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## President's Message

Although it's only February, the NEIL Board is looking ahead towards April, May and June. These three months are important to highlight as we will have our chapter board elections, host a half-day seminar, and plan for the 2016-2017 chapter year. I'm amazed how quickly things have gone.

As we look ahead towards April, I ask for you to reflect on your experiences with the chapter. What have you liked? What don't you like? How would you like to see changes implemented? These are good questions to think about as perhaps your vision could shape the future of the chapter. With the board elections fast approaching, we are still searching for candidates to fill the President-Elect and Secretary positions. I know that some of you have been approached to see if you would be interested, but if you haven't been approached and you would like to be a board member let us know. This is your chapter and not "ours". As everyone has an equal voice, I encourage you to consider joining the board and providing your insight and experiences.

I would also like to highlight that we will once again be offering a half-day seminar as our May meeting. This year the seminar will be on Emergency Preparedness. I have to thank Mike Saujani as he has been extremely helpful with the coordinating of this event.

However, before we look to far ahead, I hope you are able to join us for our meeting this month when Deborah Hersman, CEO National Safety Council, will be speaking in regards to Distracted Driving, Driving Safety Programs, and Transportation Accident Investigation. If you were not aware, April is when the NSC will be observing Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Distracted driving has killed many over the years and the technology in today's vehicles makes it easier to make calls, send texts, emails, and social media updates all while behind the wheel. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, research shows that these systems can be just as distracting and unsafe as drunk driving, increasing the need for consumer education. I hope you are able to join us to hear Deborah and use the knowledge gained to change or strengthen the distracted driving policies at our individual companies.

Best Regards,  
Jason Meiner.  
President, NEIL Chapter, ASSE

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## Monthly Meeting Information

**NEIL Monthly Meeting** – The February NEIL Meeting will be Friday, February 15 at 12:00 Noon at the Maggiano’s at Woodfield Mal and will feature an a discussion of distracted driving and a review of safe driving programs by Deborah Hersman of the National safety Council. Come for the food, stay for the networking and training. [Click here for information and registration](#). After you register you have the choice to prepay online through Pay Pal or you may pay at the door in the form of cash, check or credit card. Registration cancellations MUST be received 3 days before the meeting to avoid being invoiced for the meeting, however substitutes are happily accepted. Please note that all walk-ins and non-registered attendees will be charged \$30

Date	Time Meal / Cost	Location	Topic	Speaker(s)
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	8:30am – 2:00pm Lunch \$69	Maggiano’s / Woodfield	Active Shooter Seminar	Various Speakers
June 26-29	ASSE PDC	Atlanta, GA	<a href="http://www.Safety2016.org">www.Safety2016.org</a>	
June	12:00 Noon Lunch \$25	Maggiano’s / Woodfield	Planning Meeting / New Officers	NEIL Executive Board

The January meeting was sponsored in part by CIS Onsite. CIS Onsite assists businesses in keeping their employees healthy and working. We provide 3 services, all onsite at employer’s facilities: wellness/injury prevention, therapy, and case management. Through the utilization of our services, our clients have shown a substantial reduction in their worker’s compensation costs, claims and injuries. We believe that no asset is more important to a business than its employees.

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## Monthly Meeting Information

The May Chapter Meeting will be a seminar on Active Shooter Preparedness / Training at Maggiano's at Woodfield Mall. The seminar begins at 8:30am until 2:00pm and features speakers from Harper College, Awareity, The Department of Homeland Security, and the South Barrington Police Department. Registration is now open and the cost is \$70 per attendee in advance or \$80 at the door.

### Active Shooter Seminar



- Introduction - Jason Meiner - President ASSE - 8.00 - 8.30 am
- Violence at workplace and community - Harper College Professor - 8.30 - 9.30 am
- Break - 9.30 am 9.45 am
- Violence Prevention and Assessment Tools - Rick Shaw - Awareity - 9.45 - 10.45 am
- Infrastructure Protection - Gergory Wolff - Homeland Security - 10.45 - 11.45
- Lunch Break - 11.45 - 12.30 pm
- Active Shooter Response - Sergeant Jeff Lang - Village of South Barrington Police Department - 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm
- Conclusion - Q & A. (Scenario Evaluation and Response) 1.30 - 2.00 pm

To register and guarantee your seat, please mail your check, payable to ASSE NEIL Chapter to:

Mike Saujani, Past President  
NEIL Chapter  
P.O. Box 59192  
Schaumburg, IL 60159

