://www.asse.org/membership/newmember.php

Career Opportunities
Local Chapter Website (http://wpa-asse.com)
If you’re looking for a change in scenery, please take the time to check out our chapter website under the ‘Jobs’ tab. If you have job openings you would like to post on the chapter website, please contact our website administrator Wayne Vanderhoof at wayne@rjrsafety.com.
**ASSE Career Opportunity Website (www.nexsteps.org)**

Whether you are seeking a job in the safety profession, or an employer looking for that perfect candidate to fill your safety related positions, Nexsteps is the website for you! As you might expect, the opportunities for careers in safety are virtually limitless. With just a few clicks of the mouse, job seekers can easily post their resume on Nexsteps for employers to view, and receive automated notifications when jobs are available that match your interests. There is no cost to post your resume or search available positions. Employers can post listings for available positions, search resumes online and setup a resume agent to alert you when new resumes are posted that match your criteria. Job posting prices vary - details can be found at www.nexsteps.org.

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Feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board with ideas, questions, comments and concerns.

**Editorial Note:** The monthly newsletter will be published electronically – posted on the chapter website – during the third week of each month. Therefore, all material to be placed in the newsletter for the month needs to be in the email mailbox of this editor at wayne@rjrsafety.com by the 15th of each month, if not earlier.

Thank you,
Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP
CONFERENCE FEATURES

- Both a Professional or Student Track to choose from
- Excellent learning opportunity
- Continuing education credits (CEU’s)
- Networking and career mentoring opportunities
- Vendor displays
- Lunch & refreshments included
- Door prizes at conference closing

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Thursday, October 16, 2014
# ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- **Teresa Cole**, CSP, CSHM, Senior Regional Safety Director, First Student
- **William M. Conwell**, Attorney at Law, Schwartz Campbell
- **Tim Cotter**, Division Administrator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Pennsylvania Division
- **Dave Heidorn**, JD, Manager, Government Affairs and Policy—American Society of Safety Engineers
- **Dr. Laura Helmrich-Rhodes**, CSP, Associate Professor, Safety Sciences Department, Indiana University of PA
- **Del Kubeldis**, MS, CIH, CSP, ARM, Senior Loss Control Consultant, Willis of PA
- **Robert Leonard**, Director, Corporate EHS-II-VI, Incorporated
- **Eric Nelson**, CSP, Instructor, Safety Sciences Department, Indiana University of PA; Partner, Steel City Safety
- **Julius Rhodes**, SPHR, Founder & Principal, mpr group
- **Rona Smek**, CSP, Instructor, Department of Safety Management, Slippery Rock University
- **Eric M. Stager**, ASSE Regional VIII Vice President
- **Wayne Vanderhoof**, CSP, President, RJR Safety, Inc.
- **Jessica Trybus**, Senior Special Faculty, Carnegie Mellon University; CEO, Etcetera Edutainment

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# CONFERENCE NOTES

**Location:** Kovalchick Center, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.  
**Campus Address:** 711 Pratt Drive; Indiana, PA, 15705  
**Parking:** Limited parking is available on the side of the Kovalchick Center for vendors and sponsors. Additional parking is located on Wayne Avenue, across from the Kovalchick Center.

### STILL SEEKING SPONSORS AND VENDORS!

If you would like to help sponsor the event, please contact Angela Bernardo, Tracey Cekada or Pam Walaski

**Special thanks to:** AmeriSafe, ASSE’s Regional Operating Committee for Region VIII, the Western PA Chapter of ASSE, and the Student Chapters of ASSE at SRU and IUP for being early sponsors of this event!