

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS



Treasurer's Corner

As of January 31, 2004, the Chapter's account continues to operate with a balance of \$4340.34. There were 18 people present at the January 20, 2004 meeting.

Michele

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2004

Time: 11:30 a.m. Network with your fellow members. Lunch is promptly at Noon.

Please bring a guest or potential new member.

Speaker: TE21

Topic - (Training & Education in the 21st Century) Adult Training and Education and OSHA required training.

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If you are planning on attending, please email me at: ecarms@comcast.net

Future Meetings

March 16 - 11:30 AM
North Towne Seafood & Grill

Topic - OSHA Legal Issues (Workman's Comp)
Guest Speaker – Wallace G. “Buster” Holland –
Young, Clemment, Rivers & Tisdale, LLP

April 20 - 11:30 AM

North Towne Seafood & Grill

Topic – Ravenel Bridge Construction Presentation –
Project and Safety Highlights

Guest Speaker – SCDOT

May 18 - 6:00 PM

TBA

Topic – Open Discussion

Guest Speaker – Fred Miller, ASSE Region VI
President

Meeting Host for February

AirGas Safety

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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 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

President Proposes Small Increases in OSHA, MSHA, & NIOSH Budgets

The Bush administration is asking Congress to spend \$461.6 million on OSHA in fiscal year 2005, an

increase of \$4.1 million - or less than one percent - in the agency's recently enacted 2004 budget.

Safety Conferences

February 19-21
29th Annual National Hearing Conservation Association Conference
Seattle, WA.
www.hearingconservation.org

March 25-26
ASSE' - Achieving World-Class Safety
New Orleans
<http://www.asse.org/worldclass.htm>.

April 21, 22 & 23, 2004
SCOSC Spring Conference
Kingston Plantation
Myrtle Beach, SC
www.scosc.org

April 30-May 7
2004 American Occupational Health Conference, Kansas City, MO
www.acoem.org or www.aaoon.org

May 7 – Required Attendance
Low Country ASSE PDC
Charleston, SC
dpotts@sc.rr.com

May 8-13
American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Expo, Atlanta, GA
www.aiha.org

May 23-26
NFPA World Safety Conference & Exposition, Salt Lake City, UT.
www.nfpa.org/meetings

June 7-10
ASSE 2004 Professional Development Conference and Exposition, Las Vegas, NV
www.asse.org

September 10-17
92nd Annual National Safety Congress & Expo, New Orleans, LA
www.nsc.org

September 20-24
48th Annual Human Factors and Ergonomics Society Meeting, New Orleans
www.hfes.org

November 30 - December 3
10th Annual National Ergonomics Conference and Exposition, Las Vegas, NV
www.ergoexpo.com

TSA Expands Federal Flight Deck Officer Program to Include Cargo Pilots

The Transportation Security Administration announced that it is opening, to cargo pilots, its Federal Flight Deck Officer (FFDO) program that trains and arms volunteer aviators to protect the aircraft cockpit.

"Expanding the FFDO program adds yet another layer of security on passenger and cargo aircraft to protect against those who would do us harm," said Acting TSA Administrator David M. Stone.

The FFDO program was created as part of the Homeland Security Act to select, train, equip and supervise volunteer pilots to defend flight decks of passenger aircraft against acts of criminal violence and air piracy.

ASSE Kids' Poster Contest Deadline

A reminder that the children's poster submission deadline for the 2nd annual ASSE 'Safety-on-the-Job Kids' Poster Contest' is soon approaching. All entries must be postmarked by Valentine's Day, February 14, 2004.

A \$1,000 savings bond will be awarded to the kids' posters best illustrating safety-on-the-job in each age group, which will be featured on the 2004 North American Occupational Safety and Health week (NAOSH) national poster. The contest is open to ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews from ages 5 through 12. The kids' poster drawing must relate to the theme 'Safety-on-the-Job' and should illustrate an example of safety at work. For full contest rules and entry form visit www.asse.org/naosh/2004

ASSE Will Host Conference Call On Mold Safety In The Workplace

ASSE host a mold technical conference call on

February 17 from 11:00AM - 12:30PM CST. The call will focus on educating safety, health and environmental professionals on mold and fungi identification, remediation and regulatory initiatives.

Donate Unused Safety Equipment or Supplies

Anyone wanting to donate obsolete or unused safety equipment or supplies may donate it to the Low Country Safety Council. The equipment will be used in safety training for demonstration purposes only.

Please notify Jane Lyons at 760-8367 or jane.lyons@us.bosch.com.

OSHA Ruling Relaxed On Glycol Ethers

Due to a decline in both the production and use of ethylene glycol ethers and their acetates, OSHA has terminated rulemaking on these chemicals.

Bush's Budget Includes \$274 Million To Improve Bio-Surveillance Capabilities

DHS Secretary Tom Ridge and HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced that President Bush's fiscal year 2005 budget request includes a \$274 million Bio-Surveillance Program Initiative designed to protect the nation against bioterrorism and to strengthen the public health infrastructure. The initiative will enhance ongoing surveillance programs in areas such as human health, hospital preparedness, state and local preparedness, vaccine research and procurement, animal health, food and agriculture safety and environmental monitoring and integrate those efforts into one comprehensive system.

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH)

ASSE uses NAOSH to raise awareness of the positive benefits of investing in occupational safety, health and environmental programs among employers, employees and the general public. During NAOSH week, ASSE members and partners promote awareness through various communications, posters and brochures available on this web site.

www.asse.org/naosh04

ASSE Supports Tax Incentives for Sprinkler Installation

ASSE is urging Congress to pass proposed legislation that the group says will encourage businesses to invest in sprinkler systems. ASSE President James "Skipper" Kendrick sent letters to two members of Congress, announcing the organization's support of the "Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2003."

Revised ANSI Eyewash And Shower Equipment Standard Published

The International Safety Equipment Association announced it has received ANSI approval for a revised edition of the American National Standard for Emergency Eyewash and Shower Equipment, ANSI Z358.1-2004.

The publication includes minimum performance, testing, installation, maintenance and training specifications for this equipment. It covers plumbed and self-contained emergency showers and eyewash equipment, eye/face wash equipment, combination units, personal wash units and hand-held drench hoses.

Copies of ANSI Z358.1-2004 are available from ISEA headquarters; order online at safetyequipment.org/order.html, e-mail isea@safetyequipment.org or call (703) 525-1695. Single copies are priced at \$53.

New Web Tools From OSHA

Two new resources are available on the agency's Web site: **MyOSHA**, a tool to create personalized links to OSHA online resources; and **Quick Start**, a step-by-step guide to identify major OSHA requirements and guidance materials.

Visitors to MyOSHA can sign up to create personalized links to OSHA online resources. Users can customize the content of their pages by choosing links from categories that include "Industry," "Safety and Health Topics," "What's New," "Audiences," "Publications," "Laws and Regulations," "Strategic Management Plan Areas of Emphasis," and "Working with OSHA."

Quick Start is a new tool on OSHA's Compliance Assistance Web page that provides step-by-step guidance on how to identify OSHA requirements and guidance materials that may apply to specific workplaces. A module for workplaces covered by

OSHA's general industry standards includes information on recordkeeping and reporting requirements and links to compliance assistance resources and key standards and information for developing a comprehensive safety and health program.

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

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