President’s Message – November 2014

I want to welcome our new Newsletter Chair, Laura Wickersham. Laura will be managing and distributing our monthly newsletter. If you have something that may be of interest to our members, please submit it for review and consideration.

Our upcoming monthly meeting programs are coming together. Our November meeting topic is “Using Social Media – Getting your Message Out”. It is scheduled for Wednesday 11/19/2014 at 11:30 AM. It will be held at Chesapeake Employers Insurance (formerly IWIF) in Towson. Additional details are located below and on our website. The December meeting, the annual MOSH / MDE Update will be held on Tuesday 12/16/2014 at 11:00 AM. Further details to follow.

Thanks to Andrew Kofeldt, and the other Domino Sugar staff members, for an interesting and informative presentation and tour of the Domino Sugar plant in Baltimore. If you missed the meeting, you can check out some photos on the Chapter’s Facebook page.

In last month’s President’s Message, I mentioned that we would be holding a special election to fill the vacant Secretary and Delegate positions. Based on a review of the Chapter’s bylaws and the Society’s model chapter bylaws, we will not be holding a special election. Instead, I, the Chapter President, will be appointing members to fill these positions with the approval of the Chapter Executive Committee.

Region VI VP Mike Wolf has started a “Coffee Cup Challenge” for all Region VI Members. The idea is to forgo a cup of coffee once a week or once a month and use the money saved to make a donation to the ASSE Foundation’s “Safety Matters” campaign. The idea is for the Chapter to make a donation of all collected money at next year’s Safety 2015 PDC in Dallas. We need to work out the logistics for this so stay tuned.
We are always looking for feedback from Chapter members on things like meeting topics & locations, how we can better serve you, or whatever else may be on your mind. If you have any questions, comments, and/or suggestions, please contact me at 443-324-7687 or pwheltle@marylandracing.com.

Hope to see you soon at a Chapter event
Patrick Wheltle - Chesapeake Chapter President

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November Chapter Meeting
Using Social Media - How to Get Your Message Out

There can be no denying that social media is here to stay, and that it has become an effective means to quickly communicate with large audiences. Plan to attend the November Chapter Meeting for a discussion about effective use of social media by Claudia Ciolfi, Manager of Public Relations & Strategic Communications for Chesapeake Employer’s Insurance Company. Lunch will be served.

**Location:** Chesapeake Employers Insurance Company

**Parking/Directions:** 8722 Loch Raven Blvd., Towson, MD 21286. Parking available on site.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 19, 2014

**Time:** 11:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

**Cost:** $ 20.00 per person*, advance registration is required.

**Registration:** E-mail chesapeakeasse@gmail.com to register.

Please register by November 13, 2014 in order for us to get an accurate count for lunch.

Check the chapter website for more details [www.chesapeakeasse.org](http://www.chesapeakeasse.org) & contact information.

*Please note if you register and don’t attend you will be billed $20.00 for the meeting.

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Photos from the October Chapter Meeting
Domino Sugar Plant Tour
Domino Sugar's safety manager explains the process of unloading the cargo ships loaded with raw sugar during October's chapter meeting.

The raw sugar can be seen beginning to dump from the conveyor belt into the Sugar Shed.
In the shadow of the iconic Domino Sugar sign, chapter members learn about the sugar refining process.

The Times they are a Changing…

By: Craig Donaldson Lowry

The one constant that we all know about is change, and now we have new REGULATORY requirements for reporting workplace fatalities and severe workplace injuries. Many people are unaware that if you lose an eye or a limb at your current job, your employer is not required to report it to OSHA or MOSH? Well, that’s about to change. According to OSHA Chief, Dr. David Michaels;

"OSHA will now receive crucial reports of fatalities and severe work-related injuries and illnesses that will significantly enhance the agency’s ability to target our resources to save lives and prevent further injury and illness."

Starting on Jan. 1, 2015, all employers under federal OSHA or MOSH jurisdiction will be required to report not only all work-related fatalities within eight hours, but also in-patient hospitalizations, amputations and loss of an eye within 24 hours. Previously, employers were only expected to report after a fatality or when three or more workers were hospitalized in the same incident. In Maryland, MOSH was able to capture many of the severe injuries through review of the 40 to 50 thousand workers compensation reports filed each year and/or through the close relationship we enjoy with statewide emergency responders. Inspections and investigations are often scheduled in those severe cases, but some cases were missed, and the causing conditions left uncorrected. Effective in 2015, these cases will be required to be reported to the Maryland Commissioner of Labor and Industry using the same methods that are used for reporting fatalities now:

Report a Fatality / Imminent Danger - Phone Number: 1-888-257-6674

The new changes will also update the list of industries that are exempt from the requirement to
routinely keep OSHA/MOSH injury and illness records, due to relatively low occupational injury and illness rates. The previous list of industries was based on the old Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system and injury and illness data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from 1996, 1997, and 1998. The new list of industries that are exempt from routinely keeping OSHA/MOSH injury and illness records is based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and injury and illness data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from 2007, 2008, and 2009.

The new requirements will be covered in the December Monthly Meeting when the regulators update our Chapter members concerning regulatory changes.

Note: The new rule retains the exemption for any employer with ten or fewer employees, regardless of their industry classification, from the requirement to routinely keep records.

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**The Coffee Cup Challenge**

I am issuing "The Coffee Cup Challenge"; I encourage all Region VI members to consider skipping one cup of coffee per week and direct the cost savings of the one cup towards a donation to benefit the ASSE Foundation Safety Matters Fund.

