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www.neil.asse.org

President's Message

The April Student Presentations were outstanding, particularly the speech by our guest Dr. Pramod Vohra. What struck me the most was his view about engineering. He mentioned he always has a silent argument with his wife, a doctor: "Doctors save lives, I know, but without engineering innovations and technologies, they would not be able to save as many lives." "With safety innovations engineers help save lives in the thousands."

For the month of May (Friday, May 15, 2015) instead of the regular NEIL Chapter meeting we will have an expanded meeting starting at 8.30 am with an Ergonomic Seminar for Safety Professionals, Supervisors/ Managers. This seminar is designed to offer some practical hands on solutions from industry specialists on how to prevent these injuries from occurring with sound assessment and programs. Then, Athletico will share with us how to assess the injured worker and the workplace to minimize ergonomic issues and treat injured workers so they can return to full duty as soon as practical. Mark Lies from Seyfarth Shaw will discuss workers compensation laws and how it affects employers in managing soft tissue injuries if and when they occur. We will wrap up with real case studies so you can apply what you learned.

There will be a NEIL Board meeting after the seminar for NEIL members to participate if they so desire.

For those who were not able to attend the last April meeting when elections were held, Amy Timmerman was elected as President Elect and Sara Gibson as Treasure. Please take the time to congratulate them. Please note we will continue to have Member Bring A Member campaign where if you bring in a new member you will have attained one free admission to the Chapter meeting.

The May Chapter meeting is sponsored by Sage Products where Amy works. Thank you, Amy, for your work in getting Sage sponsor this event. Please check out the newsletter and NEIL Web (www.neil.asse.org) for details of this May meeting. Come for fun, friendship, food and CEU Credits from the Ergo Seminar.

Michael Saujani, CSP, CPCU
President, NEIL Chapter, ASSE

May Meeting Information

NEIL Monthly Meeting – The May, 2015 NEIL Technical meeting will be an Ergonomics Seminar Friday, May 15 at Maggiano’s at Woodfield Mall (1901 E Woodfield Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173). The seminar begins at 8:30am and the NEIL Board meeting will follow at 2:30pm.

Please pre-register by responding to the Evite or sending an email to Dow Carter (dow.carter@abbott.com). Cost for the seminar is \$60.

2014 – 15 Meeting Calendar

Date	Time Meal / Cost	Location	Topic	Speaker(s)
May 15	12:00 Noon Lunch / \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Ergonomic Seminar	Barrington Orthopedics
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 May 15 Ergonomics Seminar will include practical hands on solutions from industry specialists on how to prevent musculoskeletal injuries from occurring, how to assess injured workers and the workplace to minimize ergonomic exposures, treatment and return-to-work options, and workers compensation laws related to managing soft tissue injuries.

April Meeting Sponsor

Sage Products is sponsoring the May meeting and seminar. Sage manufactures a wide variety of products for the medical industry and has a long-standing commitment to employee and customer safety. Please visit their website at www.sageproducts.com and be sure to thank our President Elect, Amy Timmerman, for Sage’s sponsorship of this month’s meeting.

2015 – 16 Meeting Calendar

See this space? As the calendar above gets smaller, this space gets **BIGGER AND**

BIGGER! Help us fill it by letting your board members know what topic you would like to see in the 2015-16 chapter year.

Member Recognition

March ASSE Anniversaries

Frank Burg – 42 years (3rd longest ASSE tenure in the NEIL Chapter)

Christopher Murphy – 10 years

Jeffrey Mann – 5 years

Andrew Nieto – 5 years

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

Welcome New Members

Chancey Coffelt – Goldwind Service Company

Carl Johnson – Surface Guard Pregis

Bryant Snyder

Catherine Moss - Student Member

Chapter Elections

The votes have been counted!

Chapter elections for the 2015-16 chapter year were held at the April meeting and your 2015-16 officers are...

President – Jason Meiner

President-Elect – Amy Timmerman

Past-President / Delegate – Mike Saujani

Secretary – Dow Carter

Treasure – Sara Gibson

Congratulations to our officers and than you for your service.

NEIL Chapter News

Newsletter Address

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

safetydon@hotmail.com

I have changed jobs and this is my ONLY e-mail address for ASSE & NEIL.

safetydon@hotmail.com

Chicagoland Safety, Health & Environment Conference: September 21-24

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>

NEIL Chapter News

NEIL Goes to College! Harper College!

On Saturday, April 25th from 9am-1pm NEIL members Mike Saujani, Rich Petite, Charlie Vasconez, Lauren Nauyokas and Sara Gibson all worked three tables sparking interest in the EH&S field to student age 10-15 and their parents. The NEIL group provided literature on careers in EH&S including types of jobs, educational requirements and salaries. The kids were engaged with identifying safety hazards in photos and trying on all types of PPE. The group also handed out ear plugs, explained the need for hearing safety and demonstrated sound levels with a sound level meter. There were an estimated 800 attendees. It was a fun time had by all and we look forward to making this an annual NEIL Chapter event.



Charlie Vasconez, Mike Saujani and Rich Petite helping Sara Gibson at Harper College Career Expo for students in grade 4-8 and their parents and families explaining them the importance of Safety Profession.



