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President's Message

I hope that this message finds you well and that you have had a fun and safe Halloween. Thank you to Ellen Gallo once again for her presentation on *Ergonomics within the Supply Chain* during the October chapter meeting. If you missed the meeting or if you are interested in learning more on the subject, I encourage you to reach out and connect with Ellen. Ellen is the current Membership Chair for the NEIL Chapter and she is available to discuss and answer your questions.

Due to speaker schedules we had to shuffle a few of our meeting topics. For the November 20th meeting, the presentation topic will be *Fall Protection* and will be conducted by Charlie Vasconez. Charlie is a NEIL member and the liaison with our Student Section. He is the Safety Director at All-Tech Decorating Company, an authorized OSHA Construction trainer, and is well versed in fall protection. As an individual who communicates almost daily with subcontractors who are climbing communication towers and as this has been a topic of importance with OSHA and NATE (National Association of Tower Erectors), I look forward to hearing and seeing Charlie's presentation.

With Charlie presenting at the November meeting, Power Construction will speak at the March meeting on Contractor Safety Management, and Deborah Hersman from the NSC will speak on *Distracted Driving, Driving Safety Programs, and Transportation Accident Investigation* in February.

I would like to offer everyone the invitation to speak at chapter meetings. If you are working on or have recently completed a project and would like to share with the chapter, let us know. We are always looking for speakers and encourage chapter members to present at our meetings.

As always, we encourage everyone to get engaged and become involved. Do you have an interest in becoming a board member? We are currently seeking volunteers for President-Elect and Chapter Secretary for 2016-17. If you are interested in becoming more involved and you're unsure on running for a board position, then I suggest assisting with a chair position. The best way everyone can learn is by sharing their experiences.

I look forward to seeing and talking with you all at the November meeting.

Jason Meiner.
President, NEIL Chapter, ASSE

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Monthly Meeting Information

NEIL Monthly Meeting – The November NEIL Meeting will be Friday, November 20 at 12:00 Noon. Charlie Vasconez, NEIL Member and Safety Director for All-Tech Decorating will present the technical program on Fall Protection. 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)
November 20	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Fall Protection	Charlie Vasconez All-Tech Decorating
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	Distracted Driving / Driving Safety Programs	Deborah Hersman National Safety Council
March 18	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano's / Woodfield	Contractor Safety Management	Power Construction
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

The NEIL Chapter now accepts 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

November ASSE Anniversaries

Tom Anderson – 30 years
Bruce Fawkes – 25 years
James Swanson – 15 years
Robert Lomastro – 5 years

Receiving Anniversary Certificates

Jerri Wilkerson – 40 years
Dennis Marolt – 40 years
Richard Petite – 25 years
Gregory Logan – 25 years
Bruce Fawkes – 25 years
Anthony Zoia – 25 years

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

Chicagoland SH&E Conference

New Conference Co-Chair

Dave Regelbrugge of Bureau Veritas will take on the co-chair position replacing Rich Rapacki, who announced his retirement during the 2015 conference. Dave was a past president of the AIHA, Chicago Chapter. He is also a member of the ASSE Greater Chicago Chapter. He is both a CSP and a CIH, and has been in the industry (as a consultant) for many years. He also has participated in the conference as a presenter, attendee and exhibitor. Dave will join Sheri Lesak and Ken Orms as conference co-chairs for the 2016 conference.

Thank you to Rich for his years of service to the Conference and to Dave for taking on this role.

JOBS

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

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

Newsletter Notes

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.

Newsletter Address

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

safetydon@hotmail.com

Society Notes

Check Your Settings

Be sure to check your ASSE membership settings to be sure they are accurate, especially your contact information and e-mail settings. Don't miss news from your NEIL chapter and ASSE.

News & Notes

Partner organization meetings

ASSE Greater Chicago – December Chapter Meeting: OSHA Update; December 8, 2015; Active Shooter. [Register HERE](#)

ASSE Three Rivers – December 10 Chapter Meeting: Joint Volunteer event at Northern Illinois Food Bank. [Register HERE](#)

Construction Safety Council – Holiday Open House; Friday, December 4th, 2015 from 1pm - 4pm; Construction Safety Council; 4415 W. Harrison St, Suite 404; Hillside, IL 60162; [Register HERE](#)

Chicagoland Safety, Health & Enviro Conference

The recently concluded ***Chicagoland Safety, Health and Environmental Conference***, held at the Naperville Illinois campus of Northern Illinois University September 21-24, 2015, was the largest in its 27 year history. The conference, founded in 1988 is organized by three chapters of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the Chicago Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the Chicago Chapter of the Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professions and is planned in association with OSHA, the National Safety Education Center and the Northern Illinois University College of Engineering and Engineering Technology.

The conference was promoted and sponsored by multiple manufacturing, trade and business organizations and Chambers of Commerce. *Industrial Hygiene News* was the media sponsor for the conference. *Reflejos*, a Spanish language newspaper wrote a story about the conference and ASSE sent reporters to cover the conference for its magazine, *Professional Safety Journal*, its blogs and new practice specialty member portals.

Each year over 300 EHS professionals, trainers, HR professionals, municipalities, safety committee members, business owners, manufacturing company representatives attend the conference. The **CSHEC** is the *premier* Midwest regional training conference drawing vendors, speakers and attendees from 17 states.

