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President's Message

For the month of May (Friday, May 15, 2015) instead of the regular NEIL Chapter meeting we had an expanded meeting starting at 8.30 am with an Ergonomic Seminar for Safety Professionals, Supervisors/Managers. It was a very successful event with standing room only. This was the only time this year that we had a positive cash flow with the NEIL Chapter making about \$700 from this event thanks to all of you who supported and participated in the seminar. The feedback I received was very positive with 93% rating 4 and above out of a rating of 5. One of the comments stood out: "I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful seminar. I know how much work it was to put together. You did an excellent job, and the seminar was great. The speakers knew their stuff and presented well. I enjoyed it, and I learned a lot. Great job." Neil Silins.

Since my term will be ending on June 30, 2015 I would like to thank the NEIL Board members for their enthusiastic support and chapter members for their enthusiastic participation in the NEIL programs for the year. Without this support and participation we would not have been able to increase our membership and participation at our Chapter meetings. So thank you all.

Our last meeting for the current chapter year was the NEIL Chapter Board meeting in June where I transferred the baton to the new leadership for the year 2015-16. Your new leaders are: Jason Meiner, President / Delegate; Michael Saujani, Past President / Delegate; Amy Timmerman, President Elect; Dow Carter, Secretary and Sara Gibson, Treasurer. Please congratulate them and offer them your wholehearted support. At this meeting Jason will provide the Chapter Plan for the next year and appoint (non-elected) board positions.

Thanks again for your support and participation. Come and join us at Chicagoland Safety Conference in September 2015 and Chapter meetings after that for friendship, food and a little bit of learning as well.

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

Monthly Meeting Information

NEIL Monthly Meeting – The preliminary 2015-16 meeting calendar is below. Your official postcard will arrive in the mail over the summer and the official calendar will appear in the August Newsletter.

2015 – 16 Meeting Calendar

Date	Time Meal / Cost	Location	Topic	Speaker(s)
September 23	12:00 Noon	CSH&EC NIU-Naperville	NEIL Board Planning Meeting	Board Meeting (Members welcome, space is limited)
October 16	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Ergonomics in the Supply Chain	Ellen Gallo
November 20	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Distracted Driving / Driving Safety	Deborah Hersman, CEO NSC
December 11	9:00 AM	Northern Illinois Food Bank	Tour & Volunteer Event	Rick Pokorny 312-496-9653
January 15, 2016	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	OSHA Update	Candra Jefferson OSHA
February 19	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Contractor Safety Management	Power Construction
March 18	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	TBD	Stand Down for Fall Protection	Charlie Vasconez
April 15	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Student Day / Elections / Member Recognition	NIU Student Presentations
May 20	12:00 Noon Lunch \$60	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Emergency Preparedness	Various Speakers
June 26-29	ASSE PDC	Atlanta, GA	www.Safety2016.org	
June	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Planning Meeting / New Officers	NEIL Executive Board

Meeting Sponsorships

Would you or your company / employer like to sponsor a NEIL Meeting? Contact a NEIL Board member for more information!

Member Recognition

June / July ASSE Anniversaries

David Cathey – 20 years

Peter Pontikis – 20 years

Linda Kurtz – 10 years

Robert Simon – 10 years

Collin Moon – 5 years

Robert Randall – 5 years

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

Welcome New Members

Christopher Bruno

Jeremy Cantrell – Mondelez International

Ebrahim Khalili – Abbott Labs

Joseph Lake

Michael Panka

Chapter Officers

The votes have been counted!

The 2015-16 Officers began their service at the June planning meeting and will officially take office on July 1, 2015. They are...

President / Delegate – Jason Meiner

President-Elect – Amy Timmerman

Past-President / Delegate – Mike Saujani

Secretary – Dow Carter

Treasure – Sara Gibson

New contact information will appear in the August NEILetter.

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.

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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

Changing of the Guard!

The NEIL Board held their annual June planning meeting on June 12 and the first order of business was for incoming President Jason Weiner (right) to accept the NEIL Charter from outgoing President Mike Saujani (left). You CAN READ Mike's *Year in Review* below this picture. Thank you for your service Mike and Congratulations Jason. Have a great year!



President's Year in Review by Mike Saujani

First of all, thank the NEIL Board members for their enthusiastic support and members for their enthusiastic participation in the NEIL programs for the year. Special thanks to Charlie Vasconez and Dr. Mills for getting NIU students actively engaged; Don Phillips for taking the NEIL Newsletter a notch higher; in spite of his hectic schedule and weekly travels, Rick made sure we had financial reports, paid the vendors and balanced the books; Bob made sure we had the meeting room available with delicious Maggiano's food; and Jason and others were always supporting me in getting through the Chapter and Board meetings.

