President's Message - March 2018

If you were following the 2018 Winter Olympics last month you know that safety won a gold medal. Years of planning and preparation had finally come to an end, and it was time for Pyeongchang to open the doors and welcome the world. Soon after those doors were opened an uninvited guest decided to show up. Barely one week into the games, raging winds aggressed the Olympic villages tearing them apart. Olympic officials were forced to evaluate the consequences of pressing on with the games. Despite the countless hours devoted to planning and preparation, logistical resources, scheduling, athletic training schedules, etc. Olympic officials decided in the interest of safety to postpone some Olympic events. Watch some of the video clips of the winds in Pyeongchang and it’s easy to see why the decision was made to postpone the events.

As safety professionals, most of us have found ourselves in a similar predicament. Trying to convince management or our clients to postpone, alter or cancel a job, planned event or a process in the interest of safety. Maybe our crew did not have the proper training, maybe we had the personnel, but not the proper equipment or maybe just like in Pyeongchang, the weather was not cooperating. Kudos to the Olympic officials for making the right decision and not bowing to significant external pressures. Their decision to postpone the games in the interest of safety sends a strong message to the rest of the world that safety is important, thereby giving the gold medal to safety.

I’ll close this month’s message by honoring Saint Patrick, and share this wee bit ‘o my Irish heritage with you. “May the roof above you never fall in, and those gathered beneath it never fall out.”

Sincerely,

Robb Altenburg
President, Chesapeake Chapter ASSE
Interested in being a board member?

Know someone who would be a great board member?

If you would like to become more involved in the chapter, **NOW IS THE TIME.**

*Election announcements are next month!*

Interested in one paid evening at the National Conference next year? Volunteer to be our Chesapeake Chapter Delegate!

For information on Chesapeake Chapter Officer Position Descriptions, click here [https://chesapeake.asse.org/files/](https://chesapeake.asse.org/files/)

The term for each position is one year.

Please contact Paul Esposito, paul.esposito@starconsultants.net for more information.

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**Chapter Meetings & Webinars**

Our monthly chapter meetings are valuable opportunities for professional development, networking and catching up with friends and colleagues. Take a look below to see what we’ve got in store for you!

You can also view prior Chapter Webinars on the website: [http://chesapeake.asse.org/files/](http://chesapeake.asse.org/files/)

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**March Chapter Meeting: FALL PROTECTION**

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

*Presenter: Mark Steigerwald, MSA*

Please join us for a discussion and live demonstration* on Fall Protection with Mark Steigerwald, MSA.

*Weather permitting

[Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Catonsville Campus](http://www.ccbccatonsville.edu)

[Register Here](#)

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**May Chapter Meeting: MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MEMA)**

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018 | 8:15 AM - 10:30 AM**

*Presenter: Chas Eby, MEMA*
Our host, Chas Eby, Director of Disaster Risk Reduction and Chief Strategy Officer at MEMA, oversees the Directorate charged with reducing the State's risk profile with effective emergency management programs. Join us for a presentation on MEMA's wraparound approach on how the agency mitigates against, responds to, and recovers from the consequences of emergency and disaster events.

**Registration deadline is April 17th** *(Attendee list must be provided to MEMA prior to the event)*

Camp Fretterd Military Reservation, 5401 Rue Saint Lo Drive, Reisterstown, MD 21136

[Register Here](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=15239231&contentType=MailMessage)

### 2017 - 2018 Programs Calendar

*Topics are tentative and are subject to change.*

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| September | Legal & Ethical Considerations for EHS Professionals *[Meeting]*  
Predictive Analytics: Using Big Data to Identify Your Next Workplace Incident *[Webinar]* |
| October  | Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in the Construction Industry *[Meeting]*  
Critical Hazard Analysis *[Webinar]* |
| November | Ergonomics in the Workplace *[Meeting]* |
| December | The Heart of the Matter - Showcasing Success: Member Presentations on what's worked for them in 2017 *[Meeting]*  
Top 10 Computer Workstation Ergonomic Misperceptions *[Webinar]* |
| January  | MDE Emergency Response *[Meeting]* |
| February | Human Performance Approach to Safety *[Meeting]* |
| March    | Fall Protection *[Meeting]* |
| April    | Chesapeake PDC *[Meeting]* |
| May      | Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) *[Meeting]* |
| June     | TBD |
If you have any suggestions on 2018 topics of interest to membership, please contact Frank at FTiralla@jmt.com

**Coming Events**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN !**

Read More
The Potomac Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) together with The Cyber Chapter of the Alliance of Hazardous Material Professionals is pleased to offer an Associate Safety Professional (ASP) Preparatory Course.

