President’s Message - May 2018

If you missed the chapter’s Professional Development Conference last month, you missed a good one! Once again Jim Lewis and his committee did a stellar job planning and executing the conference! The conference was kicked off by our very own Mary Smith as keynote speaker. Mary and Dr. Steven Fisher, Medical Director for Chesapeake Employer’s Insurance Company, gave an eye opening presentation on Workplace Drug Abuse. The breakout sessions were top notch with local experts addressing current issues confronting safety and health professionals. We were fortunate to hear from Larry Sloan, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of AIHA, during the lunchtime presentation. I would also like to thank our partner, American Industrial Hygiene Association Chesapeake Section, in this endeavor. Members of the AIHA, Chesapeake Section have worked side by side with our members to make this PDC a success. While I’m on the subject of partners, it was my pleasure to present the chapter’s 2018 Corporate Partner Award to Paula Palmer, Managing Executive, JHU APL Talent Services Department. For several years now Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory has hosted our PDC at their first-class facility. In addition to welcoming us to their facility, JHU APL staff have worked behind the scenes to help make the PDC an outstanding success.

Mark your calendars for April 18, 2019 as Jim and his committee start planning for the 2019 PDC. Now is the perfect time to think about building on the momentum of this year’s PDC. I strongly encourage you to consider presenting during the PDC. Maybe even use the opportunity of our chapter PDC as dress rehearsal for a presentation at the National PDC. Contact Jim Lewis (email and contact information on the chapter website) if you are interested in contributing to the continued success of the chapter’s PDC.

Lastly, you should have received an e-ballot from Paul Esposito our Nominations and Elections Chairperson. I’d like to once again remind you to check your email and cast your ballot in our Chapter’s elections. Deadline is May 04, 2018.
CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER ELECTIONS
The voting for our 2018/19 Chesapeake ASSE Officers is here!

You will be receiving an electronic ballot from ASSE. [Please check your spam/junk folders!] Please take a moment to exercise your right to vote. The Officer official term of office is July 1st – June 30th.

Voting will close on **Friday, May 4th, 3:00 PM**.

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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**June Chapter Meeting: 2018/19 PLANNING MEETING & SOCIAL EVENT**

**Thursday, June 7, 2018 | 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

*(Social Event 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM)*

Join other ASSE Chesapeake Chapter members as we plan out our next year's meetings and events. Have a suggestion for a tour? Meeting location? Topic? Come out and provide your thoughts on what you would like to see/do during next year’s monthly meetings.

Afterwards please consider staying for a social event. Have someone interested in joining ASSE? This is a good event to bring them to so they can learn about the chapter and the things we are involved in.

**Boordy Vineyards, 12820 Long Green Pike, Hydes, Maryland 21082**

Register Here
2017 - 2018 Programs Calendar

Topics are tentative and are subject to change.

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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     | 2018/19 Planning Meeting & Social Event *(Meeting)* |

If you have any suggestions on 2018 topics of interest to membership, please contact Frank at FTiralla@jmt.com

**Coming Events**

**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

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32nd Annual
2018 Region VI
American Society of Safety Engineers Professional Development Conference

September 19-21, 2018 Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

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ASP/CSP Prep Course

September 16-18, 2018
ASSE Region VI PDC

Registration open 2/1/18
https://region6.asse.org/pdc/
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Did you know MOSH offers FREE classes on a variety of safety topics?

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

News

New Council on Academic Affairs and Research

The House of Delegates has voted to approve the bylaws changes, creating a new Council on Academic Affairs and Research. To learn more, visit the following web page:

http://www.asse.org/about/sog-section-121-/n

This Council will oversee all academic-related matters, including the development of education standards and accreditation, student engagement and research-related activities.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Paul, Esposito, CIH, CSP, SMS
Chesapeake Chapter Delegate

2018 Chesapeake ASSE & AIHA Educational Seminar
Current Topics in Safety, Health & Environmental Issues

Thank you!

To the PDC Committee, presenters, sponsors, exhibitors,
Johns Hopkins Education & Research Center for Occupational Safety & Health, and
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

Mary Smith
Chesapeake Insurance
"Drugs in the Workplace"

Ashley Newton
PhD Candidate, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
"Improving Exposure Assessment of Airborne Metals"

Larry Sloan, CAE
Chief Executive Officer of AIHA
"AIHA: Leading the Charge to Protect Worker Health & Safety"
Jeanne P. Sherwood, RN, CWWS
WellAdvantage
"Workforce Health Impact on Safety Risk Prediction"

Diane Triplett, BS, CBIS
ReMed, Inc.
"Traumatic Brain Injuries"
CCBC to Dissolve Occupational Safety and Health Program

This past week I was informed of the sad decision that after more than 40 years the CCBC system has decided to dissolve the occupational safety and health program. The major offered both an associate of arts or certificate in occupational safety and health technology. As an adjunct faculty member, I have had the honor for the past 17 years to teach a construction safety course at the college. I have shared learning experiences with hundreds of students.

