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get involved in NEIL today!
www.neil.asse.org

President's Message

The Chicagoland Safety, Health & Environmental Conference (CSHEC) was conducted at the NIU-Naperville campus in September. I hope you had the opportunity to attend as there were several interesting topics/classes presented. Many NEIL members are actively involved throughout the year as they work to coordinate this event and I hope you found the event beneficial. As the conference chairs take a short break before they begin the task of coordinating next year's conference, I encourage you to let the Co-chairs know if you wish to volunteer or there are topics you would like to see.

With the conclusion of the CSHEC, we are set to begin our chapter meetings for the new year. The NEIL Board invites all chapter members to attend the meetings to network with likeminded professionals, enjoy great food, and utilize the presentations to learn and share experiences and best practices. This month, NEIL Membership Chair Ellen Gallo will present on "Ergonomics Within the Supply Chain". Ellen has over 25 years experience in safety, ergonomics and risk management ranging from insurance to consulting to manufacturing and distribution. Currently she is the Supply Chain Integrity Manager at Walgreen's, overseeing safety compliance and improving ergonomics. Ellen's ergonomic and safety improvements have led to savings of over \$4 million in claims cost reduction. I look forward to hearing her insight as ergonomics has been a popular topic in the past few years with the aging workforce and streamlining work practices.

Again, we invite you to attend the chapter meetings, get engaged, and become involved. We are always looking for volunteers (board members, chair positions, etc.) and encourage those that haven't been previously involved to become engaged and share their experiences.

I look forward to seeing and talking to you all throughout the year.

Jason Meiner.
President, NEIL Chapter, ASSE

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Monthly Meeting Information

NEIL Monthly Meeting – The October NEIL Meeting will be Friday, October 16 at 12:00 Noon. Ellen Gallow will present the technical program: Ergonomics in the Supply Chain. We will meet at Maggiano’s Little Italy at Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg. Come for the food, stay for the networking and training. [Click here for information and registration.](#) Payment information is below.

2015 – 16 Meeting Calendar

Date	Time Meal / Cost	Location	Topic	Speaker(s)
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

Beginning with the October chapter meeting, the NEIL Chapter will begin accepting credit card payments. We encourage everyone to RSVP for the meeting via the chapter website (<http://neil.asse.org/>). After you register, you will then have the opportunity to prepay for the meeting using your credit card or your PayPal account. By paying in advance we anticipate and hope that this will help reduce the congestion at the door during check-in. We are in the process of obtaining a card reader so that we can process credit card payments at the meeting as well. However, please understand that we are unable to guarantee that the reader will be received in time prior to the meeting. As always, payment will also be accepted at the door in form of cash or check. Please note that all walk-ins and non registered attendees will be charged \$30.

Member Recognition

Sept. / Oct. ASSE Anniversaries

Harold Culler – 35 years
David Selig – 15 years
Debra Levin – 5 years
Trent Rizzo – 5 years
Douglas Scott – 5 years

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

Welcome New Members

Garrett Fales – Student
Anthony Kennedy – Student
Cory Sattersten – Student

Welcome to the NEIL Chapter, let us know how we can help!

JOBS

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

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

Newsletter News

Did you see the table of contents? What about the link at the bottom of the page to jump to page 1? We're working to make the NEILetter better every month so let me know what you think.

NEIL Chapter News

Board Meeting Notes

The September board meeting was held at the Chicagoland Safety, Health, and Environmental Conference (CSHEC) at NIU-Naperville. CSHEC Co-Chair Rich Rapacki announced he is stepping down as co-chair after 10 years of service. Sheri Lesak will fill the co-chair position for the 2016 conference. Co-Chair Ken Orms announced he will be relocating out of the Chicago area. While Ken will continue to support the conference remotely, the committee is seeking a co-chair to fill Ken's position for the 2016 conference.

Claire Nachowicz has taken over as the chapter website administrator and is updating the site using tools available from ASSE. Claire can be contacted at claire.nachowicz@zebra.com

The chapter will begin accepting electronic payment for meetings, beginning with the October chapter meeting. Meeting attendees will be able to register in advance and pay with a major credit card.

Dr. Mills informed the board NIU will no longer support the Student Section website. The Section is considering options including NIU's "Husky Link" and the ASSE format.

