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www.neil.asse.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our April Chapter meeting should be very exciting event. It will be when five of our NIU (Northern Illinois University) students will be presenting on various innovative safety topics. We will also have two distinguished guests of honor attending these student presentations: Dr. Pramod Vohra, Ed.D. Dean, NIU College of Engineering and Missy Gills, Director, National Safety Education Center, NIU College of Engineering. The students always do an outstanding job in presenting new ideas in safety, so come and see for yourself what is on the horizon in safety at NIU.

During the April meeting we also plan to have election for the new Executive Board for the year 2015-16. We have four outstanding candidates standing for election this time: Don Philips and Amy Timmerman for the President Elect and Richard Dresser and Sara Gibson for the Treasurer. It is important that you take the time to come and vote for your candidate. Please check the web and the newsletter for their short bio.

Please note ASSE requests that all chapters review and update their by-laws on a regular basis. The NEIL Board members recently reviewed and updated the by-laws with only minor changes. The updated version was approved by the NEIL Board and Region V Vice President. The updated by-laws can be viewed at: <http://neil.asse.org/> There will be a vote to approve the revised by-laws during this April meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions prior to the vote.

Early this year, NEIL started Chapter Meeting Sponsorship program so as to encourage participation by you and the companies/organizations you work for. NIU (Northern Illinois University) and our own Fred Manuele (Mr. Safety) of Hazards Limited will be sponsoring the April meeting. If any of your employers would like to sponsor NEIL Chapter meeting please call any of the board members.

Please check out the newsletter and NEIL Web (www.neil.asse.org) for details of the April meeting and other news. Come in and enjoy the outstanding programs being planned for you: NIU Student Presentations in April and Ergonomic Seminar in May. Come for fun, friendship and food and learning as well.

Mike Saujani
President, NEIL Chapter, ASSE

APRIL MEETING INFORMATION

NEIL Monthly Meeting – The April, 2015 NEIL Technical meeting will be Friday, April 17 at Maggiano’s Little Italy at Woodfield Mall (1901 E Woodfield Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173) at 12:00 Noon, followed by the NEIL Board meeting.

Please pre-register for by responding to the Evite or sending an email to Dow Carter (dow.carter@abbott.com). Cost for the meeting is \$25 if pre-registered or \$30 for walk-ins.

2014 – 15 MEETING CALENDAR

Date	Time Meal / Cost	Location	Topic	Speaker(s)
April 17	12:00 Noon Lunch / \$25	Maggiano’s / Woodfield	Student Day, Elections & Member Recognition Awards	NIU Student Presentations
May 15	8:30 AM – 2:15PM \$59 includes lunch	Maggiano’s / Woodfield	Ergonomic Seminar	See “Chapter Events”
June TBD	12:00 Noon Lunch	Maggiano’s / Woodfield	Planning mtg.	NEIL Exec Board
June 7-10	Safety 2015	Dallas, TX	PDC	www.safety2015.org

The NEILetter is wearing **RED** this month to support our student members. The April 17 meeting will include student presentations by the NIU Section Members and will be attended by Dr. Promod Vohra, Dean of the College of Engineering Technology at Northern Illinois University in De Kalb and Missy Gills, Director, National Safety Education Center, NIU College of Engineering.

April Meeting Sponsors

The April NEIL meeting is being sponsored by Fred Manuele & Hazards Limited and Northern Illinois University. A big **THANK YOU** to both of our April meeting sponsors.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Partner organization meetings

ASSE Greater Chicago – Tuesday, April 14; 11:30 AM; Student Presentations. Cucina Biagio, 7313 Lawrence, just west of Harlem [RSVP here](#)

ASSE Three Rivers – Friday, April 17, 11:30am – 1:30pm; ASSE members: \$25, Non-Members \$40; Lisle Hilton, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60532. Disaster Preparedness for Business presented by the DuPage Office of Homeland Security. For additional information contact Brenda Allard: threerivers.asse@gmail.com or go to <http://threerivers.asse.org/events/>.