Unfortunately we have succumbed to the one week safety wonder courses, some of which are even free of charge. Not to say courses like the OSHA 30, OSHA 10 don’t have a place in our safety world, but we should question their content and validity to what our profession should be truly about.

A few years back I put my money where my mouth was and attended an OSHA 30. What I witnessed was a daily routine of regurgitation of the standards and a final test that if you failed, you were coached one on one and given the answers to a multiple choice questions. What I found ever more disturbing was what life experience qualified you for the card at the end of the course.

As the week wore on, the gentlemen seated next to me began to open up about his resume and desire to enter the safety profession. He was a newlywed and he shared his father in law was a safety consultant. He was told all he needed to work along with his father in law was the OSHA 30. His life experience was working as a pig farmer.
Unfortunately both business and individuals have failed to see the significant difference from earning a degree to merely attending a course. College makes you think. But it requires you to work. College majors are rounded with Mathematics, English, Humanities, Sciences, Writing, Public Speaking, etc. etc.

But does all this go deeper than what has happened at CCBC? As a longtime member of our society, I read our journal and I question whether or not we are in touch with what is truly happening with safety at the working level.

Recently shared in our October 2017 journal were key points from a recent international safety symposium, remarks about paving the future towards safety excellence, accomplishments like changing our society name and statements as to what is perceived as the value of our profession- A lot of glad handing and back slapping. Yet on any given evening I can tune in to the home and garden network reality television shows like beachfront demo, property brothers, fixer upper, flip or flop to name a few, and I watch with amazement people squinting their eyes operating circular saws, fall exposures, workers in deep unprotected trenches, etc., etc., etc. I think you got the idea. This is national television. The reality show actors have become rock stars. Where is the clamor to address these unsafe circumstances and behavior? OSHA compliance personnel could perform armchair inspections and issue citations without leaving their recliners. Things like this make the safety profession a laughing stock. It is problematic that we are silent about what is going on.

With the end of the CCBC program we have lost an opportunity to turn out people for our profession that have truly worked and are educated and enthused about being a true safety professional.

As for all else that is going on, we need to be bold and brave and raise these issues, as unpopular as it may seem, directly to the senior regulatory leadership, to TV show producers and to our society leadership. We should settle for nothing less than a commitment by the ASSE senior leadership with discussion in our Journal to address accordingly.

Bill Alcarese

2018 Chesapeake Chapter ASSE Scholarships

$1,000 Scholarships available for qualified applicants!

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

Contact Barb Ruble bruble@stcnv.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/

Safety Specialist
National Security Agency (NSA) Fort George G. Meade, MD

Education: BS degree in safety management, occupational health, engineering, or science preferred.

Certifications: Professional accreditation as a Certified Safety Professional or Associate Safety Professional is preferred.

We are seeking both recent college graduates and qualified candidates to work in our Environmental, Safety and Health Solutions Division as a Safety Specialist.

- Must demonstrate application of scientific principles and techniques to identify and evaluate exposures and mitigate risks.
- Must demonstrate effective people skills, specifically the ability to understand and moderate responses in a way that builds trust and respect with diverse customer sets.
- Additional skills sought in fall protection, tower climbing, electrical safety and proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office products.
- This position requires lifting (not to exceed fifty pounds), climbing of ladders, and some outside survey work.

If interested, simply attach your resume and transcript (unofficial) to a cover note and send it to skwalle@nsa.gov. The email subject line should read: Job ID Safety Specialist" – your name – your college alma mater.

For more information on employment please go to www.nsa.gov.

Safety Professional
Dulles, VA

HazTek Inc. is one of the nation’s largest and most experienced occupational health and safety management firms. We are known for our premium safety training and professional consulting services and we are trusted for our effectiveness in keeping workers safe today – so employees and businesses will be here tomorrow. HazTek is expanding and currently seeking outstanding performers to join our national team of dedicated safety professionals. We can offer full-time employment with competitive salary; medical, dental, and disability benefits; paid time off and holiday pay; professional development and tuition reimbursement; hourly opportunities; and 401K options.

HazTek Inc. is seeking a Safety Professional with experience working in heavy highway construction as well as certified to in traffic control to work in Dulles, VA.

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For more information: https://chesapeake.asse.org/current-openings/

Apply Online https://haztekinc/hrmirect.com/employment/job-opening.php?req=705108&&&nohd#job

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Membership

Welcome New Chesapeake Chapter Members

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**Total Number of Current Members:**
412

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, Ls3ork99@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!
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Joe Xavier, joe.xavier@summitsustainabilitysolutions.com
Mike Frederick, jm.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@stcnv.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@ceiw.com
Welcomes new members, solicit ideas for member participation.

Newsletter Chair: Laura Wickersham, newsletter@chesapeake.asse.org
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PDC is set for April 18, 2019. Speakers, vendors, events, etc!

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