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

March Meeting – Indiana University of PA Student Section
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015
Time: 5:00 pm
Location:
Cost: nominal
Topic/Speaker: Roundtable meeting on the emerging industry trends facing new graduates
Registration: Contact Tracey Cekada, email: cekadat@iup.edu

March Meeting – Slippery Rock University Student Section
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015
Time: 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Location: Room 111 in the Strain Behavioral Science Building on campus
Cost: nominal
Topic/Speaker: Roundtable meeting on the emerging industry trends facing new graduates
Registration: Contact Angela Bernardo, email: angela.bernardo@sru.edu
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
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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.)

February 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.

The following list of ASSE Western PA Chapter – Past Presidents was provided by Aaron Cameron, ASSE Region 8 Keystone Area Director. Whose name do you recognize?

1931 John A. Ortel – US Steel Corporation 1948 A.P. Neider – Bethlehem Steel Corporation
1933 Tony Huckestein – PA Dept of L&I 1950 Leo R. Nuffer – Peoples Natural Gas Company
1934 Earl F. Blank – Jones & Laughlin Steel 1951 G.O. Griffin – Dravo Corporation
1936 C.E. Ralston – Pittsburgh Plate Glass 1953 Edgar C. Barnes – Westinghouse Electric
1938 R.A. Beyer – Central Tube Company 1955 Myron L. Miller – Westinghouse Electric
1939 Thomas R. Donoghue – Pittsburgh Plate Glass 1956 Arthur D. Murphy – Crucible Steel Company
1940 Clyde Ruddick – Pittsburgh Plate Glass 1957 Earl E. Stephan – WPA Safety Council
1942 E.W. Engerer – Bethlehem Steel Corporation 1959 O.S. Gee – Royal Liverpool Corporation
1965 Wayne H. Ford – MSA
1966 Howard W. Taylor – Equitable Gas Company
1967 Howard P. Vogt – Liberty Mutual Insurance
1968 H.F. Herr – Westinghouse Electric
1969 E.G. Troutman – Westinghouse Electric
1970 Kenneth L Steele – MSA
1971 Elmer J. Hlavaty – Westinghouse Electric
1972 Willard E. Rising – Telephone Utilities of PA
1974 C. William Bates – Westinghouse Electric
1975 George L. Leierzapf – Port Authority Transit
1976 James L. Mercer – Jones & Laughlin Steel
1977 Samuel R. Fife, Jr. – Koppers Company
1979 Donald F. Bulger – Peoples Natural Gas Co.
1980 John L. Sink – Port Authority Transit
1981 Gerard T. Brady – Westinghouse Electric
1982 Chuck MacDonald – Union Railroad Company
1983 George Malley – MSA
1984 Dick S. Seago – Koppers Company
1985 Jim Fix – MSA
1986 Paul Palmieri – Westinghouse Electric
1987 Chuck Swanderski – May Company
1988 Greg Teslevich – West Penn AAA
1989 George Heise – ALCOA
1990 Ray Alexander – Liberty Mutual Insurance
1991 Robert McClay – IUP
1992 Tim Counihan – Cedrec Drakenfield Products
1993 Gary Beswick – Dow Environmental, Inc.
1994 Matt Soltis – Brown & Root Environmental
1995 Rick Schultz – LTV Steel Corporation
1996 Nick Kachur – Neville Chemical
1997 Robert Foote – Zurich Insurance Group
1998 Steve Tima – Port Authority of Allegheny Co.
1999 Scott Keener – PA American Water
2000 Cathy Davis – Goodwill of Southwestern PA
2001 Maureen McMahon – Wausau Insurance
2002 Teresa Cole – Laidlaw
2003 Rick Slinkard – CIH Services
2004 Fran Sehn – Willis
2005 Del Kubeldis – American Geosciences, Inc.
2006 Josh Shaw – Amerisafe Consulting & Safety
2007 Pat (Ferrante) Walaski – JC Safety & Envir.
2008 Thaddeus Pajak – Fireman’s Fund Insurance Co.
2009 Kim Morrison – UPMC
2010 Aaron Cameron – WESCO International
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2012 Nick Kuntz – HDH Group
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2014 Joseph Kopko – HDH Group

Thank you to all those who volunteer to serve our membership!

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.

Several Chapter Members are presenting at Safety 2015 in Dallas, TX:

- Pam Walaski - #530 “So You Want to be an SH&E Consultant? Tips from the Trenches”; Monday, June 8, 1:00 pm
- Joel Haight - #577 “Safely Managing the Design and Use of Automated Control Systems”; Monday, June 8, 3:15 pm
- Lon Ferguson and Jan Wachter – #586 “The Ethical Burden of the SHE Professional”; Monday, June 8, 4:30 pm
- Wayne Vanderhoof - #610 “Flash Fire Risk Assessments for the Upstream O&G Industry using API RP 99”; Tuesday, June 9, 10:30 am
- Fran Sehn - #672 “Achieving Business Excellence Through Risk Management: Idea or Excellence”; Tuesday, June 9, 4:30 pm
- Fran Sehn - #746 “The Four Disciplines of OSH Execution to Achieve Safety Excellence”; Wednesday, June 10, 11:00 am
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 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.)

ASSE has two membership programs:
**Refer a Member Program**
http://www.asse.org/membership/refer/

**Member get a Member Program**
http://www.asse.org/membership/mgam-intro/

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