Meetings & Events

Have you attended a Chapter Board Meeting?

Last month our chapter elected the leadership team for the 2015-16 chapter year, but what does that mean? First, it means we will have a new president, president-elect, and treasure starting July 1. Second, it means...all the rest of you are off the hook for another year. Since you have no chance of being nominated for anything for at least a year, now is the perfect time to attend a NEIL board meeting. What happens at a board meeting? What makes the chapter run? How much money do we have in the bank? Why did we raise dues? How do I get more out of my chapter? The answers to these questions and many more will be answered at Friday, May 15 at 2:30 PM following the ergonomics seminar. Come for the CEU's and stay for the board meeting. This is *YOUR* chapter, get involved!

Partner organization meetings

ASSE Greater Chicago – Tuesday, May 12; 10:00 AM; Tour of NIPSTA and our annual Chapter Election [RSVP here](#)

ASSE Three Rivers – Friday, May 15 Ergonomics Seminar (with NEIL Chapter) Maggiano's at Woodfield Mall (1901 E Woodfield Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173). The seminar begins at 8:30am and the NEIL Board meeting will follow at 2:30pm.

Please pre-register by responding to the Evite or sending an email to Dow Carter (dow.carter@abbott.com). Cost for the seminar is \$60.

Fore!

Continue the 27th Chicagoland Safety, Health and Environmental Conference (www.ChiSafetyConf.org) networking fun and join us for our annual golf scramble on **September 25 at Village Greens of Woodridge!**

[Register Today!](#)

Agenda for Friday September 25, 2015

8:00 AM Check In & Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM Shotgun Start

12:30 PM Lunch (Italian Beef, Brats, Pasta Salad & Desert)

Golfing & Lunch: The cost for this event includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, continental breakfast, lunch, 2 drink tickets, and various prizes. Don't have a foursome? That's okay, we'll put you in a foursome, so go ahead and register. *Appropriate casual golf attire is required. No steel spikes are allowed on the golf course.*

Club rental is available, contact Brenda Allard to reserve your set.

Early Bird pricing until July 31, 2015 is \$75 per golfer. The price is \$85 per golfer after July 31.

Practice Specialties Spotlight – ENGINEERING

*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: **Construction**.*

The Engineering Practice Specialty (EPS) began as the Engineering Division in the early 1980s. Over the years, EPS members have made significant contributions to protect those who work at heights and to prevent slips, trips and falls in the workplace, leading to the development of ASSE's Z359 Fall Protection Code and Slips & Trips Compendium, respectively. EPS has played a major role in the development of examination questions used by the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. The Engineering Practice Specialty provides a forum for members to discuss strategies and research that address the needs of practicing engineers. EPS is the premier resource for technical knowledge and expertise related to engineering issues.

Member Benefits

- Industry-focused networking via LinkedIn, Facebook, conference calls and annual face-to-face meetings.
- Triannual electronic technical publications via email and access to publication archives.
- Access to 150+ [interviews](#) with top industry professionals.
- Publication opportunities.
- Advisory committee guidance and advice.
- Volunteer and leadership opportunities.
- Discounts on group-sponsored [webinars](#).
- Practice Specialty sponsorship on [conference](#) speaking proposals.
- Mentoring services.

Get more from your ASSE membership, check out the [Council on Practices & Standards](#) today!



From the Editor

Anthony Hopkins' last line in the Movie "Red 2" is "I didn't see that coming." Then the plane he has just stolen is destroyed by the bomb he built, activated, and thought he had passed off to Bruce Willis to carry off the plane and destroy Bruce and the other heroes. Apparently, Hopkins didn't read the script to the end or his character would have realized that a screen hero of Willis's stature would never just walk off the plane with the bomb to get himself, his fellow heroes, and most of Europe blown up. Where would be the sequel!?!?

As safety professionals, we do our best to see what's coming and prevent it or at least minimize the negative effects. But how we react after an event, whether the event is good or bad, may be more important and is often more noticed, than what we did on the preventive side. A lot happens after an incident, we investigate, we determine root cause, and develop corrective actions. We also have to deal with the people involved. They may be scared, angry, happy they were not injured, or in need of immediate care. All of these require us to be on our game, even when those around us are not.

My family and I spent the last week of April saying "we didn't see that coming" a lot as we attended my aunt's wake and funeral in Phoenix, AZ. As my uncle pointed out several times, my aunt was 80, they had over 50 years together, two great kids, two wonderful grandchildren, traveled the world, lived a full and wonderful life and she was in good health to the end. Then one morning she died, just like that. I didn't see that coming; neither did her family and friends. At 80 years old, maybe we should have seen it coming, but do we ever? I don't tell you this as a plea for sympathy but to point out that despite or greatest attempts, we are often surprised by the events we see unfold around us.

Did you see me giving away the end of the movie? If after reading the first sentence your answer was "no", perhaps you should consider a line of work with less foresight involved. After all, I did tell you it was his last line. Like the Hopkins villain, or like my Aunt's family and friends, we don't always see it coming; we don't always get an advance copy of the script. When we didn't see it coming, how we respond speaks volumes. We become the first responders, the clean-up crew, the investigators, and the enforcers. We also become the shoulder.

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