You may also register using a credit card on the [NEIL Website](#)

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## Jobs

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

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

Send your job postings to:

Website: [jrbonnot@setenv.com](mailto:jrbonnot@setenv.com)

NEILetter: [safetydon@Hotmail.com](mailto:safetydon@Hotmail.com)

### SUMMER 2016 INTERN OPPORTUNITIES

Aires Consulting, a division of Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. is a national full-service industrial hygiene, safety, environmental, and design/construction consulting firm with a professional staff of approximately twenty (20) employees serving the industrial, manufacturing, commercial institutional, and governmental markets. Gallagher Bassett Inc. is the largest global property/casualty third party insurance administrator and employees approximately 4,200 worldwide.

**We anticipate two (2) to three (3) summer internship opportunities in 2016 for our Batavia, IL office.** Specifics for this opportunity include:

- Ten (10) – Twelve (12) week paid internship – We have worked with Universities to meet the applicable program requirements for graduation.
- Training may include monitoring and/or analytical techniques, project documentation, health effects of occupational and/or environmental exposures.
- Hands-on activities may include air sampling, project documentation, data entry, and/or assisting senior project managers and industrial hygienists with onsite assessments.
- Professional development and guidance from experienced Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIH) and Certified Safety Professionals (CSP)

**Requirements:** At a minimum, must be actively pursuing a bachelor's degree in environmental health sciences, environmental studies, industrial hygiene, safety, or equivalent field. Must provide own transportation to sites in the Chicago Metro area. Requires basic knowledge of Microsoft Office products.

Interested candidates may forward their resumes to Robyn Melnychuk at [robyn\\_melnychuk@gbtpa.com](mailto:robyn_melnychuk@gbtpa.com). For more information regarding the positions please contact:

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## Region News

**Partner organization meetings** – Click the organization for information / registration

[ASSE Greater Chicago](#) – February Meeting is TBD

[ASSE Three Rivers](#) – February 12 Chapter Meeting: OSHA Update.

[Construction Safety Association](#) – February 29 Chapter Meeting: OSHA Construction Update.

## Member Recognition

### ASSE Anniversaries

John Angelo – 25 years  
Tony Zoia (Jobs Chair) – 25 years  
Fred Satterlee – 5 years  
John Zelasco – 5 years

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

### Bring A Friend

Bring a friend or colleague to the next chapter meeting. We all have something to share and something to learn.

## Newsletter Notes

### Newsletter Address

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

[safetydon@hotmail.com](mailto:safetydon@hotmail.com)

### 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.

## Society Elections



Voting opens for the 2016 Society elections on March 1. This year, ASSE members will have an opportunity to vote for senior vice president; vice president, finance; director-at-large; vice president, practices and standards; and vice president, professional development. Members in regions II, IV, V, VI and VIII will vote for their respective vice presidents and area directors, and members of select practice specialties and common interest groups will vote for their respective assistant administrators.

Before the elections begin, be sure to read the candidate biographies in the February 2016 issue of *Professional Safety*, and review the candidates' platform statements, biographies and election information on [ASSE's website](#).

**Remember, these elections determine which volunteers will lead ASSE for the coming year. All votes must be received by March 31, 2016.**

## ASSE Foundation

### Safety Matters

The ASSE Foundation is the charitable arm of the American Society of Safety Engineers, focusing on educational programs that advance the profession we serve, developing tomorrow's safety leaders, and supporting research to expand the knowledge of the safety community. If Safety Matters to you please [donate today](#).

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## Chapter News

### **An Invitation for ASSE Members**

The Sustainable Workplace Alliance and their non-profit were awarded a training grant from DOT and OSHA which allows them to conduct no-cost training to the public. There will be two different classes coming to Chicago that ASSE NEIL members and their colleagues may be interested in attending.

The first class is a 1-day "Best Practices in Teaching Technical Subjects" class and you can find more information [HERE](#). This class will be held on March 4, 2016

The second class is a 5-day "Hazardous Materials Packaging and Shipping (49 CFR) Train-the-trainer" class and you can find more information [HERE](#). This class will be held on April 11 - 15, 2016

This is also great opportunity for members who are **CIAH and CIH to earn 6 technical contact hours of CEU's** for the 1-day and **30 technical contact hours of CEU's** for the 5-day. And since the training is funded by a federal training grant, **there is absolutely no cost to attend!**

### **Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities**

The NEIL (Northeastern Illinois) Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers offers a sponsorship program to help your organization reach the safety, health and environmental (SH&E) professionals in the Chicagoland area. With more than 300 members in this Chapter we offer sponsors a way to directly target the people that buy safety products and services in this area. Your support in sponsoring activities of the Chapter also provides us assistance in developing our Chapter and our members in the field of safety and health.

