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Chesapeake Chapter



ASSE Region VI, Baltimore Metropolitan Area

Past Presidents

1961-63	Leonard Wozny, Jr
1963-64	Kenneth C. Robinson
1964-65	Joseph H. Shofstal
1966-68	Paul Grundman
1968-69	Allen E. Savage
1969-70	Harry R. Bahel
1970-71	Bert Behringer
1971-72	Ralph Wray
1972-73	Samuel A. Clauss
1973-74	Richard Hass
1974-75	Martin Mossa
1975-76	John E. Russell
1976-77	Gordon M. Betz
1977-78	Herman J. Nordstrom
1978-79	Leroy C. Stainbrook
1979-80	Ronald W. Tognocchi
1980-81	Philip P. Pedone
1981-82	Calvin L. Sproul
1982-83	Harry G. Giesey
1983-84	Henry G. Gastrich
1984-85	Francis A. Valentino
1985-86	Thomas Grabowski
1986-87	B. Diane Cooke
1987-88	Richard Dake
1988-89	Arthur M. Gayhardt
1989-91	Robert D. Baron
1991-92	Joseph B. Gillian
1992-93	Emory E. Knowles
1993-94	Stephen R. Wallace
1994-95	John E. Cribben
1995-96	Daniel L. Souders
1996-97	Charles Pippen, Jr.
1997-98	Dominic M. Pompa
1998-99	Kenneth J. Shorter
1999-00	Peter Holzberg
2000-01	Frederick Miller, Jr.
2001-02	Maryellen P. Harper
2002-03	Kevin Penharlow
2003-04	Jim Lewis
2004-05	Tony Ashdown
2005-06	Carrie Maragos
2006-07	Eric Ketelson
2007-08	Richard Furst
2008-10	Robert Lawson
2010-12	Michael Wolf

Our Chapter History

Chesapeake Chapter was founded on April 8, 1963. The genesis for the Chesapeake Chapter was a group of safety professionals who met prior to 1960. They were members of the Safety Engineering Club of Baltimore. In an effort to become affiliated with a nationally recognized organization, the group approached ASSE with the goal of becoming an ASSE Chapter.

In 1961, a meeting was held so that members of the Safety Engineering Club of Baltimore could learn from ASSE representatives just what would be required to become an ASSE Chapter.

The Baltimore contingent consisted of 42 individuals who began the road to affiliation. The group worked patiently with National and regional ASSE officers and with the National Capital Chapter (in Washington, D.C.) to pave the way. During 1961-62, the group co-sponsored the Governor of Maryland's Safety and Health Conference and the Baltimore Safety Seminar in addition to other safety activities.

A formal petition for Chapter status was presented to ASSE in October of 1962. The petition included a list of officers, Constitution and By-Laws, meeting minutes, financial reports, and list of members, along with a letter of support from the National Capital Chapter.

ASSE granted the Charter on April 8, 1963. The first "official" meeting of the ASSE Chesapeake Chapter was held on May 14, 1963 at the Sparrow's Point Country Club. 80 of the original 97 charter members attended that first meeting.

Chesapeake Chapter has led and supported activities to promote occupational safety and health in the Baltimore metropolitan area in a variety of ways, including:

- Co-sponsoring the original Governor's Safety Conference
- Co-sponsoring the Baltimore Safety Seminars with the Baltimore Safety Council, from 1963-1987
- Provided speakers to the Safety Council of Maryland (now the Chesapeake Region Safety Council) for OSHA seminars in all Maryland Counties, beginning in 1971.

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- Assisted local colleges to develop and establish a degreed curriculum in Occupational Safety and Health. The Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville Campus (formerly Catonsville Community College) offered a certificate and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in 1974 and continues today. Chesapeake Chapter continues to support this effort by providing the Frank Valentino Scholarship.
- In 1987, a “Section” was formed for the Maryland Eastern Shore. In 1997, the Section became the Delmarva Chapter.
- Provided Certified Safety Professional (CSP) Refresher Courses for those sitting for the CSP Examination.
- Chesapeake Chapter has hosted the ASSE Professional Development Conference on several occasions, including 1964 (co-hosted with National Capitol Chapter), 1987, 1999, and 2010.
- In conjunction with the Baltimore AIHA Chesapeake Section and Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Education and Research Center, conducted a Local PDC, “Current Topics in Safety, Health and Environmental Issues.”
- The Chesapeake Chapter has supported the ASSE Foundation by sponsoring a golf tournament for several years.
- The Chapter has supported the Carroll County 4-H Tractor Safety Competition by providing awards. In 2010 the Chapter also supported the Carroll County 4-H by providing gifts and money for families at Christmas.
- The Chapter Achievement Recognition Award (STARS) from the Society was won on several occasions. The Chapter also was awarded the “Best Chapter of the Year” in 2001-2002.
- Chesapeake Chapter’s 25th Anniversary Gala was May 20, 1988 at Baltimore’s World Trade Center.

ASSE’s Highest Honor, Society Fellow, was awarded to Chesapeake Chapter Past-Presidents:

- John E. Russell, C.S.P. 1984
- Bert W. Behringer, C.S.P. 1994

The Chesapeake Chapter continues to be an active, vibrant organization with an enthusiastic membership continuing the effort to support safety and health. Hope to see you at our 50th Anniversary in 2013!

(Bert Behringer deserves special thanks for his years of professionalism and his prior histories of the Chesapeake Chapter, without which this document could not be possible.)