* The course is 13 sessions* typically Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. (Ideal for people who cannot take a class during the work day. The extended time also allows for more problem solving practice with instructor support.)

* It will be held at the Bethesda Chevy Chase High School which is conveniently located near the Bethesda Metro on the Red Line.

* A calculator**, course notes, and annotated sample problems are included in the price.

* The course will also be offered remotely for individual viewing.

* The course will require a minimum number of registrants to assure that it will be conducted.

* Technology permitting, classes will be recorded for students to view on a limited basis with signature of a waiver not to download or distribute.

* CEUs will be issued at the end of the class.

Click here [https://www.potomacaiha.org/index.php?option=com_civicrm&task=civicrm/event/info&Itemid=97&reset=1&id=146](https://www.potomacaiha.org/index.php?option=com_civicrm&task=civicrm/event/info&Itemid=97&reset=1&id=146) to register for the live course in Bethesda.
Click Here [https://www.ahmpcyber.org/index.php?option=com_civicrm&task=civicrm/event/register&reset=1&id=57](https://www.ahmpcyber.org/index.php?option=com_civicrm&task=civicrm/event/register&reset=1&id=57) to register for the remote access option.

**Location:** Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, Room C114, 4301 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814 (15 minute walk from the Bethesda Metro)

Pricing:

Potomac Section AIHA and Chesapeake ASSE members $425 by 3/25/2018
Non-Members $475 by 3/25/2018

Potomac Section AIHA and Chesapeake ASSE members $500 after 3/25/2018
Non-Members $550 after 3/25/2018

*Class Dates (Classes run from 6:00 – 9:00 PM)

April 10, 12, 17, 18***

May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 29, 30***, 31

** Calculator is only for in-class registrants.

*** Not a Tuesday or Thursday

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**Safety Management Specialist (SMS) Certification Prep Course Comes to Baltimore**

**May 7th -9th**

3 Days / 2.1 CEUs


The Safety Management Specialist (SMS) certification is intended for dedicated safety practitioners with ten years of experience in occupational safety or health, with or without a college degree. This 3-day course will prepare candidates for the SMS certification exam. It will cover the five exam domains and enforce concepts through lecture, activities, and practices questions.

Learn to:

- Examine comprehension of the SMS domain areas and form the foundation of knowledge and skills required for SMS certification
- Practice valuable success strategies for passing the SMS exam
- Recognize EOHS management system concepts
- Identify risk management concepts
- Address physical, chemical, ergonomics, and workplace safety issues to recognize and control those stressors.
- Apply incident investigation and emergency preparedness concepts to calculate incident and injury rates.
- Effectively communicate business impact of safety issues to upper management
Did you know MOSH offers FREE classes on a variety of safety topics?

Check out the website for more information:
https://www.dllr.state.md.us/DLIOutreach/web/content/MOSHHome.aspx

News

2018 Chesapeake Chapter ASSE Scholarships

One $1,000 Scholarship available for qualified applicants!

Follow this link to the application forms! https://chesapeake.asse.org/education/

Contact Barb Ruble bruple@stcenv.com for more information.

Government Affairs Report

For current information on Federal and Maryland State regulations and safety initiatives, see the Government Affairs Report on the Chesapeake Chapter website.

Employment Opportunities

See the Chapter website for information and job opportunities
https://chesapeake.asse.org/current-openings/

EHS Manager
Eastern NC

Industry leader is searching for an Environmental Health and Safety leader for one of it’s largest sites which is in the process of expanding. The ideal candidate will have a minimum 3-5 years of Safety, Health and Environmental experience in a manufacturing setting. Must be self starter with strong leadership skills and the ability to work at all levels in the plant. In order to be successful in this role, the EHS Manager will be on the plant floor on a daily basis developing and building relationships. This role will report to the Plant Manager and will sit on the Plant Leadership Team. Please forward and MS Word for immediate consideration.

Please send an MS Word resume to harrell@selectsearchllc.com
Tom Harrell, Recruiter
Select Search, LLC

Safety Manager
Growing Fortune 500 Manufacturing Company in Eastern NC is searching for a Safety and Health Manager for one of the company’s largest US sites. The ideal candidate will have a BS Safety or related Sciences and a minimum 3-5 years of experience leading a Safety and Health program in a manufacturing setting. This role will have multiple direct reports and will require strong leadership and effective communication skills. This role will report to the Plant Manager and will sit on the site Leadership Team. Must have the ability to analyze and develop existing programs and people. If you are looking for the ability to grow within a large global company with excellent compensation, bonus and benefits, this is the role for you. Please forward an MS Word attached resume for immediate consideration.

