October 2017

Chapter Events

November 9, 2017 - Breakfast Meeting
7:30 am Registration/8:00 am Meeting
Location: Range Resources Auditorium
(in Southpointe)
3000 Town Center Blvd
Canonsburg, PA 15317
Topic: Significant Injury & Fatality Prevention
Presenter: Liberty Mutual
Professional: $25.00/Student: $15.00
Pre-registration & Pre-payment are appreciated!
REGISTER HERE!

November 15, 2017
5th Annual Western PA Regional Safety Professional Development Conference (PDC)
Date: November 15, 2017
Time: 7:00 am to 4:00 pm
Location: IUP Kovalchick Convention & Athletic Complex
Cost: Professional: $125.00/Student: $25.00
Registration: online
or by US Mail
Online Registration & More Information!

December 8, 2017 - Holiday Lunch Meeting
11:30am Registration/12:00pm Lunch & Meeting
Location: Hofbrauhaus, Southside Works,
2705 S Water St, Pittsburgh, PA 15203
Topic: Panel Presentation and Forum “Leveraging ROI and Total Cost of Risk,”
Professional: $25.00/Student: $15.00
Pre-registration & Pre-payment are appreciated!
REGISTER HERE!

January 9, 2018 - Dinner Meeting
6:00 pm Registration/6:30 pm Dinner & Meeting
Location: TBD
Topic: “The Millennial Way”
Speaker: Cameron Boots
Professional: $25.00/Student: $15.00
Pre-registration & Pre-payment are appreciated!
Registration: TBD
More information to be provided soon!

February 8, 2018 - Lunch Meeting
11:30am Registration/12:00pm Lunch & Meeting
Location: TBD
Topic: TBD
Speaker: TBD
Professional: $25.00/Student: $15.00
Registration: TBD
More information to be provided soon!

2018 – Save the Dates!!!
Tuesday March 13 – 8:00 am - TBD
Wednesday April 11 – 12:00 pm - TBD
Thursday May 10 – 6:30 pm – Distracted driving simulator
June 3-6, 2018 ASSE Safety 2018 PDC, San Antonio TX
More information will be provided later
### Chapter News

(This section will be to summarize the news relating to Chapter Events, Technical Meetings, & Members)

#### October Technical Meeting Update

The Chapter Technical Meeting was conducted on October 20, 2017 at the MSA Training Center in the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry Township, PA. The topic was Walking Working Surfaces and Confined Space Entry and a review of the MSA Training facility.

We had 16 people attend!

Thank you to MSA for hosting the meeting at their facility!

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### Volunteers Needed!!!

The Chapter needs volunteers to be active members filling important positions within the Chapter and to assist in various activities that are planned for the 2017-2018 chapter year. If you have any interest in volunteering to help with the Chapter activities, contact any of the 2017-2018 ASSE Western PA Chapter Executive Board listed on the last page of the Newsletter.

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### Student Sections

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- President: Alec Sunderlin
- Vice President: Ethan Alster
- Secretary: Charles Paschold
- Treasurer: Brianna Williamson (Dana Piper will help in fall semester)
- Social Chair: Devin Jeffries
- OSSA Coordinator: Madeline Dumm

- President: Bryan Deal
- Vice President: Jayme Chaffee
- Secretary: Lauren Harvey
- Treasurer: Madeline Adams
- Upperclassmen Representative: Amanda Altieri
- Underclassmen Representatives: Anthony Falce
**Student Sponsors**

Students enrolled in Safety Sciences are the future of our profession. The Executive Committee and Chairs are continuing the effort to develop linkages and outreach with the two Student Sections at IUP and Slippery Rock. The current policy is to allow Student Section members from either school attend our monthly technical meetings for free. The chapter absorbs this cost in our operating budget. You can help the chapter by sponsoring a student or two and pay their meeting fee. If you or your company would be willing to do this, please get in touch with Pam Walaski, CSP, CHMM – P.Walaski@gaiconsultants.com or Jackie Kuntz, ASHM – safetyjackie@yahoo.com

**Opportunities to Assist Students**

As many of you know, our Professional Chapter sponsors two Student Sections at Indiana University and Slippery Rock University. For this Program Year, Jackie Kuntz and I have taken on the role of Student Section Liaisons and have been working with the faculty sponsors to identify how we can best work together. We have developed several goals for this year, one of which involves Professional members providing opportunities to assist students to prepare for graduation and professional work. This can be done through a variety of activities, including work-shadowing and internships; small group tours of member worksites; research projects; mock interviews; and resume practice.