Our goal for the year was to connect with members through successful meeting topics, preferably with more than one speaker, professional development seminars and conferences, partner with other similar organizations for joint meetings, develop sponsorship program, offer CEU and help in the growth of our student members. The Board organized the *Chicagoland Safety Conference* and *Ergonomic Seminar*; both events were very successful, offering CEU credits to our members. NEIL partnered with Three Rivers and Greater Chicago to spend half a day packing food for the needy at the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

The Board arranged several technical meetings including a presentation by Tim Fisher on ISO 45001 – International Health and Safety Management Standard, Candra Jefferson on OSHA, and Tom Quick and Dennis Marolt on Behavior Based Safety and Machine Guarding. We held a roundtable discussion on the Importance of clear concise communication for safety professionals, global safety vision, changes in Illinois workers compensation laws, and how to return employees back to work safely. Todd Honn and Mike Brown of UL gave our members an amazing tour of Underwriters Laboratories, showing how UL impacts safety worldwide. Finally, we had several companies sponsor meetings including : Sage Products, Hazards Limited, Safety Don, LLC, and Northern Illinois University. We appreciate their support very much.

Our annual Student Presentations were opened by Mr. Pramod Vohra, the Dean of Engineering, NIU University. I liked what he said: "Doctors save lives, but without engineering innovations and technologies they would not be able to save as many lives." Engineering, particularly safety engineering, is critical for saving lives.

We had several milestone anniversaries including 60 years for Fred Manuele, 40 years for C James Dahn, 25 year for Charles Temple and 20 for Peggy Ross. We increased our membership by 8% to 299 and increased dues by only \$5 to balance our budget. We passed the NEIL Chapter By Laws and the NIU Student Section passed Student Section By Laws. We also improved our web site to include photos and videos.

I believe we had a good year with increased level of member participation, outstanding speakers and technical topics and well attended chapter meetings, Ergonomic Seminar and Chicagoland Safety Conference. The NEIL Board would like to thank you for your support and participation. Please continue to come to your chapter meetings for camaraderie, delicious food and a little bit of learning as well.

News & Notes

Taking the Summer Off

You may have noticed this is the June / July Newsletter. Traditionally, the newsletter has taken June, July, and August off for the summer. Since safety and danger never take holidays, I combined June and July into one newsletter to allow coverage of the NEIL June Planning meeting and will be back and August with a full NEILetter. Have a great summer and stay safe!

Partner organization meetings

ASSE Greater Chicago – Chicagoland Safety, Health & Environmental Conference; September 21-24, 2015; Northern Illinois University, Naperville Campus; www.chisafetyconf.org

ASSE Three Rivers – Chicagoland Safety, Health & Environmental Conference; September 21-24, 2015; Northern Illinois University, Naperville Campus; www.chisafetyconf.org

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 your 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: **Vacation – the Practice Specialties Spotlight will return in August.**

NIU Update – Student News

There are several benefits of student membership including:

- Meetings with guest speakers from a wide range of occupations.
- The opportunity to develop leadership skills.
- Begin building a respectable resume.
- Interaction with professional community.
- Networking and counseling from peers and professionals.
- Subscription to Professional Safety monthly magazine.
- Access to ASSE Body of Knowledge documents.
- Graduation Gift: 1st year of professional membership is free.
- Access to ASSE Foundation scholarships. In 2013-2014 NIU students received \$6000 in scholarships.

Please see <http://www.asse.org/membership/student-services/> for more information.

Please note the [Northeastern Illinois \(NEIL\) Chapter of ASSE](#) is the parent Chapter of the NIU ASSE Student Section. The Student Section Advisor is NIU faculty member [Dr. William J. Mills, III, Ph.D., M.Sc., CIH, C.Chem.](#) Office Phone: 815-753-5366 E-mail: wmills11@niu.edu



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From the Editor

It's summer, finally! I know this because, among other things, Lord Stanley's Cup has found its way home to Chicago. I also know this because traffic between my home in Gardner and my office in Schaumburg is noticeably lighter. That's good news for commuters like me but where did all the traffic go? The school busses are parked, that helped. But what about everyone else? They hit the highways and byways, as my wife and I will in July. Gone fishing, camping, sight seeing, you name it; but they hit the road in a totally foreign environment.

Driving in rush hour traffic is a challenge and it's tempting to get free of the city and just hit the gas, but there's danger in them hills and open roads. If you choose the interstate, 70 MPH is great but the semi a mile down the road is as close as the one 10 feet away at 10 MPH. I love the back roads but the John Deere taking both lanes and doesn't go very fast and isn't as nimble as your car but will inflict a lot more damage than anything on an expressway.

My summer break is fishing. My wife and I go to Lac Seul in Northwest Ontario (below) every year to the same lake my parents took me to when I was 12. We load the truck and the boat and head out at 4:00AM on a Friday morning. Why so early? No traffic. I still remember my dad saying "we have to get past the (Wisconsin) Dells before the traffic." When I started driving and pulling my own boat, I understood why. Pulling the boat is different for me but seeing the boat is different for a lot of the travelers we encounter. I can't accelerate as fast, I don't stop as quick, and corners and parking take more room. Every time I pull the boat, even around home, someone will cut us off, or misjudge the space the truck and boat take up, or not even see the boat when coming toward me. I know it, I expect it, and I act accordingly. I can proudly say that I've logged well over 33,000 miles pulling the boat to Canada and back without so much as a fender-bender. I've seen many others who have not been so fortunate.

As safety professionals, we often remind people that no job is worth their life. As we and those we are responsible for set out for some well deserved rest-and-relaxation this summer, let's also remember that no vacation is worth a life. Unless, of course, it's the life of a Walleye or Northern Pike, sacrificed in the name of shore lunch.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you all at the CSH&EC in September.

Don Phillips
NEILetter Editor