Newsletter Address

Do you have information for the newsletter? Compliments or complaints? Please send them to:

safetydon@hotmail.com

News & Notes

Partner organization meetings

ASSE Greater Chicago – October Chapter Meeting / WISE-Sponsored Event: The Power of Robots – ComEd's Unmanned Aircraft System Test; October 13, 2015; ComEd is testing Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) technology (drones) to enhance how they gather information about the condition of the electrical grid. [Register HERE](#)

ASSE Three Rivers – October Chapter Meeting: Defensive Driver Training / National Safety Council. View a demonstration of the new online Defensive Driver Training from NSC. There will also be a discussion of the services and benefits of being a NSC member. [Register HERE](#)

Chicagoland Safety, Health & Enviro Conference

The Chicagoland Safety, Health and Environmental Conference is seeking a Co-Chair and volunteers to make a commitment to actively participate is the continued success of the conference. The organizing committee meets monthly and volunteers need to be available for meetings wither in person or by phone.

The committee will welcome anyone who is ready, willing and able to contribute to the success of the conference. For more information, please contact Ken Orms at k.orms@att.net or Sheri Lesak at LesakS@naperville.il.us

In other news: Mike Saujani's foursome birdied the first hole of the CSH&EC Golf Outing. This may or may not be earth shattering news.

Society News

Upcoming ASSE Events

Construction Safety Symposium; November 12-13, New Orleans, LA

[Information HERE](#)

SeminarFest, February 5-11, 2016; Las Vegas, NV

[Information HERE](#)

Full listing of ASSE Events

[ASSE Events Calendar](#)

ASSE Information

[ASSE President Mike Belcher's Blog](#)

Practice Specialties Spotlight – ENVIRONMENTAL

*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: **Environmental**.*

The Council on Practice & Standards (COPS) has eliminated the publications and replaced them with the practice specialty and common interest group portals. COPS Director Tim Fisher noted "The portals allow for publishing of technical articles, blogs, video, etc."

The Environmental Practice Specialty (EnvPS) focuses on issues such as environmental management, water and air quality, solid and hazardous waste, emergency planning and response practices, chemicals and toxicology, legislative and regulatory monitoring, and expert testimony and resources. EnvPS began as the Environmental Division in late October 1990 and published its first newsletter in January 1992.

In addition, EnvPS routinely surveys its members for their input on OSHA and EPA legislation and on hot topics, such as hydrogen as an alternative fuel source and green practices in the workplace.

Member Benefits

- Network with top environmental safety professionals via LinkedIn, Facebook, conference calls and annual face-to-face meetings.
- FREE membership in the Agricultural Branch by request.
- Triannual electronic technical publications via email.
- Access to 150+ interviews with top industry professionals.
- Publication opportunities.
- Advisory committee guidance and advice.
- Volunteer and leadership opportunities.
- Discounts on group-sponsored webinars.
- Group sponsorship on conference speaking proposals.
- Mentoring services.

*The Environmental Practice Specialty portal is available at <https://environmental.asse.org>. You can login with this access code: **ENVI1130**. The access code is good until the end of November to allow NEIL members to login with the code and check it out...*



NIU Update – Student News

Fall 2015 term is well underway and August and September were active for the NIU ASSE.

The NIU ASSE Student Section Executive for the Fall 2015 term consists of:

President: Ryan Hubrich, Vice President: Muhummad Starks, Secretary: Ivanna Khemelovska, Treasurer: Maurice Jackson, Faculty Advisor: Dr. William Mills, and NEIL NIU Liason: Mr. Charlie Vasonez

The NIU Involvement Fair took place on Sunday August 23 with Dr. Mills, Ryan Hubrich and Ivanna Khemelovska representing the Student Section.

The first meeting of the 2015-16 academic year was held on Monday August 31 with 19 students in attendance. Ms Susan Clark and Mr. Steven Hansen from ASSE provided a presentation on the benefits of ASSE National student membership. The NIU Student Section now accepts credit cards, which helped expand the membership to over 30 members for the 2014-15 academic year.

The NIU ASSE Student Section was represented at the College of Engineering's "Welcome Days" picnic on September 9. Several members of the NIU ASSE Student Section helped to man the table and provide information to interested students.