Five tracks offered current issue training in OSHA Compliance, Environmental Management and Compliance, Professional Development, General Safety and Industrial Hygiene. Speakers and presenters included OSHA Compliance Specialists, Environmental consultants, college professors, Ergonomists, Industrial Hygienists, corporate trainers, attorneys, a retired Army Training Officer, the EHS Manager for General Electric, a trainer from the National Safety Council, trainers from the Construction Safety Council, the Urban Search and Rescue Operations Branch Chief and a Homeland Security Analyst from Argonne National Laboratories.

A one day Business EXPO provided attendees with access to dozens of vendors featuring great products and services. An after-hours social allowed attendees to network with other EHS professionals, speakers and business representatives. The keynote speaker was Mr. Jacob Scott, Aurora office OSHA Administrator who provided update for the Midwestern states in OSHA Region 5. The conference week concluded with the *Chicagoland EHS Golf Outing*.

Next year, the ***Chicagoland Safety, Health and Environmental Conference*** will be held September 19-22, 2016 at the Naperville campus of Northern Illinois University. Detailed information about the 2016 conference, including a complete list of topics will be posted on the website www.chisafetyconf.org in late May or early June, 2016.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to be a active and participating member of the conference Steering Committee, please contact Sheri Lesak at lesaks@naperville.il.us, Rich Rapacki at richrapacki@airesconsulting.com or Ken Orms at k.orms@att.net

Practice Specialties Spotlight – ERGONOMICS

*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: **eRGONOMICS**.*

The **Ergonomics Practice Specialty** serves as a rich resource of technical information for its members and gives them the opportunity to network, share best practices and discuss new ways to reduce soft-tissue injuries in the workplace. ErgoPS is also a resource to assist members in workers' compensation claims, return-to-work programs, prevention strategies and much more.

Member Benefits

- Network via social media, conference calls and annual meetings
- Connect with top industry professionals
- Access digital technical publications
- Request advisory committee guidance and advice
- Review conference speaking proposals
- Share or seek knowledge through mentoring services
- Enhance your resume through volunteer opportunities
- Publish your knowledge to earn recertification points

Sample Article

[Integrating Risk Management & Prevention Through Design Standards](#)

The standard, "ANSI/ASSE/ISO 31000 (Z690.2-2011) Risk Management— Principles and Guidelines," can be applied to an entire organization, as well as to specific processes, activities or projects. OSH professionals can play a significant role in product development.

Society Election News

The Nominations & Elections Committee is pleased to announce the preliminary Slate of Candidates for the 2016 Society election. Petition candidates have until December 1st to file completed petitions for inclusion on the March 1 ballot. Those wishing to petition for a position on the ballot should notify the Nominations & Elections Committee Chair by sending an email by November 16, to ASSE's Nominations & Elections Committee Staff Liaison, Kim McDowell (kmcdowell@asse.org). The email should specify the office for which they are petitioning. The petition process is outlined in the ASSE Bylaws and Society Operations Guide 6.31, Article II Petition Nomination & III Candidate Petition Notification Form: <http://www.asse.org/about/sog-section-631>.

ASSE CANDIDATE SLATE - 2016

The succession of candidates from Senior Vice President to President-Elect and President-Elect to President is automatic. Therefore, Thomas Cecich and James Smith will not appear on the actual ballot.

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Skyler Willard, CSP

Practice Specialty Asst. Admn. – Healthcare

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Mary Vorndran, CSP

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Practice Specialty Asst. Admn. – Ergonomics

Jessica Ellison, M.S., CSP, CPE
Winnie Ip, B.Sc., MBA, CPE

Practice Specialty Asst. Admn. – Intl.

Bala Siva Srikanth Adivi, CSP, CMIOSH
Edwin Yap

Nominations are still being accepted the following positions.

Environmental Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator
Fire Protection Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator
Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator
Training & Communications Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator
Transportation Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator
Safety Professionals and the Latino Workforce (SPALW) -Assistant Administrator
Women in Safety Engineering (WISE) - Assistant Administrator

Information on submitting for any of these positions is posted at asse.org/elections/2016. The final candidate slate will be published on December 15, 2015.

From the Editor

November is an interesting month. Each year for the past 10 or so years, I have been honored to serve as the Master of Ceremonies for three events each November. My month begins with the Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice fundraiser, which is very special to me as my father died of cancer in 2005 and this group, was very good to him and our family. Gardner hosts an annual program to recognize and honor our veterans each November 11, and the month closes with lighting Gardner's community Christmas tree on the Sunday evening of Thanksgiving weekend. What is unique about these three events all being in the same month is it brings perspective about all I have to be thankful for.

As much as I miss my dad, I'm eternally grateful for everything he taught me and continues to teach me, even 10 years after he passed away. My dad was a veteran, who always joked about fighting "The Battle of Seattle". His service fell between the Korean and Viet Nam wars and he was fortunate enough to never face combat, except of course for flying fish. A lot of what dad taught me I use in my career every day. My dad was a farmer and a cop and always looked out for his family, friends, and co-workers, almost to a fault. As safety professionals, we are called to do the same thing, we are the protectors of the workforce. But one of dad's lessons that always stuck with me and has served me well was never go to jail for anyone. Safety and compliance can be a tricky line sometimes, but that's a topic for another letter.

We all have so much to be thankful for. Because of our veterans, we live in the greatest nation in the world. Because of the safety professionals who came before us, our workplaces are some of the safest in the world. And despite, or maybe because of, our differences we will celebrate a Holiday Season lasting over two months and celebrating everything from a Festivus Pole to the birth of a Savior.

My photo this month is the Coal City High School Footnotes singing our National Anthem at the Gardner Veteran's day ceremony. I'm thankful these young men and women took part of their day off from school to come and honor our Veterans. Whatever you're thankful for and however you give thanks and celebrate, please do it safely.

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