We understand many of you perform these types of tasks as part of the organization you work for or because you are alumni of one of the schools. We are looking to expand this process and are looking for volunteers who are interested in engaging with a student(s) in some way. As safety professionals, we all understand the need to give back to our profession and to reach back and pull along the next generation who will continue the good work we do every day.

We know there are many demands on your time and we promise to make the commitment as minimal as possible and to work within your scheduling constraints. Please give this your best consideration and let Jackie or I know if you think you can help.

Thank you in advance!
Pam Walaski, CSP, CHMM – P.Walaski@gaiconsultants.com
Jackie Barkus, ASHM – safetyjackie@yahoo.com

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**Welcome to New Members!!**

(Information on new members should be sent to the Membership Chairperson.)

Welcome to the newest members of ASSE Western PA Chapter (since September 1, 2017):

Salman Alshehri
Charles Dando
Katrina Siffrinn
Derek Smith
Jodi Ford
Jessica Richardson
Erik Zimmers
What can ASSE Membership do for you?

ASSE is where occupational safety and health professionals find a vibrant community, exceptional experiences, and essential tools to do their job better. Our goal is to help you reach the highest level of performance by connecting great resources and great people. Our 37,000 members make the world better and safer.

- Offering networking and collaboration opportunities
- Providing information and resources to keep you informed of emerging issues and opportunities
- Supporting your professional growth through education events and online learning
- Advocating for the profession in Washington DC

More information is available at [http://www.asse.org/member/](http://www.asse.org/member/).

Career Opportunities

**Local Chapter Website** ([http://wpa-asse.com](http://wpa-asse.com))

If you’re looking for a change in scenery, please take the time to check out our chapter website under the ‘Jobs’ tab. If you have job openings you would like to post on the chapter website, please contact our website administrator Wayne Vanderhoof at wayne@rjrsafety.com.

**ASSE Career Opportunity Website** ([www.nexsteps.org](http://www.nexsteps.org))

Whether you are seeking a job in the safety profession, or an employer looking for that perfect candidate to fill your safety related positions, Nexsteps is the website for you! As you might expect, the opportunities for careers in safety are virtually limitless. With just a few clicks of the mouse, job seekers can easily post their resume on Nexsteps for employers to view, and receive automated notifications when jobs are available that match your interests. There is no cost to post your resume or search available positions. Employers can post listings for available positions, search resumes online and setup a resume agent to alert you when new resumes are posted that match your criteria. Job posting prices vary- details can be found at [www.nexsteps.org](http://www.nexsteps.org).

Keep ASSE Profile Up-to-Date

This is a reminder to keep your ASSE Profile updated so that the chapter can reach you by email to keep you in-the-loop on local ASSE chapter events and news.

The process is very easy! Go to the ASSE.org website, select Member Log-in and use your email address and Membership number (do not use the first zero in the number). Select “Update My Account” and the update your information including your email address and phone number. You can select your email preferences at the very end of the screen just before you hit “Save”.

Again, it is very important to keep this information up to date as it is used by the Chapter to keep to informed of Chapter events.
**2017-2018 ASSE Western PA Chapter Executive Board**

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Feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board with ideas, questions, comments and concerns.

**Single Email Address**

A single email address has been established to contact the Western PA ASSE chapter in which all Chapter-related business and meeting RSVPs will be accepted. The new email address is: westernpaasse@gmail.com.

The Officers and Chairpersons may still be emailed at the addresses listed in the Newsletter and on the website.

**Editorial Note:** The monthly newsletter will be published electronically – posted on the chapter website – during the third week of each month. Therefore, all material to be placed in the newsletter for the month needs to be in the email mailbox of this editor at wayne@rjrsafety.com by the 15th of each month, if not earlier.

Thank you,
Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP