March 2017

Chapter Events

March 29-31, 2017
ASSE WPA March Seminars
Risk Assessment Seminar or ASP Preparation Workshop
Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Location: Embassy Suites Airport
Cost: based upon session
Topic/Speaker: Pam Walaski or Dan Snyder
Registration and more information here.

April 2017
Meeting
Date: TBD
Time: TBD
Location: TBD
Cost: TBD
Topic/Speaker: TBD
Registration: TBD

May 2017
Meeting
Date: TBD
Time: TBD
Location: TBD
Cost: TBD
Topic/Speaker: TBD
Registration: TBD

June 19-22, 2017 Denver CO

Event Registration
You can register for the event(s) by registering through the ASSE WPA website under “Events”. You will have the option to pay by credit card or to pay at the door.
**Chapter Elections 2017-2018**

This is the required notice to members of the Western PA Chapter of ASSE announcing the slate of candidates for officers and delegates for the 2017-2018 program year. This notice, required by Article VI, Section 3 of the Chapter By-Laws, must be sent 60 days in advance of the proposed election, which will be held from May 1, 2017 through May 30, 2017. You will receive an email at that time to cast your vote.

If you would like to be considered for one of the elected positions, please see Article VI, Section 4 of the By-Laws to have your name placed on the ballot. You may review a copy of the current Chapter By-Laws on the website [here](#).

**President**: Joe Kopko, MS, CSP  
**Vice President**: Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP  
**Secretary**: Cameron Boots  
**Treasurer**: Brianna Kline, MS, MA, CSP, SPHR  
**Delegates (four)**:  
- Carl Heinlein, CSP, ARM, CRIS  
- Joel Haight, Ph.D., P.E.  
- Pam Walaski, CSP, CHMM  
- Wayne Vanderhoof CSP  

Respectfully,  
Pam Walaski, CSP, CHMM  
Keystone Area Director – Region 8

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**Calendar of Other Events**

**2017 Northeast PA ASSE Professional Development Conference**  
March 22, 2017  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
[Luzerne County Community College](#)  
1333 South Prospect Street  
Naticoke, PA 18634  
[For more information and registration click here!](#)

**2017 Safety & Health Conference**  
**Mid-Atlantic Safety and Health Alliance, Inc.** (MASHA)  
When: Thursday, April 27th 2017  
Where: Regional Learning Alliance Center, 850 Cranberry Woods Dr., Cranberry Township, PA 16066

The 2017 Safety and Health Conference featured the following educational tracks:  
General Industry, Construction, & Oil and Gas  
[More information is available here!](#)
Chapter News
(This section will be to summarize the news relating to Chapter Events, Technical Meetings, PDC, & Members)

UPDATE - Oil & Gas Industry Specific Professional Development Quarterly Meeting
The Oil & Gas Industry Specific Professional Development Quarterly Meeting was held Thursday, February 23, 2017 at the Doubletree Meadowlands in Washington PA. The Speaker was Fran Sehn presenting on the topic of "Hazard Analysis and Risk Assessment meet at the Crossroads for a Safe Outcome". There were 19 people in attendance. Fran did an outstanding job, as usual! Thank you, Fran!

2017 Regional PDC Planning
Planning is beginning for the regional 2017 Joint PDC with IUP and SRU. This year we will be going back to IUP and Tracey Cekada has already begun to gather information on available dates and cost. Picking the date will be the first task then discuss the program and vendor information.

Any and all help is appreciated! Last year our Committee was very small and it would be great to have a few more people able to pitch in. There are tasks that can easily be done in a limited amount of time and the ability to work around other commitments is doable.

Interested in participating in planning the regional Joint PDC?
Contact Pam Walaski at P.Walaski@gaiconsultants.com or Tracey Cekada at tracey.cekada@iup.edu .

Student Sections

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) Student Chapter Exec Board (2015-2016)
[Advisor Tracey Cekada, D.Sc, CHSP, CSP, Assistant Professor, Safety Sciences Department, IUP]

- Co-Presidents:
- Co-Vice Presidents:
- Secretary:
- Treasurer:
- Social Chair:

Slippery Rock University (SRU) Student Chapter Exec Board (2015-2016)
[Advisor Angela Mattis Bernardo, Ph.D., CSP, Assistant Professor, Department of Health and Safety, SRU]

- President: Bryan Deal
- Vice President: Jayme Chaffee
- Secretary: Lauren Harvey
- Treasurer: Madeline Adams
- Upperclassmen Representative: Amanda Altieri
- Underclassmen Representatives: Anthony Falce

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 – P.Walaski@gaiconsultants.com or Jackie Kuntz, ASHM – safetyjackie@yahoo.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.

Thank you in advance!
Pam Walaski, CSP, CHMM – P.Walaski@gaiconsultants.com
Jackie Barkus, ASHM – safetyjackie@yahoo.com

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

What can ASSE Membership do for you?
ASSE is where occupational safety and health professionals find a vibrant community, exceptional experiences, and essential tools to do their job better. Our goal is to help you reach the highest level of performance by connecting great resources and great people. Our 37,000 members make the world better and safer.

- Offering networking and collaboration opportunities
- Providing information and resources to keep you informed of emerging issues and opportunities
- Supporting your professional growth through education events and online learning
- Advocating for the profession in Washington DC

More information is available at http://www.asse.org/member/.

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.

Keep ASSE Profile Up-to-Date
This is a reminder to keep your ASSE Profile updated so that the chapter can reach you by email to keep you in-the-loop on local ASSE chapter events and news.
The process is very easy! Go to the ASSE.org website, select Member Log-in and use your email address and Membership number (do not use the first zero in the number). Select “Update My Account” and the update your information including your email address and phone number. You can select your email preferences at the very end of the screen just before you hit “Save”.

Again, it is very important to keep this information up to date as it is used by the Chapter to keep to informed of Chapter events.

### 2016-2017 ASSE Western PA Chapter Executive Board

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Feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board with ideas, questions, comments and concerns.
Single Email Address
A single email address has been established to contact the Western PA ASSE chapter in which all Chapter-related business and meeting RSVPs will be accepted.
The new email address is: westernpaasse@gmail.com.

The Officers and Chairpersons may still be emailed at the addresses listed in the Newsletter and on the website.

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