Theoretically, proceeds to the ASSE Foundation could be upwards to $100/year per member OR if one cup is skipped per month the donation proceeds could yield $25/year. I encourage all Chapter Presidents to set the pace for the members in each chapter, with hopes that all Region 6 chapters donate at least $250 at the HOD meeting in June 2015 through this coffee cup challenge. This past June the Region VI chapters had a proud showing at the House of Delegates (HOD) meeting, let’s try to improve on that donation this year through active participation in this challenge.

"The Coffee Cup Challenge" is a great innovative way to promote philanthropy with our membership!

Michael Wolf
ASSE Region 6 Vice President

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**ASSE House of Delegates Voting Results**

**Rules for Campaigning after Nomination for Society Office**

DATE: October 16, 2014
MEMO TO: ASSE House of Delegates
FROM: Patricia M. Ennis, CSP, ARM
       President and Chair, House of Delegates

Voting concluded on October 4, 2014, regarding the motion to the HoD to approve SOG 6.35 - Rules for Campaigning after Nomination for Society Office. [http://www.asse.org/about/sog-section-635/](http://www.asse.org/about/sog-section-635/) The motion passed by a vote of 121 in favor and 16 against, with 58% of delegates voting.

For your information and to summarize the vote results, please see below.

- Approve the motion: 121 or 88% of the votes cast
- Disapprove the motion: 16 or 12% of the votes cast

Thank you for your commitment and support to ASSE.

Sincerely,
ASSE Society Elections

Date: October 31, 2014

Sent on Behalf of: Kathy A. Seabrook, CSP, CFIOSH, EurOSHM, Chair, 2014 – 2015 Nominations & Elections Committee

Subject: 2015 SOCIETY ELECTION SLATE OF CANDIDATES

The Nominations & Elections Committee is pleased to announce the preliminary Slate of Candidates for the 2015 Society election. Petition candidates have until December 1st to file completed petitions for inclusion on the March 1 ballot.

Those wishing to petition for a position on the ballot should notify the Nominations & Elections Committee Chair by sending an email by November 16, to ASSE’s Nominations & Elections Committee Staff Liaison, Kim McDowell (kmcdowell@asse.org). The email should specify the office for which they are petitioning. The petition process is outlined in the ASSE Bylaws and Society Operations Guide 6.31, Article II Petition Nomination & III Candidate Petition Notification Form. Please review the form here.

ASSE CANDIDATE SLATE - 2015
The succession of candidates from Senior Vice President to President-Elect and President-Elect to President is automatic. Therefore, Michael Belcher and Thomas Cecich will not appear on the actual ballot.

President
Michael Belcher, CSP

President Elect
Thomas F. Cecich, CSP, CIH

Senior Vice President
Rixio Medina, CSP, CMIOSH
James D. Smith, M.S., CSP

Director – At – Large
Ashok Garlapati, CSP, CMIOSH, QEP
Brad Giles, P.E., CSP
Pamela Hart, MPH, RN, COHN-S, FAAOHN, CSP, CMIOSH
Martin Jeppeson, CSP, ARM, CHS-V
James Newberry, CHST
Deborah Roy, MPH, RN, COHN-S, CET, CSP
R. Ronald Sokol, CSP
Kenneth Wengert, CSP, ARM

Vice President, Professional Affairs
C. Gary Lopez, CSP
James Thornton, CSP, CIH

Vice President – Region Affairs
Maribeth Anderson
Vince Miller, Jr. CSP

Vice President – Professional Development
Thomas E. Kramer, P.E., CSP
Christine Sullivan, CSP, ARM

Region I – Vice President
Daniel Hopwood, MPH, CSP, ARM
Jay Jamali, CSP, CHMM, CHCM

Region V – Vice President
MaryJo Press, CFPS
Diana Stegall, CSP, CFPS, ALCM, ARM, CPCU

Region II: Area Director B
Dustin Richartz, MPH, CSP

Region IV: South Florida Area Director
Karen Metz

Region V: Area Director 2
Brian Hammer, MPA, CDS

Region III – Vice President
Steven Gray, CSP, CHST
Jim Rainwater, CSP

Region VII – Vice President
Tara Falin, CSP
Jonathan Zimmerman, CSP, CHMM, MS

Region IV: Louisiana Area Director
Lance Roux, CSP

Region V: Area Director 1
James Lange, MS, CSP, OHST, CRIS

Region VI: Area Director B
Arlene Edwards, CSP
Nominations are still being accepted for any uncontested position. There are currently uncontested positions for Area Directors, Practice Specialty Assistant Administrators, and Common Interest Group Administrators/Assistant Administrators. Information is posted at www.asse.org/elections. The final candidate slate will be published on December 15, 2014.

2014-2015 Chesapeake Chapter Topics/Calendar

As part of the June 2014 chapter meeting, a calendar for 2014-2015 Chapter year has been developed. Please note this calendar is subject to change and is intended for planning purposes.

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We look forward to meeting you all at the next Chapter Meeting; **remember your first chapter meeting is free!**

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OR-OSHA Student Safety Video Contest Under Way

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Editorial Board: Shortage of safety inspectors growing dire (Wyoming)

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EU sees ‘encouraging’ progress in Bangladesh RMG labour safety issues

Repair, retraining needed in Bangladesh factories

Workplace safety report to EU due today

Over 80,000 Safety Violations Found at Bangladesh Garment Factories

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Ebola: OSHA, NIOSH & health/safety pros off the national radar

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Confronting Ebola Concerns in the Workplace

Major Health Care Organizations Issue Measured Ebola Statement
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How the World’s Top Health Body Allowed Ebola to Spiral Out of Control

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As Safety Concerns Grow, More States Ban Use of a Guardrail Unit

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