Chapter Elections – Candidate Biographies

President Elect

Amy Timmerman, MS, CSP, CHES is the Environmental, Health, & Safety Manager at Sage Products, LLC. with over 15 years of health and safety experience. She received her BA in Health Education from the University of Northern Iowa and her MS in Occupational Safety from the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater. She's currently on the Northwest IL Girls on the Run Board of Directors and the McHenry County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. She's been an active member of the ASSE NEIL chapter since 2006. She's held the secretary position and currently chairs the awards and honors committee. In her spare time, she likes to read, cook, and travel.

Don Phillips has been involved in employee safety for more than 25 years, during which time he has consistently set the PASE (Positive Attitude and Safety, Everyday) for employees to follow. He is currently the EH&S Manager for PSAV headquartered in Schaumburg, Illinois. Don is a qualified OSHA Outreach trainer in general industry with experience and responsibilities that include developing and delivering safety training programs, facilitating safety committees and conducting safety audits. He also specializes in incident investigation, workers compensation and OSHA and EPA compliance. Don is the owner of SafetyDon, LLC, a consulting company specializing in safety for small and mid-size companies, and also serves as adjunct trainer for The National Safety Council. Don previously served the NEIL Chapter as President-Elect, President, and delegate and is currently editor of the NEILetter.

Treasurer

Richard Dresser joined the NE IL chapter in 1986 after serving as Secretary/Newsletter Editor for the Arkansas chapter. I was NEIL chapter president-elect / president 1988-90. In 2007 I was the interim newsletter editor for our chapter. I am willing to accept the NEIL chapter Treasurer position with the understanding that there may be periods that I wouldn't be able to be present at meetings due to potential employment.

Sara Gibson, CSP, ARM, is the Manager of Environmental Health and Safety for Harper College in Palatine. Harper College serves over 14,000 full and part time students along with over 1,400 full and part time employees. Sara's role at the College is to work with the entire College community in safety, environmental and risk management. Sara has been a member of ASSE since 2001 and has been active in the NEIL chapter holding the role of President in 2005 and the role of the Membership Chair. Sara has been a regular round table presenter at ASSE's Student Future Leaders Conference for the last 3 years. Sara has also attended the ASSE Leadership Conference on 3 occasions and is also the 2015 Chair of the ASSE Election Teller's Committee.

ASSE Northeastern Illinois Chapter

April, 2015

Member Recognition

March ASSE Anniversaries

Charles Temple – 25 years

Tom Sheehan – 10 years

Thank you for your service and dedication to ASSE and the Safety profession!

Welcome New Members

Lee Donahue

Daniel Pritchett (student)

Craig Triplett – Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters

April Student Day !

Welcome NIU Students, Faculty and Alumni!

Wear **RED**, **BLACK** and **WHITE** on Friday, April 17 to show your support for our student presenters!

NEIL Chapter News

Newsletter Address

Do you have information for the newsletter?
Please send it to:

safetydon@hotmail.com

Chicagoland Safety, Health & Environment Conference News

Planning has started for the 2015 CSH&EC. Is there a topic you'd like to see covered, let us know. Contact Rich Rapacki, Sheri Lesak or Don Phillips with your suggestions.

The CSH&EC was started by the NEIL Chapter more than 26 years ago and has grown into a premier regional conference, attracting attendees from near and far. The conference is sponsored by:

- ASSE NEIL Chapter
- ASSE Three Rivers Chapter
- ASSE Greater Chicago chapter
- AIHA Chicago Chapter
- AHMO Chicago Chapter

The 27th Annual Conference will take place September 21-24 at the Naperville Campus of Northern Illinois University. For more information, visit www.chisafetyconf.org.

JOBS

Check the jobs page on the NEIL website for a listing of job openings.

