Presidents Message
(Adapted from an email dated 09/04/2014)

… I would like to… introduce your new chapter officers, I will be your chapter president for the year, Andrew Longacre is our chapter vice president, Jeff Durand is our secretary, and Brad August is our new treasurer.

Over the past few months I have received a number of inquiries for activities and events to come to our chapter, and I want to ensure we provide as much opportunity to development yourself as a professional. However organizing and planning these events takes coordination and volunteers, so please continue to voice your interests and ideas, and please be prepared to assist us in making those a reality.

My final note is simple; our goal, and more importantly our obligation is to prevent injuries, and minimize risk. Over the next year, many of our focus discussions and monthly topics will be prevention driven. Let's utilize these to raise the bar, and quality of life for the tens of thousands of people we directly and indirectly affect with our work.

Take care, I look forward to working with each of you!

Joseph A. Kopko, MS, CSP
ASSE WPA Chapter President
Chapter Events Calendar

Can also be viewed on the Chapter website by clicking here.

October Meeting
2nd Annual Western PA Joint Professional Development Conference (PDC) & Joint PDC Planning Committee Invitation - Thursday, October 16, 2014 at IUP
Please review the information and attached brochure below.

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: http://www.showclix.com/event/SecondAnnualWesternPAASSEJointPDC .
View the event Brochure here.
Northern OH ASSE Chapter Meeting, Oct. 22, 2014
Pam Walaski, Regional Manager - EHS Services at Compliance Management International will be speaking on the topic of "ISO45001 - What You Need to Know Now". The event will be held in Bedford Heights, OH. View the event Brochure here.

Northern OH ASSE Chapter Meeting, Nov. 18, 2014
Topic "SafetyDNA: The Key to Reducing Exposure in Your Organization"
Speaker: Esteban Tristan, PhD - Safety Practice Manager - Select International
The event will be held in Boardman, OH. View the event Brochure here.

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.)

September Meeting
Networking event

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!

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.
Student Section

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.)

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

A quick reminder of the ASSE Member Tools

- Update Your Membership Information: [http://www.asse.org/about/addresschange.php](http://www.asse.org/about/addresschange.php)
- Social Media: [http://www.asse.org/connect/](http://www.asse.org/connect/)

Career Opportunities

Local Chapter Website ([http://wpa-asse.com](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](http://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](http://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@rjsafety.com by the 15th of each month, if not earlier.

Thank you,
Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP