President’s Message – January 2015

Where did 2014 go? I hope everyone had a safe and happy New Year. As we complete another calendar year (2014), we head into the second half of our 2014-2015 Chapter year. We still have a lot of great programs planned for the remainder of this year. I hope you have a chance to take advantage of what the Chapter has to offer.

I want to thank Craig Lowry for his MOSH Update presentation at our December meeting. As usual, it was one of our best attended monthly meetings. I also want to thank everyone who brought in a toy to donate to Toys-for-Tots.

Our January meeting is fast approaching. We will have a presentation on NFPA 70E (National Electrical Code) at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. If you are registered to attend, make sure you plan for enough time to get through the security process.

The nominations and elections process is progressing. If you are interested in running for office, please contact Past President Dick Furst, by no later than January 15, 2015. We will be distributing the slate of candidates soon thereafter. The election will be held in March 2015.

Germal Daniel, our Chapter Web Administrator, recently moved out of state to take a new job. We need someone to volunteer to take over this position. If you are interested or have questions about the position, please contact me. Thanks to Germal for his years of service to the Chapter.

The Coffee Cup Challenge to raise funds for the ASSE Foundation’s Safety Matters Campaign is ongoing. Please consider making a donation.

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

January Chapter Meeting
NFPA 70E: Electrical Safety

Join us for the January chapter meeting when subject matter experts from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) speak on the regulatory and practical application of the NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace. Nancy Vyas, safety engineer and Tim Burcham, engineering technician with ARL will help you to understand and apply NFPA 70E to your work environment. Lunch will be served.

Location: Aberdeen Proving Ground Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Center

Parking/Directions: Instruction for gaining access to APG and directions to the STEM Center will be emailed to all registered members prior to meeting. Free parking on site.

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015

Time: 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Cost: $20.00 per person* (Cash or Check Only – No Credit Cards Accepted), advance registration is required.

Registration: E-mail chesapeakeassee@gmail.com to register.

Please register by Monday, January 12th, 2015 in order for us to get an accurate count for lunch.

Check the chapter website for more details www.chesapeakeassee.org & contact information.

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

February Chapter Meeting
Successes & Challenges of Managing Construction Safety

Managing safety at a high profile, fast paced construction project is no easy task. Join us as Eric Hansen, Director of Safety, Whiting-Turner Construction Company, shares an insider’s perspective on the successes and challenges of managing one of Baltimore’s most high profile construction projects, the Horseshoe Casino. Breakfast will be served.
**Location:**  Chesapeake Employer’s Insurance Company.

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

**Date:**  Tuesday, February 17, 2015

**Time:**  9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

**Cost:**  $10.00 per person*, advance registration is required. (Cash or Check Only – No Credit Cards Accepted)

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

Please register by Friday, February 13th, 2015 in order for us to get an accurate count for breakfast.

Check the chapter website for more details www.chesapeakeasse.org & contact information.

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**FREE WISE Virtual Event January 30 - Register Now!**

Register now for the annual WISE open call - learn more about WISE and all the amazing things this organization does - member and non members, women and men are welcome as always!!

*Friday 1/30/15 at 1 pm Eastern Time*

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/234639443392179201

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**Chesapeake Chapter ASSE 2015 Nominations and Elections**

**Call for Nominations**

The Chesapeake Chapter ASSE will be conducting our 2015 election of Officers during the month of March 2015. A Nominations and Elections Committee has been established to develop a slate of candidates and to coordinate the election. The Chair of the Committee for 2015 is Past President Dick Furst. The other members of the Committee are Peter Holzberg and Jim Lewis. The e-mail sent to members on December 15, 2014, shall serve as the official publication (in writing) of the names of the 2015 "Nominations Committee" as required by the Chapter By-laws.

The offices to be filled are:

- President
- Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Delegate (there are two Delegate positions open)

Qualifications for and responsibilities of each elected office are described in the "Chesapeake Chapter Officer Position Descriptions". Additional information concerning each elected office and the nominations and elections process are contained in the Chapter By-laws which can be viewed under Chapter Documents on the Files page of the Chapter website http://www.chesapeakeasse.org/files/.

Eligible members (see qualifications in the "Chesapeake Chapter Officer Position Descriptions") interested in running for an elected office must e-mail Dick Furst at Dick@lgit.org by no later than January 15, 2015 indicating what office(s) they are interested in running for.
interested in being considered/nominated for. Based on these expressions of interest, the Committee will develop the slate of candidates. The slate of candidates will be published in the February newsletter and distributed via e-mail at least 30 days before the election as required by the Chapter By-laws.

Please direct any questions about the nominations and elections process to Dick Furst.

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**Chesapeake Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY)**

*Now accepting nominations*

Dear Member,

The Chesapeake Chapter is now accepting nominations for the Chesapeake Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award for the 2014-2015 Chapter year. Nominate a fellow member you think exemplifies the most outstanding safety professional for their accomplishments and contributions in the EHS field as well as our Society.

Contact Mike Ginther via e-mail mike.ginther@jhuapl.edu or call at 443-778-6454 to nominate a deserving member by **March 13, 2015**.

Mike Ginther, Awards Chair

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**Government Affairs**

Dec 2014

*OSHA Publishes a Request for Information (RFI) on Chemical Management and Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)*

OSHA published an RFI stating that the Agency is reviewing its overall approach to managing chemical exposures in the workplace and that it is seeking stakeholder input about more effective and efficient approaches that address challenges found with the current regulatory approach. This review involves considering issues related to updating permissible exposure limits (PELs), as well as examining other strategies that could be implemented to address workplace conditions where workers are exposed to chemicals. The notice details the role of past court decisions on the Agency's current approach to chemical management for the purpose of informing stakeholders of the legal framework in which the Agency must operate. It then describes possible modifications of existing processes, along with potential new sources of data and alternative approaches the Agency may consider. The Agency states that it is particularly interested in information about how it may take advantage of newer approaches, given its legal requirements. The RFI is concerned primarily with chemicals that cause adverse health effects from long-term occupational exposure and is not related to activities being conducted under Executive Order 13650, Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security. Comments are due April 8, 2015. The notice is available on line at [http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-10/html/2014-24009.htm](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-10/html/2014-24009.htm).

*Supplement to ASSE Comments OSHA Silica Proposed Rules Addresses "Competent Person"*

During the questioning period of the March 21, 2014, public hearing for OSHA's proposed rule on respirable crystalline silica, OSHA's staff asked ASSE's witness, Adele L. Abrams, to supplement the Society's comments by elaborating on OSHA's proposal to require a "competent person" to be responsible for establishing and overseeing written access control plans where respirators and protective clothing would be required if silica over-exposures were anticipated. ASSE's response provides a thoughtful overview of competent person in the context of the proposal, offers a possible definition based on wording used in similar contexts, argues for a presumption that a CSP or CIH is competent, and discusses training options. A copy of the letter can be viewed [here](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-10/html/2014-24009.htm).

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December Chapter Meeting Pictures

Annual MOSH Update
Craig Lowry, Deputy Commissioner, MD-DLLR

Craig Lowry and David Shacreaw
Toys for Tots collection

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.
Welcome New Chesapeake Chapter Members

Chesapeake Chapter Membership Report - December 2014

New Members

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

Membership Anniversary Landmarks

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Total Number of Members: 363

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EC Meets on the second Monday of each month @ 2pm - contact the chapter president for details.

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