Western PA Chapter  
American Society of Safety Engineers

July 2017  
Chapter Events

**July & August** 
Limited activities due to Summer

**September 2017** 
Activities are being planned by the incoming Executive Board and will be posted when finalized!  
STAY TUNED!

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

**November 15, 2017** 
5th Annual Western PA Regional Safety Professional Development Conference (PDC)  
Date: November 15, 2017  
Time: TBD  
Location: IUP Kovalchick Convention & Athletic Complex  
Cost: TBD  
Topic/Speaker: TBD  
Registration: TBD  
Save the Date Brochure!

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

**January 2018** 
Meeting  
Date: TBD  
Time: TBD  
Location: TBD  
Cost: TBD  
Topic/Speaker: TBD  
Registration: TBD

**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.
Results of Chapter Elections 2017-2018
The 2017-2018 Chapter Officer Election of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter concluded May 30, 2017 with the following results:

The 2017-2018 Chapter Officers are listed below:
President: Joe Kopko, MS, CSP  
Vice President: Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP  
Secretary: Melissa Heike  
Treasurer: Cameron Boots  
Delegates (four):
- Joe Kopko, MS, CSP  
- Fran Sehn, MS, CSP  
- Pam Walaski, CSP, CHMM  
- Wayne Vanderhoof CSP  

The new officers take office July 1, 2017.

Calendar of Other Events

International Society for Respiratory Protection (ISRP) Technical Conference
When: September 13, 2017  
Where: Crowne Plaza Inn and Suites South, in Pittsburgh PA  
More information is available here!

Chapter News
(This section will be to summarize the news relating to Chapter Events, Technical Meetings, PDC, & Members)

2017 Regional PDC Planning
Planning has begun for the regional 2017 Joint PDC with IUP and SRU. This year we will be going back to IUP at the Kovalchick Center. The date is November 15, 2017. Volunteers are still needed to assist with the planning and execution of the plans for the PDC. Vendors, Sponsors, and Speakers are needed.

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

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<td>• Treasurer: Brianna Williamson (Dana Piper will help in fall semester)</td>
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<td>• Social Chair: Devin Jeffries</td>
<td>• Upperclassmen Representative: Amanda Altieri</td>
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### 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/](http://www.asse.org/member/).

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**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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**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.
2017-2018 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