February 2015

Presidents Message

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

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

February Meeting
To be determined and posted later!
Date:
Time:
Location:
Cost: Members: ; Non-members: ; Students:
Topic/Speaker:
Registration:

March Meeting
To be determined and posted later!
Date:
Time:
Location:
Cost: Members: ; Non-members: ; Students:
Topic/Speaker:
Registration:
April Meeting
To be determined and posted later!
Date:
Time:
Location:
Cost: Members: ; Non-members: ; Students:
Topic/Speaker:
Registration:

May Meeting
To be determined and posted later!
Date:
Time:
Location:
Cost: Members: ; Non-members: ; Students:
Topic/Speaker:
Registration:

June Meeting
To be determined and posted later!
Date:
Time:
Location:
Cost: Members: ; Non-members: ; Students:
Topic/Speaker:
Registration:

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.
Volunteers Needed – Annual ASSE WPA PDC in October, 2015
For the past two years our Chapter has held an extremely successful one-day PDC in October. This event has been jointly coordinated with our student sections at Slippery Rock University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been rotated between the two campuses. Profits generated from this event are being targeted to funding an endowed scholarship with the ASSE Foundation that will be available to students at both sections once it is fully funded.

As you can imagine, the planning for these events starts long before they occur and it is almost time for the process to kick off. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to join the Planning Committee. Except for a few tasks that occur close to the PDC, all of the work can be done remotely. We conduct monthly conference calls and there is a few more hours in between devoted to various planning tasks. In addition, we’ve done this successfully twice now so we have a pretty good model to work from and we can find a task that will fit the amount of time you have available.

We would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please call or email.
Pam Walaski
412.414.4769
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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.)

January Meeting
none

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.

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: Elliott Laratonda
- Vice President: Caroline Billon
- Secretary: Jacob Reynolds
- OSSA Chair/Treasurer: Matt Merschbach
- Social Chair: Anthony Pascuzzo

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]

- Co-Presidents: Angie Buchowski and Tatiana Bone
- Co-Vice Presidents: Angie Buchowski and Tatiana Bone
- Secretary: Nikki Baker
- Treasurer: Samantha Chin
- Upperclassmen Representatives: Zak Ambrisco, Jeremy Stiehl, Evan Martin, Jacob Levering, Stephanie Claus, and Susan Turek
- Underclassmen Representatives: Marissa Long, Rachel Krieg, and Adam Falkosky

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 to 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
- 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](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@rjrsafety.com by the 15th of each month, if not earlier.

Thank you,
Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP