President’s Message – June 2015

My tenure as Chapter President ends this month. I am grateful that you, the members of the Chesapeake Chapter, have allowed me to be the President. I hope I have served you well. I will miss many things about being President, but one I won’t miss is having to try to come up with new ideas to include in the monthly President’s Message.

I want to thank all the other Chapter Officers who served during my time as President: Vice President – Craig Lowry, 2nd Vice President – Paul Esposito, Secretary – Leslie York-Hubbard, Treasurer - Bob Lawson, and former Secretary - Robert Bergamaschi. Without their support and leadership, the Chapter would not be able to function.

The Chapter also has a great group of Committee Chairs, including Programs Chair – Robb Altenburg, Scholarship Chair – Lisa Foltz, Newsletter Chair – Laura Wickersham, Awards Chair – Mike Ginther, Government Affairs Chair – Rose Overturf, and former ASP/CSP Review Chair – Peter Holzberg. Thank you for making the Chapter so much better. One of my goals as President was to expand committee membership beyond just having a Committee Chair. Unfortunately, I was not successful. We need members to step up and serve on the Chapter Committees.

I would also like to thank all of the members who have attended a Chapter event and/or assisted the Chapter in any way.

Finally, I would like to thank Past President (current Region VI Vice President) Mike Wolf. Although, he has not officially served as an elected officer or official committee
chair during my time as Chapter President, he has continued to serve the Chapter whenever needed. He has stepped in when we needed someone to help out or temporarily fill a vacancy. He has filled in as acting Chapter Secretary and Newsletter Chair. He has also continued to be our social media guru / coordinator.

Please provide support to the incoming 2015-2016 Officers, President Craig Lowry, Vice President Paul Esposito, 2nd Vice President Mary Smith, Treasurer Bob Lawson, and Secretary Leslie York-Hubbard.

In June, our regular Chapter meeting will be our planning meeting for our 2015-2016 monthly meetings. We need your input. If you can't attend the meeting please contact any of the Chapter Officers or Programs Chair Robb Altenburg with any suggestions you may have on potential topics and/or speakers. Also, please take a few minutes to complete the on-line survey that was recently sent out via e-mail.

Through the years we have had a dedicated group of officers and other members who have kept this Chapter running. If you have ever considered getting more involved in the Chapter, the transition into the new year with the new officers would be a great time to step up.

Patrick Whittle - Chesapeake Chapter President

June Chapter Meeting
2015-2016 Chapter Programs Planning Session

“If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else.”
— Yogi Berra.

A successful chapter year begins with our collaborative planning session. Help us chart our course for the 2015-2016 year. Bring your ideas & suggestions and join us for our annual chapter planning session.

Location: Maryland Occupational Safety & Health,
Laurel Training Center, Suite 600
Parking/Directions: Parking available on site.

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Cost: FREE, but advance registration is appreciated.

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

Please register by Monday, June 15, 2015 in order for us to get an accurate count for refreshments.

Check the chapter website for more details chesapeake.asse.org & contact information.

Employment Opportunities

Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH)
Occupational Safety and Health Program Manager

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), Division of Labor and Industry (DLI) Office of Commissioner is accepting resumes for consideration of employment as a Program Manager IV to work in the capacity of the Assistant Commissioner for Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) Program. The position is responsible for managing personnel and resources as well as overseeing the compliance, consultation, outreach, and performance management issues related to the MOSH program. This position reports directly to the Maryland Commissioner of Labor and Industry.

Successful candidates would:

- be experienced managers of a technically diverse workforce who can demonstrate leadership skills that have been successful in meeting organizational expectations;
- be capable of defining and communicating roles, responsibilities, and accountabilities through participation and communication of expectations;
- understand methods to facilitate organizational knowledge and growth through training of staff and best practices, and know how to evaluate and address
safety and health training among staff at all levels;
• be capable of fostering a team approach that is based upon empowerment, collaboration, and feedback, that includes reinforcement of desirable behaviors and celebration of accomplishments.

**SALARY INFORMATION**
Salary Grade 22/Salary Range $64,608 - $103,743

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES**
Qualified candidates should submit via e-mail a letter of application, resume, and contact information for three professional references to Pame L. Mack-Cherry at pame.mack@maryland.gov. Mrs. Mack-Cherry office number is 410.767.0886.

*Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation is an equal opportunity employer. It is the policy of DLLR that all persons have equal opportunity and access to employment opportunities, services, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or veteran status. TTY Users: call via Maryland Relay. We thank our Veterans for their service to our country, and encourage them to apply. The job announcement will be opened continuously until filled.*

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**Parsons Corporation**
Baltimore, MD

**Parsons Corporation** is seeking a Construction Safety Specialist to work full time from July-November in Baltimore, MD. The scope of work involves demolition and construction work associated with the upgrade of a storm water management facility, including tank repair and recoating. The upgrade will occur while the current facility is operational. The ideal candidate will be familiar with the hazards associated with mechanical equipment, electrical, and working at heights. Safety certification (CSP, CHST) is preferred, but not required. A minimum 5 years of safety experience in construction is required. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Send resume and compensation requirements to gregory.beck@parsons.com. Parsons Corporation: [http://www.parsons.com/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.parsons.com/Pages/default.aspx)

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**Senior Safety and Health Specialist**
Southeastern US

Fortune 500 Corporation is searching for a Health and Safety professional in the Southeastern US. Ideal candidate will have a minimum 5 to 10 years of experience in an industrial setting. Prefer candidates with chemicals and/or refining experience. Must have strong background working with hazardous chemicals.

This position will be part of a department and reporting directly to the Site EHS Leader. Must have strong communication skills and ability to work in a team environment. The successful candidate will support site operations with safety, industrial hygiene, emergency response and training. Bachelors of Science is required (Chemistry, Engineering, Safety Sciences or related sciences)

Please forward MS Word resume to: tharrell@selectsearchllc.com

One of our own...

By Craig Donaldson Lowry

Hey Safety Colleagues and Friends, just this week one of our own has been appointed as my new boss and Commissioner of Labor and Industry. That’s right, Governor Larry Hogan and Secretary Kelly M. Schulz announced Thomas J. Meighen as the 24th Commissioner of the Division of Labor and Industry at the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR). Established in 1884 as the Bureau of Industrial Statistics and Information, the Division of Labor and Industry is one of the oldest governmental agencies in this field in the United States, antedating the U.S. Department of Labor by one year. And know, Craig was not there at that time.

A member of ASSE for more than a quarter of a century, Tom brings an array of experience and knowledge related to human resource, and risk management, as well as a sincere commitment to occupational safety and health. As I am sure you know, he is an excellent fit for this position.

"Tom Meighen is a highly qualified leader who brings a balanced, common-sense approach to labor management along with experience in developing and managing safety programs in both the public and private sectors," said Governor Larry Hogan. “I have every confidence that his innovative ideas will be an asset as we work together to make Maryland more business friendly.”
Since 2007, Mr. Meighen worked as the Director of Risk Management and Human Resources for the Kirklin Group where he implemented policy and provided oversight for the safety, risk management and human resources processes for a 1,400 employee firm. Prior to that, he served as the Vice President of Stromberg Metal Works where he implemented safety and risk management programs. Mr. Meighen has a top-notch background in local pension, health and apprenticeship programs.

Mr. Meighen has a bachelor’s degree in safety management from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Chesapeake Regional Safety Council. He is also a founding member of the American Subcontractors Association of Metropolitan Washington's Safety Committee and past president of the Washington Metropolitan Area Construction Safety Association.

Please join me in welcoming Tom to his new position; Thomas.Meighen@Maryland.gov.

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**Government Affairs Report**
**May 18, 2015**

The MD General Assembly status is adjourned. The General Assembly will reconvene Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

**Respiratory Protection - Hospital**
The Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health today released the [Hospital Respiratory Protection Toolkit](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2015/299/index.html) on 14 May 2015. The toolkit is a resource for health care employers to use to protect hospital staff from respiratory hazards. It addresses respirator use, existing public health guidance on respirator use during exposure to infectious diseases, hazard assessment, the development of a hospital respiratory protection program, and additional resources and references on hospital respiratory protection programs. Appendix D is an editable document that each hospital can customize to meet its specific needs. To supplement the toolkit, The Joint Commission, developed an educational monograph, [Implementing Hospital Respiratory Protection Programs: Strategies from the Field](https://www.jointcommission.org/press/2015/05/14/15051400156649.html), to assist hospitals in implementing respiratory protection programs. The monograph, produced in collaboration with NIOSH’s National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory, identifies common implementation challenges, provides specific examples of innovative strategies from healthcare organizations and examines the role of leadership, quality improvement, fit testing and training challenges.

**Confined Space - Construction**
The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued a [final rule](https://www.osha.gov/dts/osta/ota_cfr/2015_15_01_05_conspace.html) on 1 May 2015 to
increase protections for construction workers in confined spaces. The rule provides construction workers with protections similar to those manufacturing and general industry workers have had for more than two decades, with some differences tailored to the construction industry. These include requirements to ensure that multiple employers share vital safety information and to continuously monitor hazards - a safety option made possible by technological advances after the manufacturing and general industry standards were created. Compliance assistance material and additional information is available on OSHA’s Confined Spaces in Construction Web page. The rule will become effective on 3 August 2015.

Region 6 Coffee Cup Challenge

I am issuing “The Coffee Cup Challenge”; I encourage all Region 6 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 House of Delegates (HOD) meeting in June 2015 through this coffee cup challenge. This past June the Region VI chapters had a proud showing at the HOD meeting, let’s try to improve on that donation this year through active participation in this challenge.

To Donate:
Chapter Members can donate to the “Region 6 Coffee Cup Challenge” by going to http://www.asse.org/donation/, click the “Other” radio button and enter “Region 6 Coffee Cup Challenge - Chesapeake Chapter” to direct their funds specifically to the “Region 6 Coffee Cup Challenge”. The Foundation will match your donation with your member, region and chapter info! Goal is for every chapter in Region 6 to participate @ $250.00 or more.

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

Michael Wolf
ASSE Region 6 Vice President

Presenters for the 2015-2016 Chapter Year

Chesapeake ASSE is seeking presenters for Chapter Meetings during the 2015-2016
chapter year, starting with our June 2015 meeting. The Chesapeake Chapter is looking for technically oriented and practical presentations that fulfill the needs of our health and safety members. Lecture, panel discussions and demonstration sessions are requested to enhance members learning opportunities.

The ASSE Chesapeake Chapter invites those interested in presenting at one of our Chapter meetings to contact: president@chesapeake.asse.org

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**Welcome New Chesapeake Chapter Members**

**Chesapeake Chapter Membership Report - May 2015**

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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:**

379

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**Executive Committee meets on the second Monday of each month @ 2pm. Contact the chapter president for details.**
President: Patrick Wheltle
Pat0814@comcast.net
Cell# 443-324-7687

Vice President: Craig Lowry
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paul.esposito@starconsultants.net

Treasurer: Robert L. Lawson
Rllawson2@verizon.net

Secretary: Leslie York-Hubbard
lsyork99@yahoo.com

Delegate: Patrick Wheltle
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Past President: Mike Wolf
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Awards Chair: Mike Ginther, CSP
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ASP/CSP Review Chair: Vacant

Government Affairs Chair: Rose Overturf
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Scholarship Chair: Lisa Foltz
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Programs Chair: Robb Altenburg
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Newsletter Chair: Laura Wickersham