Please send an MS Word resume to tharrell@selectsearchllc.com
Tom Harrell, Recruiter
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HSE Manager
Roanoke VA

Growing leader in their industry is searching for an HSE Manager in the Roanoke VA area. The ideal candidate will have 3-5 years of Safety, Health and Environmental experience in a manufacturing setting. The primary emphasis will be Safety and Health. Any environmental experience is a plus. This role will report to the Site Manager and will sit on the site Leadership Team. HS Degree Required; BS Preferred. Must have strong leadership skills and effective communication skills. The site has roughly 350 employees and would be considered a lite manufacturing setting. Base salary of 65K – 85K plus bonus and benefits. Relocation is available for the right candidate. Please forward an MS Word resume to Tom Harrell at tharrell@selectsearchllc.com.

Tom Harrell
Select Search
tharrell@selectsearchllc.com

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Membership

Welcome New Chesapeake Chapter Members

Chesapeake Chapter Membership Report

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Total Number of Current Members:
402

We look forward to meeting you at the next Chapter Meeting. *Remember your first chapter meeting is free!*

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**Executive Committee**

**Chesapeake Chapter ASSE Goal:** The purpose of this Chapter is to promote the advancement of the safety profession and safety professionals and development of its members in the geographical area served.

The Executive Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month @ 2pm to further these goals. Contact anyone below for more details, and if you would like to participate!

**President:** Robb Altenburg, frank.r.altenburg.civ@mail.mil, 410-278-3162
*Leads the meetings, and creates our messages.*

**Vice President:** Mike Wolf, MWOLF01@harris.com
*Communications and Committee Activities.*

**2nd Vice President:** Leslie York-Hubbard, Lsyork99@yahoo.com
*Membership development.*

**Treasurer:** Robert L. Lawson, Rllawson2@verizon.net
*Keeps us solvent.*

**Secretary:** Matt Koss, matthew.koss2@gmail.com
*Meeting minutes.*

**Delegate:**
Paul Esposito, CSP, CIH, paul.esposito@starconsultants.net, 410-218-8451
*Delegates represent us to ASSE National.*

**Director – Communications:** Open

**Past President:** Paul Esposito, CSP, CIH, paul.esposito@starconsultants.net, 410-218-8451
*Keeps us on track.*

Specific committees and their chairs are listed below. Please offer your support if you are interested!

**Nominations & Elections:** Paul Esposito, CSP, CIH, paul.esposito@starconsultants.net, 410-218-8451

**Programs Chair:** Frank Tiralla, ftiralla@jmt.com
Joe Xavier, joe.xavier@summitsustainabilitysolutions.com
Mike Frederick, mj.frederick.llc@gmail.com
Develops speaker and locations for monthly meetings.

**Government Affairs Chair:** Rose Overturf, rose.m.overturf.civ@mail.mil
Keeps us up to date on legislative issues. Now posted on the website!

**Scholarship & Awards Chair:** Barbara Jo Ruble, QEP, CPEA, bruble@stcenv.com
Coordinates the solicitation of nominations, selection of recipients, and awards presentations.

**WISE Liaison:** Jeanne Sherwood, jpsherwood@welladvantage.com
Women in Safety Engineering (WISE) is a common interest group which has been established to foster the advancement of women in the SH&E profession.

**Membership Chair:** Mary Smith, masmith@ceiwc.com
Welcomes new members, solicit ideas for member participation.

**Newsletter Chair:** Laura Wickersham, newsletter@chesapeake.asse.org
Does a great job of keeping us informed.

**Communication Chairs:**
Heather Aviles, haviles@dap.com
Alistair Paget, alistair.paget@macys.com
Coordinates web updates.

**Professional Organization Liaison:** Jim Lewis, jlewis@mde.state.md.us

**PDC Co-Chairs:**
Jim Lewis, jlewis@mde.state.md.us
Mary Doyle, mdoyle@jhsphs.edu
Robert L. Lawson, Rllawson2@verizon.net
Joseph Opauski, Joseph.Opauski@ngc.com

**PDC Vendors:** Mike Ginther, CSP, Mike.Ginther@jhuapl.edu, 443-778-6454
PDC is set for April 12, 2018. Speakers, vendors, events, etc!

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