<http://neil.asse.org/jobs.php>



Chapter Events

Ergonomics for Safety Professionals

Friday, May 15, 8:30am – 2:15:pm

Maggiano's Little Italy, Woodfield Mall

[REGISTER HERE](#)

This seminar is designed to offer some practical hands on solutions from industry specialists on how to prevent these injuries from occurring in the first place. An ergonomist will discuss various risk factors and how these can be measured and reduced by using some simple techniques. Athletico managers will discuss how they assess injured workers and the work place to minimize ergonomic issues, treat injured workers so they return to full duty as soon as practical. Attorney Mark Lies will discuss workers compensation laws and how it affects employers in managing the soft tissue injuries. Send in your difficult to manage cases, we will select four of them and the participants will offer in a Round Table Brain Storming session recommendations for your review and action.

NEIL Website

When is the last time you visited the NEIL website?

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Check It Out!

<http://neil.asse.org/>

Local Jobs

Neil Member and safety consultant Joe Islinger has an insurance provider / client seeking safety consulting assistance. The client owns and manages residential multi-family real estate in Chicago and are seeking guidance to improve their exit signage. The work is located on the south side of Chicago, near The Cell

Please email Joe for more information:

islinger@wowway.com

John P McCaffrey, Associated Agencies in Rolling Meadows, is looking for Independent Contractor's to service loss control accounts. John is a NEIL member with 40 years safety experience and needs someone to service his accounts as he slows down.

He also knows of an account looking for a full time Safety person in Chicagoland.

Please email John for more information:

jmccaffrey@associated.cc

Society News

The ASSE is asking Chapter leadership to fill out a very short eight question poll to get your views on the NAOSH Poster Contest. Please take two minutes to share your input.

Take the poll [HERE](#).

Your input will help shape the future direction of this community service program. Thank you for your time.

NIU ASSE HUSKIE SECTION NEWS

*By: Charlie Vasconez; Student Section Liason
Dr. William Mills; Student Section Faculty Advisor*

Congratulations to Andrena Thompson who was named the recipient of the 2015 NEIL Chapter scholarship by the ASSE Foundation!

The NIU ASSE Student Section (Section) added 12 new members (NIU + National) in February / March and current membership is the largest on record with 30+ members. The student enrolment in the Environmental Safety & Health emphasis at NIU is also the largest on record , with over 50 students enrolled. Several Section members attended the NEIL tour of the Underwriters Laboratory facilities in Northbrook. All of the students enjoyed it and we are considering organizing a tour for NIU students next school year. The student shadowing event has been organized and we have 12 students paired up. Note to NEIL members: there were more students than shadowing opportunities.

Mr. Byron Spencer CEO of Norma-Spencer Insurance attended the March 26 student section meeting and talked about his observations regarding the “lean manufacturing” and safety from an insurance perspective. Later that same evening Byron, James Egan, Esq. and Rick Turner, Esq. were guest speakers for an open lecture in TECH 435/535 regarding Worker’s Compensation in Illinois. This was an active and informative presentation that was enjoyed by all that were involved.

The Section submitted their application for the Outstanding Student Section Award (OSSA) on April 1. A “deemed complete” application provides \$500 for the Section, which helps reduce our burden on the NEIL Chapter finances. The assistance of Ryan Hubrich (Section President) and Ivan Khmelovska in staying late to complete the application was appreciated.

April 17 is the annual NEIL Chapter / NIU student day. The current roster of student speakers and topics includes:

- Ryan Hubrich – Ehime Maru and USS Greeneville collision
- Alyssa Bramm – Noise evaluation and Control -Case Study
- Jason Porter – Multivehicle Collision (8/5/10) I-44 Eastbound Gray Summit, Missouri
- Michael Panka – Rupture of Hazardous Liquid Pipeline
- Ivana Khmelovska – Errors in Execution of Instructions Pertaining to the Medical Field

On April 22 the Section will be hosting a joint meeting with the NIU LEED student group with a guest speaker from Power Construction.

We are making plans for ordering student section apparel. We are inviting NEIL members who have assisted us to order apparel too. See our website at <http://www.niu.edu/asse>, under apparel options. The student section now accepts credit cards. Contact Dr. Mills if you are interested in purchasing.

Practice Specialties Spotlight – CONSULTANTS

*Are you getting everything you can from your ASSE membership? Are you a member of a Practice Specialty, Branch or Common Interest Group? ASSE offers nineteen (19) Practice Specialties, four Branches, and four Common Interest Groups. Each month we will feature a Practice Specialty, Branch, and/or Common Interest Group to help our members better understand what's available to make the most of their membership. This month: **Consultants**.*

The Consultants Practice Specialty (CPS) began as the Consultants Division. It held its first meeting on October 15, 1979 in Chicago and published its first newsletter in 1980. Since then, the newsletter has expanded into a technical publication, *The Advisor*, which is e-mailed to members three times per year. *The Advisor* covers technical issues relevant to consultants as well as information on how to start and grow a consulting practice.

Shortly after its inception, CPS published a hardcopy SH&E Consultants Directory which is now available online and was re-launched in 2012. Over the years, CPS members have helped contribute to the SH&E profession by providing technical assistance in a variety of areas, both as external consultants to their clients and as internal consultants to their organizations. Many CPS members also provide pro bono consulting work, technical reviews and expert witness testimonies. Today CPS continually sponsors sessions and roundtables at ASSE's annual Professional Development Conference and always seeks new ways to support its nearly 1,800 members. CPS strives to serve its members by keeping them abreast on SH&E technical information and providing information about the unique demands of running a business (i.e., marketing, accounting, insurance, etc.).

Want to know more? Visit the [Consultants page HERE](#) and get more out of your ASSE membership.



From the Editor

Last of the Breed. Any album including Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, and Ray Price is going to be great. Even if you're not a country music fan, what's not to love about Willie and friends? I'm also the last of a breed, an un-degreed safety professional. Time was when the "old guy" who didn't know when to retire was given the safety job to get him out of the way. Maybe he was missing a body part or two but that just provided him an example for the younger guys of what not to do. When I entered the safety field, the handful of colleges and universities offering safety as a major course of study was just starting to grow. Having entered the safety profession from being a union steward and safety committee, I know from speaking to my colleagues that I'm one of the last to enter our noble profession straight from the trenches. And I didn't have to give up any parts!

Safety has changed. Instead of "he's just too stupid to keep his hand out of the machine", now we guard machines, train employees, and look for ways to help employees help themselves. We actively recruit future safety professionals, send them to college, and train them in the dangers of work without removing any limbs. And unlike the first paragraph of this letter, it's not "boys only" anymore; the safety ranks include women now, and not just nurses. I've been asked by students if they really need a degree and my answer is always the same: yes. Not just yes, but (bleep) yes! There is so much information available to a safety professional, there is no longer a way to get up to speed without a solid educational foundation. But it doesn't stop with the degree, safety professionals need experience and for our NIU Student Section, that experience starts April 17.

Five of our students are taking the step of getting up in front of a room full of "the pros" to share what they've learned. Twelve of our students are participating in the Shadow Day program, and many will serve internships this summer. These young men and women are the future of safety and I encourage you to support their efforts. Attend the April 17 Chapter meeting and listen to what our five presenters have to share. If you have not already, consider hosting a shadow student or go all the way and host an intern. Can you say free (or cheap) labor? Shadows and interns are not only learning and gaining experience, they share cutting-edge knowledge fresh from the classroom and lab.

When we support our students, we support our profession. When we support our students and profession, we support ourselves and our careers. I'm proud to be the last of a breed: I'm proud of the work I've done to get here but I'm even more proud of the strides our profession has made to make me the last of a breed.

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