

Low Country Chapter

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS



The President's Message

Fall has finally made it. I am so ready for cooler temperatures. Now if it would just stay 75 degrees we would all be just fine. I am sure Santee Cooper, Berkeley Electric Cooperative and SCE&G would not like that.

TWENTY EIGHT (28) were in attendance last month. That's fantastic. I heard we had an excellent speaker last month. I am sorry I missed it. We would like to see 35 in October. Bring a guest. Maybe your boss or a supervisor or perhaps an employee from the safety committee. We always have a very informative meeting and we would love to see you all bring a guest.

If you were not in Myrtle Beach for the Region VI, PDC you missed out. The conference was very informative. We had a little rain (Isabel) but that did not stop us safety professionals from having a great time. Our chapter is a small chapter compared to some chapters, but I was honored to see our chapter's participation. I believe we had about 15-20 people from the Lowcountry attend. Thanks to Mead Westvaco, they sent 12 employees. It is always a very comforting feeling when a company is so safety orientated they can afford to send so many employees. Thank you again MeadWestvaco for your support. I learned a lot and refreshed my knowledge in many areas. Everyone that attended received a copy of the handouts in CD form. So if you are interested in an item that was on the agenda, let me know and I will get it out to you. Mark your calendars now (same week) and put in your budget to attend next year.

Volunteers needed. Our chapter would like to get involved in the school system. If you are interested in getting the schools involved please call me. First grade through seniors, it doesn't matter. Children are our future. Let's get involved with their education and career fairs. If you are interested in setting up this committee please contact me dpotts@sc.rr.com

Effective October 1 lunch meetings for non-members will increase to \$12.00. If you are a member, your cost will remain \$10.00.

By-Laws have been revised and all changes will be effective 11/1/03.

Our Chapter has not had an annual dues increase for decades. The Executive Committee voted to increase our annual dues to \$20.00 per year. Please do not confuse lunch meetings with annual dues. Annual dues are invoiced to your employer annually. Although we are a non-profit organization, we still raise funds for education, training and hopefully a student chapter. This will take effect in November.

As always, we need your input to be a successful chapter, so please e-mail me at any time with your thoughts, suggestions and commits. Don't be scared to get involved. We need YOU.

Diana Potts

Treasurer's Corner

As of September 30, 2003, the Chapter's bank account continues to operate with a balance of \$6743.45. There were 28 people present at the September 16, 2003 meeting.

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Next Meeting



Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2003

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

Please bring a guest or potential new member.

No speaker this month. We will have an open forum. Everyone should come prepared to discuss any topics near and dear to their hearts. This will help in the selection process for future meeting topics.

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

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

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 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

ASP & CSP Prep Classes

Span Training International will be leading an ASP preparation class October 27 - 29, and a CSP preparation class October 30 - November 1, at Trident Technical College's main campus. Classes will be from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Cost is \$750 per student, per class. Time is running out. For more information, contact Joel Rogers at 843-745-3140 or joel.rogers@meadwestvaco.com

New Members

Jason Fugate - James Hardie Building Products
Jerry Murphy - Earthtech
Jessica Young - MeadWestvaco

Safety Conferences

October 21-22
Georgia SH&E Conference
Augusta, GA
http://projectsafageorgia.org/2003_she_conference/2003registration.htm

November 6
SCOSC Safety Seminar
Columbia, SC
803-771-8711

November 20-21
ASSE Law Symposium for the Safety, Health and Environmental Professional.

This symposium is being offered only this one timer in Ft. Lauderdale. Don't miss out, register online at:

<http://www.asse.org/frlaw03.htm>.

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

SPY Award Winner!

Congratulations to Jane Lyons our Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award winner. Jane's contributions to furthering the safety cause at work have lead to her being nominated for this coveted award. Her selfless dedication to safety in her ASSE Chapter activities solidified her position as a prime candidate for the award and made her selection as its recipient an easy choice for our Chapter to make. In a group as dedicated and professional as we are lucky to have in the Low Country Chapter, it is very difficult to stand out and shine enough to achieve this recognition, Jane makes it look easy.

Please congratulate our shinning star...

Jane Lyons...

Low Country ASSE Chapter Safety Professional of the Year for 2003.

Hunting for SPYs

Your chapter is looking for SPYs. No, not the Homeland Security variety, but the **Safety Professional of the Year** kind. We want to get an early start on finding our next SPY award winner. In the next couple of months you will see more information in the newsletter and at the monthly meeting about who and how to nominate someone for this prestigious award. If you already have someone in mind to nominate for this award, begin thinking about what you would want the Chapter to know about him or her that would convince us that he or she is THE candidate. As you know with the wealth of knowledge skills and abilities we are blessed with in our organization the competition will be fierce, so your candidate will have to stand head and shoulders above the rest to win out. So start building your case!

Board of Certified Safety Professionals Aligns with OSHA

The Board of Certified Safety Professionals signed an alliance with OSHA September 26 designed to improve safety and health practices, as well as promote professionalism in the industry.

"Strengthening the professional expertise of safety professionals through outreach and education is extremely important to advancing safety practices in this country," said OSHA Administrator John Henshaw. "By working with BCSP, we can enhance the educational tools available to professionals and others and promote the value of safety in the workplace."

OSHA and BCSP plan to work together to provide information and guidance regarding the value of accredited certifications, including the CSP designation. Both organizations will also review and share the results of BCSP's studies to define job performance metrics for safety and health professionals. Safety curricula will be developed that could be incorporated into training and education courses, including those offered by OSHA's education centers.

This will be an open forum. Everyone should come prepared to discuss any topics near and dear to their hearts. This will help in the selection process for future meeting topics.

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>

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

OSHA Makes Revised Injury And Illness Log Available Online

The revised OSHA Form 300, Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses, is now available on the agency's Web site. The forms, which employers are required to use in recording injuries and illnesses, have changed for 2004 in response to public suggestions to simplify use.

OSHA Puts Off Regulation of Reactive Chemical Hazards

OSHA Administrator John Henshaw has rejected, at least for now, the Chemical Safety Board's (CSB) recommendation that OSHA amend its process safety management (PSM) standard to cover more reactive chemical hazards.

Attachments

Sorry for all the attachments, but we needed to get a lot of information out. I did scan them with Norton Anti-Virus.

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