

July 2003

Low Country Chapter
**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY
ENGINEERS**



The President's Message

Welcome to another year with the ASSE Low Country Chapter. We have so much to accomplish in this New Year. Your elected officers and committee chairs are really enthusiastic and motivated. We welcome all your ideas, suggestion or comments. We encourage you to take part and be active in the success of our chapter.

As the past president, I would like to thank everyone who supported me. It was a challenging year. I have been re-elected to serve as President next year and I look forward to another year. I hope to make a lot of progress for our organization and deliver to you excellent in formational services.

Some ideas we are working on are a Construction Safety Seminar, CSP certification, 30-hour OSHA certification course, PDC in May and working more with the community.

Also, if you have not registered for the Professional Development Conference September 15-19 I encourage you to do so. It is EXCELLENT! If you want more information go to www.asse-region6.org. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

Again, your feedback is important to us so don't hesitate to call.

Also, I want to thank Beverly Stout for volunteering the last several years as Treasurer. She did an excellent job. Thanks also to Michele McCutchen who has volunteered to take her seat and to Joel Rogers for volunteering to take over programs and a few other tasks. The ASSE is a volunteer organization and we are excited to see members wanting to get involved. If you are a member and would like to take on a challenge, we may have one for you. Please contact me if you are interested.

Sincerely,

Diana Potts

Treasurer's Corner

The Chapter's bank account continues to operate with a balance of \$6818.12 as of April 30, 2003.

Next Meeting



Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Time: 11:30 AM "network" with your fellow members! Lunch is promptly at Noon.

Please bring a guest or potential new member.

Speaker: Joel Rogers

Topic: ASP & CSP Certification Process

**Place: North Towne Seafood and Grill
2093 Eagle Landing Blvd.
North Charleston, SC
Phone: (843) 863-1001**

**Please email me if you are attending the meeting.
ecams@comcast.net**

Meeting Host

Our meeting host is Michael Dawsey with AirStar. Please see Michael to register for a door prize.



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Looking for a Meeting Host

Would you consider being a host for a monthly ASSE meeting? When you host a meeting, we request that you provide a door prize for a drawing and/or supply the attendees with a company promo such as pens, hats, or other items with your logo.

In exchange for hosting a meeting, there will be a space for free advertisement provided to you at no charge in that month's newsletter. Just let me know when you would like to host a meeting.

Diana Potts

Future Meetings

August - Plant Tour of Corning

Safety Conferences

August 4-8
21st Annual System Safety Conference,
Ottawa, Canada.

<http://www.system-safety.org/>

September 5 - 12, 2003
91st Annual Congress & Expo (NSC)
Chicago, IL

www.nsc.org

September 14-17, 2003
ACHMM 2003 National Conference: The
Challenging World of Hazardous Materials
Management, Dallas, TX.

www.achmm.org

September 16-19, 2003
Region VI PDC
Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, SC
www.asse-region6.org

October 13-17
47th Annual Human Factors and Ergonomics
Society Meeting, Denver, CO.
www.hfes.org

December 9-11, 2003
National Ergonomics Conference and
Exposition
Las Vegas, NV
www.ergoexpo.com

Who's Who

We are going to begin a new section in our newsletter that will spotlight one of our members or someone else who has contributed to safety in our Low Country area. If you would like to spotlight one of our members or someone else, please email me with the information.

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Recordkeeping Form Won't Include Musculoskeletal Disorders

OSHA has decided not to modify the form employers use to record workplace injuries and illnesses to include a separate column for musculoskeletal disorders (MSD), the agency announced today.

"This decision does not change the current way injuries or illnesses are recorded and does not affect an employer's obligation to record work-related injuries, including musculoskeletal disorders," said OSHA Administrator John Henshaw. "Employers will continue to check the column for 'injury' or 'all other illness' depending on the circumstances of the case."

ASSE National Society Newsletter

The ASSE National Society Newsletter is now available online at:

<http://www.asse.org/su03.htm>

Articles from our Professional Safety magazine are also available at:

<http://www.electronicipc.com/JournalEZ/toc.cfm?code=0427001>

OSHA Proposes Respiratory Revision

Two proposed rules, designed to enhance worker protection from on-the-job respiratory hazards, have been published by OSHA in the Federal Register. The agency will be seeking comments until September 4, 2003 on this proposal to amend the Respiratory Protection Standard to include a new fit testing procedure and incorporate new Assigned Protection Factors (APFs) for respiratory protection programs.

New Eye And Face Protection Standard Approved

The American National Standards Institute approved the updated Z87.1-2003 Practice for Occupational and Educational Personal Eye and Face Protection Devices on June 20.

The standard, which has not been revised since 1989, sets criteria for minimizing and preventing eye and face injuries. It will go into effect in August.

The American Society of Safety Engineers serves as the Secretariat for the Z87 Eye and Face Protection Committee. Vice Committee Chair Dan Torgerson commented, "This is a significant development in occupational safety and health, especially since this standard has not been updated in 14 years. This should help decrease the number of eye and face injuries occurring today in the United States significantly."

The new standard addresses general requirements, descriptions and types, plus testing marking, selection, care and use of personal eye and face protectors. The Z87.1 standard covers such eye and face hazards as impact, non-ionizing radiation and chemical injuries in occupational and educational environments, including and not limited to machinery operations, material welding and cutting, chemical handling and assembly operations.

Crane Safety Seminar at Aiken Tech

Aiken Technical College will be sponsoring a crane

safety seminar on Wednesday, July 23rd, in the auditorium of the 100 Building on the campus of Aiken Technical College, from 8 am - 1 pm.

Presenters will be: James Cooper, Safety & Health Training Coordinator, SC Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs; Don Wilson, President of Engineered Systems, Inc., a company that specializes in the design, fabrication, installation and maintenance of overhead cranes, and; Tom Bricker, District Sales Manager with Coffing Hoist.

The seminar will include: OSHA requirements for crane and hoist safety, crane and hoist inspection procedures, ANSI standards for crane and hoist safety, and potential safety issues for different types of cranes and hoists.

Each person attending the seminar will receive sample recommended inspection forms, and an 18 minute Coffing Safety video. Cost per person is only \$35.00, and can be paid by cash, check, money order, PO, or credit card. For more information, directions to Aiken Tech, or to register, call (803) 593-9954, ext 1501 or ext 1590, or send e-mail to:

mteacher@atc.edu.

Homeland Security

There have been suggestions that ASSE should consider having a branch addressing the issue of Homeland Security. Just curious what your thoughts are on that one. Or, perhaps just a branch on security? Your suggestions and ideas would be of great value.

Thanks and Regards, Tim Fisher with the ASSE Council on Practices and Standards.

tfisher@asse.org

Member Directory & Job Line

Jane Lyons will continue to update the member directory as needed. If you have not sent her your updated information, please email her at:

Jane.Lyons@us.bosch.com

Jane also maintains a Job Line by email notification. Please email her if you would like to be on the distribution.

If you are a member of ASSE, you may want to update your information at:

www.asse.org/format_frames_main.asp?bannerframe2=professional_safety_banner.html&mainframe2=contact2.htm

Terrorism Response Training Program

Please see the attached "pdf" file for information on a training session TTC will be offering two times next month. Michael Poole is a outstanding speaker.

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