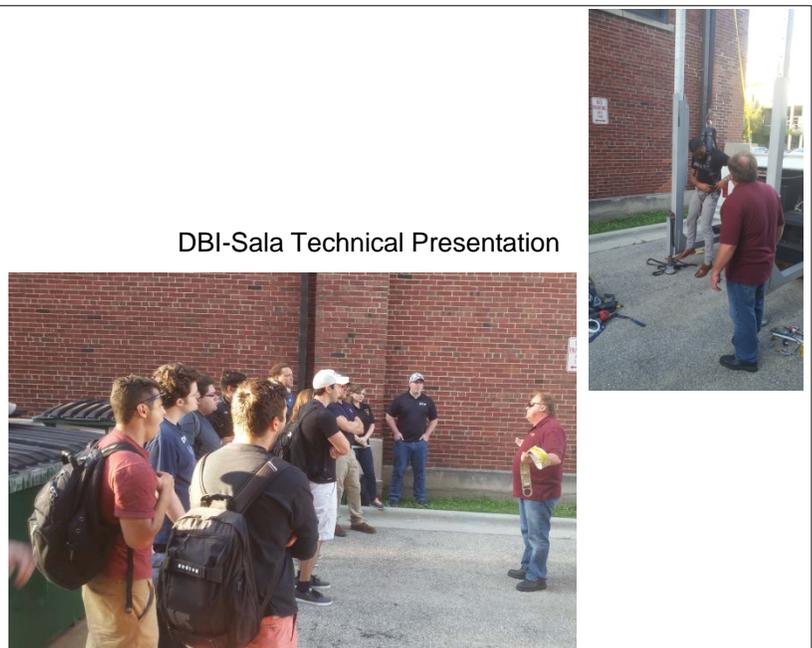
The first technical meeting of the academic year was held on Sept. 14. DBI-Sala provided a demonstration of fall protection equipment with 14 students attending. The event was enjoyable and the weather cooperated! One of the NIU students was able to test the fall protection harness out for himself.

Upcoming meetings include the October and November NEIL Chapter meetings, a resume workshop on October 12, and an AED/CPR training class on Friday November 13. The NIU ASSE Student Section is selling apparel during October 2015. NEIL members are welcome to purchase this as well. We will be taking orders at the October 16 NEIL meeting.

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



NIU Involvement Fair



From the Editor

Photo #1 is a 2015 John Deere S680 Combine harvesting your corn flakes or the feed for your steaks, pork chops, or bar-b-qued chicken. Photo #2 is a 2015 John Deere 9570RX tractor getting the land ready for the next crop of breakfast, lunch, or supper. Photo #3 is a friend's John Deere 8335 tractor after going off the road and striking a tree in an effort to avoid the driver of a car who was too busy texting to notice the tractor they were about to go head-to-head with. Each of these fine examples of American agriculture weigh in at nearly 100,000 pounds. That's a lot of tractor to not notice. Photo #4 is my 1950 Allis-Chalmers WD, weighing in at between 3,500 and 5,000 pounds, depending in the amount of fluid added to the tires for ballast. A Chevy Malibu weighs in at 3,400 pounds. Who do you think will win in the battle?

I grew up, and still live, in farm country. Every year I see people driving though our quiet country roads misjudge the speed, or simply don't see, the farm equipment moving from field to field at top speeds of 15-20 MPH. Often times, those tractors are carrying equally bulky implements with sharp, pointy things on them. Growing up the son of a County Sheriff, I saw plenty of car/truck versus farm implement accidents, all ending with the same result, the car or truck loses.

We love seeing city folks come out to farm country for a visit. Many farms offer the opportunity for agri-tourism where people can spend a day, weekend, or week on the farm, participating in the first link of the food chain. These are great opportunities to experience farming first-hand. We only ask one thing: please be careful. Slow down, turn off the phone, enjoy the scenery, and keep your eyes open. Our roads are narrow, our vehicles slow, and our way of life critical to feeding the world. No farmer wants to be involved in an accident. The chances are the farmer in the tractor will be uninjured physically, the scars they carry after someone hits them are permanent, as are the physical injuries to the people in the passenger vehicles.

It's harvest time in Farm Country. Come out and enjoy the scenery, safely.

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