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get involved in NEIL today!  
[www.neil.asse.org](http://www.neil.asse.org)

## President's Message

I hope that this message finds you well and that you have had a good holiday.

Thank you to everyone from the NEIL Chapter, the Greater Chicago Chapter, and the Three Rivers Chapter for volunteering their time and resources at the Northern Illinois Food Bank during the December meeting. Through our combined work, food and monetary donation, we put 10,000 meals on the table for those in the Chicagoland area. A big thank you also to Rick Pokorny for his time and work in coordinating our annual event at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Rick has been instrumental in coordinating this event to ensure that it is successful each year. It is through the assistance of Rick and others that we are able to coordinate our events and meetings each year.

With our annual volunteer event completed and as we begin a new year, I encourage everyone to consider how they may give back in 2016. Perhaps you would like to become more involved with the NEIL Chapter. We are currently seeking candidates/volunteers for the President-Elect and Chapter Secretary positions. With these positions you can assist in shaping the meetings for the 2016 – 2017 chapter calendar year. For those with a professional certification, did you know you get CEU's for being a board member? Maybe you wish to be involved but aren't interested in these positions. If that is the case, let us know. The NEIL board is always looking for volunteer assistance and feedback from the members.

In regards to feedback, during the next few board meetings we will be surveying the members to get their input on the chapter meetings. We would like to obtain your input on a variety of items ranging from meeting location, meeting costs, meeting topics, etc. Your input will assist the board in making decisions that will be beneficial and meaningful for the chapter. As always, if you have any questions or comments feel free to ask any board member.

Until next the next newsletter or the next chapter meeting, I wish everyone a happy new year.

Best Regards,

Jason Meiner.  
President, NEIL Chapter, ASSE

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## Monthly Meeting Information

***NEIL Monthly Meeting*** – The January NEIL Meeting will be Friday, January 15 at 12:00 Noon at the Maggiano’s at Woodfield Mal and will feature an OSHA Update from Candra Jefferson. 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)
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	<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 is being 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 December Chapter was the annual NEIL volunteer event at the Northern Illinois Food Pantry and included participants from the NEIL, Three Rivers, and Greater Chicago Chapters. The efforts of our ASSE members put 10,000 meals on the table for area families in need. Thank you to everyone who participated to make this another successful event! Here are some of our members in action:



## Member Recognition

### **November ASSE Anniversaries**

Robert Donze – 35 years  
Patrick Arkins – 15 years  
Andrew Kieltyka – 5 years

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

## 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)

## Society News

### **Partner organization meetings**

**ASSE Greater Chicago** – February Meeting is TBD: More information [HERE](#)

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

### **Nominations for Area Director**

ASSE Region V, the region the NEIL Chapter is in, is adding Area Directors to assist the Regional Vice President and improve communication and support for the Chapters. Two Region Members have been nominated for the position.

Michael Saujani, CSP, CPCU (NEIL Chapter) and Jim Lange MS, CSP, OHST (Nicolet Chapter) are candidates in the 2016 Society Elections for Area Director, area 1, Region V. Please check out ASSE web site, [asse.org/elections/2016](http://asse.org/elections/2016) for candidate bios and platform statement information. Voting begins on March 1, 2016.

## Jobs

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

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

## 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.

## Chapter News

### **Mike Saujani Published in Professional Safety**

Congratulations to NEIL Past President Mike Saujani who will have an article published in the upcoming Professional Safety. "Developing World Class Safety Culture" discusses how Mike was able to change safety culture at a printing company using Five Pillars of Safety Road Map for successful cultural change. As a result the company was recognized as one of the twelve best by EHS (Occupational Hazards). Mike commented "(His) hope in publishing the article is that readers will be able to accomplish the same results at their companies."

### **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 – HEALTHCARE

*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: **HEALTHCARE**.*

The **Healthcare Practice Specialty** (HPS) addresses the occupational safety and health needs of those working in the healthcare industry, including hospitals, extended-care facilities, medical clinics, doctors'/dentists' offices and related fields, such as psychiatric facilities, substance abuse facilities, paramedic operations and industries providing goods or services to medical facilities. HPS members help identify and promote research in emerging healthcare safety technologies and develop specialized healthcare safety education programs and technical materials.

### **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**

#### **[Mayo Clinic's Mindful Movements in the Workplace](#)**

Mayo Clinic's mission is to inspire hope and to contribute to health and well-being by providing the care to every patient through integrated clinical practice, education and research.

### **Want to get involved? Here's How:**

Login into your ASSE profile to [Add](#) desired practice specialties, branches and/or common interest groups with to your shopping cart and check out.



Healthcare Practice Specialty

## From the Editor

Baby It's COLD Outside! Apparently, our mild winter is gone and the real winter we all know and love has arrived with a vengeance. As I write this letter, there are no degrees outside, which I never quite understood. There are no degrees outside, none, we looked everywhere. In that case, shouldn't it already be -72, since that's how many I'd like to have? And what happens when we get below zero? Is that when we officially start looking for the missing degrees? And even when we find them, all we do is get back to not having any. When I drive in and see 1° on my truck thermometer, I always wonder if it's lonely. If we could just get a second degree, maybe they could make more degrees and get it warmed up. I always tell people as long as it's above 0, it's not cold. That goes out the window on mornings like this.

Safety is a lot like degrees. What do we do when it's not there? Do we go out and look for it? Do we start the safety machine and make more? Can we measure it like temperature? Is it better to have a lot of safety than just a little? Can we use it all up and run out? Can we have too much and need to get rid of some? What if we have a lot and no one notices, do we still have it?

Safety can be very elusive that way. We tend to not notice it nearly as much when it's there as when it's missing. And when it's missing, we notice. Like degrees, we have to appreciate it when we have it because unlike degrees, we can't just turn up the thermostat and get a little more going. We have to work for it. We can't store it up to use later; I would have enjoyed a little mid-July this morning. We can't afford to back it down either. How many of you were looking for some January back in mid-August? Admit it, you were, so was I. Safety is a state of mind. Like breathing, it needs to be automatic, but unlike breathing, we're not born knowing how to do it. Remember that first hot stove you touched? That was the first safety lesson for a lot of us, and we've been building on it ever since.

Unlike the temperature, we can predict safety, and we can control it. We can put down the phone and drive. We can check the parking lot for ice before we walk across it. We can keep our vehicle in good condition. We can keep the machine guards in place, wear PPE, report and correct hazards, watch out for our fellow employees, and thank them when they look out for us.

Baby, it's COLD outside, but we can keep ourselves a little bit warmer by adding just a little bit of safety.

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