#### **What's in it for our sponsors?**

- Exposure to SH&E professionals in our area and their companies
- Demonstrated support of the development of the SH&E profession
- Align your organization with a specific topic or safety event
- Increased level of professional contacts.

#### **How Can I Sponsor?**

The NEIL Chapter members generally meet on the third Friday of the month during lunch at Maggiano's in Schaumburg. To participate in the sponsorship program the Sponsorship Application must be completed and returned along with payment.

Chapter Meeting Sponsorship– \$100

Company logo and website link on the home page of the NEIL Chapter's website for the month before your sponsorship, the month of your sponsorship, and the month after your sponsorship.

Acknowledgement of sponsorship and company logo on the chapter newsletter for the month before your sponsorship, the month of your sponsorship, and the month after your sponsorship.

Setup a display booth/table for literature/handouts in a designated area in the meeting room during the sponsored chapter meeting. This is a great networking opportunity as we typically have an average of 40 attendees at our meetings.

5-10 minute at the beginning of the sponsored meeting to address the attendees on your company services.

Free attendance for one (1) at the sponsored chapter meeting (\$25 value).

Contact Michael Saujani 847-836-0457 (mikesaujani@hotmail.com) for further information or to become a sponsor today!

## Practice Specialties Spotlight – Industrial Hygiene

*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: **Industrial Hygiene**.*

The **Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty (IHPS)** works to advance occupational safety and health in the workplace through sound industrial hygiene practices from asbestos to mold to exposure monitoring and everything in between. IHPS helps members become Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIH), having a strong relationship with AIHA, and Certified Safety Professionals (CSP) and secure maintenance points.

### **ASSE Members, join today for just \$20!**

- 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**

#### **[Roadmap Toward a Holistic Safety Culture](#)**

OSH is too often considered a functional area or a center of specific expertise, and OSH managers see themselves too often and too much as a capsulated competence center. Such an approach to OSH will always fall far short of what is needed for a successful, holistic, proactive and preventive safety culture.

### **Other Technical Resources**

[The Safety Professionals Handbook](#)

[The Safety Professionals Handbook - Management Applications](#)

[The Safety Professionals Handbook - Technical Applications](#)

[Recognition, Evaluation, and Control of Workplace Health Hazards](#)

[Hearing Conservation Manual, 5th Edition](#)

[Noise Control, Third Edition](#)



## From the Editor

I'm a Chevy guy. If you're a Ford guy, or girl, I hope you'll keep reading despite that statement. I don't dislike Fords, I've owned a few and they were good vehicles, but I just couldn't get comfortable sitting in them. My dad was a Ford guy, he owned a few Chevys, and the first truck I remember him having was an International Harvester. Boy, would I like to have that truck back; but I'd probably still drive my Chevy for my regular truck.

Jobs are like cars and trucks, they have to fit. I'd never buy a truck without driving it first, in fact, I want to know how it does pulling my boat too. The seat needs to fit, the steering wheel has to be in that perfect position; the mirrors, arm rests, and pedals have to all fit my shape. But how do we test drive a job? I've often heard people say safety is safety and to a certain point, they are right. What we do isn't brain surgery, but how we do it is. Being a safety professional is all about chemistry; how well we fit in our workplace. You can walk through any workplace and have an idea of where the low-hanging safety fruit is. You can probably get a good idea of what you would do first. But what about the second week, or month, or year; what will you do then? That's when it becomes about the fit.

Fit can be hard to define. Sometimes we know right away it's not right and just walk away. Sometimes we know it's good and jump right in. Other times, it's that gut feeling; the difference between a good fit and a great fit. When we recognize the fit, good or bad, it's important to act. The right fit is as important to us as the safety leaders as it is to our employers and employees.

I've often told the students at NIU, and say in my train-the-trainer presentations, that if you're not happy in your job, and I mean truly happy, it's time to make a change. Chances are, I'll own my truck for about 5 years, I'll still like it but it will wear out. Chances are, I'll be working for another 20; if it's not a happy 20, I'll wear out too soon and not be good for myself or my employer. Fit is everything and we owe it to our employers, our fellow employees, and ourselves to be the best fit we can be.

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