February 2018

Chapter Events

**February 15, 2018 - Dinner Meeting**
4:30pm Registration/5:00pm Dinner & Meeting
Location: Constructors Association of Western Pennsylvania (CAWP), Cranberry
Topic: “Silica in Construction”
Speaker: Del Kubeldis, MS, CIH, CSP, ARM
Professional: $25.00/Student: $15.00
Pre-registration & Pre-payment are appreciated!
[REGISTER HERE!]

**March 13, 2018 - Dinner Meeting**
4:30pm Registration/5:00pm Dinner & Meeting
Location: TBD
Topic: Tour & social event (tentative)
Speaker: TBD
Professional: $25.00/Student: $15.00
Registration: TBD
More information to be provided soon!!

**April 11, 2018 - Dinner Meeting**
4:30pm Registration/5:00pm Dinner & Meeting
Location: TBD
Topic: Distracted Driving Simulator (tentative)
Speaker: TBD
Professional: $25.00/Student: $15.00
Registration: TBD
More information to be provided soon!

**May 10, 2018 - Dinner Meeting**
4:30pm Registration/5:00pm Dinner & Meeting
Location: TBD
Topic: TBD
Speaker: TBD
Professional: $25.00/Student: $15.00
Registration: TBD
More information to be provided soon!

**Save the Date!!!**
June 3-6, 2018 ASSE Safety 2018 PDC, San Antonio TX
For more information go to [Safety 2018]

**Thank you for your active participation in the chapter!!!!**

**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.
## Calendar of Other Events

### Pittsburgh AIHA Next Meeting - Pittsburgh Section AIHA
Please join the Pittsburgh AIHA on Thursday, February 8, 2018 as we welcome Dr. Deborah Imel Nelson, National AIHA President to Pittsburgh! Members and non-members are welcome!
Register at: [www.pittsburghaiha.org](http://www.pittsburghaiha.org)

### ASSE Region 8 Regional Operating Committee (ROC) Meeting - SAVE THE DATE!
The ROC Meeting will be held in Pittsburgh, PA on April 23-24, 2018 and will include networking events, business meeting, training from regional and Society staff and a tour(s) of a local organization. We have tentatively arranged to hold the meeting with our friends at the Master Builders' Association of Western PA and are seeking local restaurants and tour location(s) that will be of great interest to the attendees.

Overall, the goal will be to efficiently conduct the business of our region and to fellowship with other chapter leaders.

An agenda will be provided soon, along with travel and hotel accommodation information. The plan would be to arrive either Sunday evening or Monday morning and to start the business meeting Monday at around 9 am. We would end Tuesday around 3 pm so everyone has a chance to sleep in their own bed that night. We will likely arrange a tour on Tuesday afternoon for those that choose to stay the evening. We will be looking to make certain any hotel we choose has an airport shuttle, though this may be an opportunity to check out our great city for an extended weekend.

I would like to achieve 100% chapter Executive Board participation for this Regional Operating Committee (ROC) meeting.

Aaron Cameron, Regional VP

### MASHA 2018 Safety & Health Conference
Thursday, April 26, 2018
Regional Learning Alliance Center
850 Cranberry Woods Dr.
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

The 2018 Safety and Health Conference will feature the following educational tracks:
- General Industry
- Construction
- Oil and Gas

Website: [http://www.mashainc.com/](http://www.mashainc.com/)
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<th>January Technical Meeting Update</th>
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<td>The Technical Meeting was a breakfast meeting conducted on January 16, 2018 at the facilities of Master Builder Association in Greentree. The topic was titled “The Millennial Way” with speaker Cameron Boots. There were 11 professionals in attendance. Thank you to Cameron for speaking and the group for some enlightening conversation about “Millennials”. Thank you to the Master Builder Association for the use of their beautiful conference room facility. Thank you to all who attended!</td>
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<th>Volunteers Needed!!!</th>
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<td>The Chapter needs volunteers to be active members filling important positions within the Chapter and to assist in various activities that are planned for the 2017-2018 chapter year. If you have any interest in volunteering to help with the Chapter activities, contact any of the 2017-2018 ASSE Western PA Chapter Executive Board listed on the last page of the Newsletter.</td>
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## Student Sections

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<td>Advisor Helmut Paschold, Ph.D., CSP, CIH</td>
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<td>• Social Chair: Devin Jeffries</td>
<td>• Upperclassmen Representative: Amanda Altieri</td>
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<td>• OSSA Coordinator: Madeline Dumm</td>
<td>• Underclassmen Representatives: Anthony Falce</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 the Membership Chairperson.)

Welcome to the newest members of ASSE Western PA Chapter!

**Professional Members**

Mark Baldigowski  
Angel Claypoole  
Thaddeus Pajak  
Jesse Scanga  
David Sparkman  
Brandon Watters  

**Student Members**

Caddis Coscarelli  
Joel Cressley  
Tim Dickson  
Courtney Fontana  
Ashly Gagliardi  
Marissa Gray  
Taylor Hood  
Brandon McPherson  
Michele Meli  
Jennifer Moreau  
Katlyn Pace  
Trevor Salopek  
Derek Saylor  
Joshua Schultheis  
Connor Scott  
Justin Sherbine  
Anastasia Sim  
David Truong  
Stevie Walters  
Stephen Wood

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**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/).
### 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](http://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.
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