

NC-ASSE Newsletter

NC-ASSE Nominations

NC ASSE chapter is very excited to begin the nomination process for 2007-2008. We are looking for anyone interested in being more involved within the chapter.

There are many ways to participate within the chapter. Whether it's taking on an executive committee position of President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, or Membership Chair, or helping put together the

newsletter, sending out meeting announcements, or helping with web posting, there is a place for you!

Every position is very important in helping our chapter operate smoothly, as well as helping us achieve our mission of being a global organization that works to advance the technical, scientific, managerial and ethical knowledge and skills of occupational safety,

health and environmental professionals, and is committed to protecting people, property and the environment.

Please contact either Stephen Bock (President-Elect) or Heidi Hatcher (Treasurer) if you are interested in becoming more active within your local ASSE chapter.



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Up-Coming Events

Our February 8th meeting will include having a roundtable discussion.

The panel of speakers that will be present during the roundtable discussion include; Jim Morris who is our Region VI Vice President, Arlene Edwards, Dave Machles, and Bob An-

draws.

If you are interested in attending the ASSE meeting and plan on asking questions, during the round table discussion, please forward your questions by January 26th to Wanda Hughes Wanda.Hughes@co.wa

ke.nc.us who is the presiding President for the NC-ASSE chapter.

LOCATION:
Buffalo Brothers Restaurant
3111 Capital Blvd.
Raleigh
Time: 5:30

10th Annual Central Carolina Safety & Health School

The 10th Annual Central Carolina Safety & Health School is March 19-21, 2007 at NC State's McKimmon Cen-

ter. Keynote address is "Lessons Learned from CSB Investigations" presented by Mr. William E. Wright with U.S. Chemi-

cal Safety Board. For more information on other presentations and to register please visit www.CCOSH.org.



Chapter Stars Recognition Program

The Chapter Stars Recognition Program (CSR) is intended to recognize Chapters that give their members superior service by providing quality programs designed to advance the professional growth of their members, support the mission and vision of ASSE and make a positive impact on the people, property and environment in their community.

The awards currently given under the CSR are the Chapter Stars Recognition Award (CSRA) and the American Society of Safety Engineers Chapter of the Year award. Both awards are based on activities of the Chapter during each Chapter year (July 1 to June 30).

Star points can be accrued by any ASSE member who are

speaking at professional meeting or conference. Anyone who is planning on speaking at a professional or has spoken at a professional meeting should contact or e-mail Wanda Hughes.

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Let's Reach for the Stars!!!

Motivation is
the art of
getting people
to do what you
want them to do
because they
want to do it.
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Workplace Safety Issues for 2007

DES PLAINES, IL (January 3, 2007) -

Workplace fatalities and injuries are at an all time low, but we must not be complacent because one injury, one illness or one fatality is one too many, American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) President Donald S. Jones Sr., P.E., CSP, of Plaquemine, LA said today in reviewing 2006 and looking ahead to key issues facing the safety profession in 2007.

Although workplace fatalities are down, Jones noted, more than 5,700 people died from on-the-job injuries and millions more suffered from on-the-job illnesses in 2005. And transportation-related crashes continue to be the number one cause of on-the-job deaths.

"Work-related transportation deaths are a major concern. Many of our members develop and implement rigid commercial vehicle driver safety policies resulting in saved lives, increased use of seat belts and more," Jones said. "However, we cannot control other drivers and the condition of the roads and bridges. But we can and do help our employees by pro-

viding safety programs, a structured vehicle maintenance program and vehicles that offer the highest levels of occupant protection. But we all need to do more."

According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) in 2004 there were a total of 5,703 workplace fatalities and out of those 2,460 were transportation-related, representing 43 percent of all workplace fatalities that year. These include all modes of travel. BTS statistics show that in 2004 there were 1,374 work-related highway deaths, 335 non-highway deaths, 230 deaths involving aircraft, 377 pedestrians struck by a vehicle, 90 deaths involving a water vehicle, and 50 railway-related deaths.

"Overall, workplace injuries and illnesses in private industry declined for the third straight year in 2005," Jones said. "This continued improvement is certainly encouraging, but we cannot become complacent. ASSE and its members must keep our focus on creating the safest work environments possible, and we must press the mindset that one injury, one illness or one fatality is

one too many."

As for the aging workforce, Jones notes that employers and SH&E professionals must recognize and meet the needs of the changing workforce. As those born between 1946 and 1964 age so to does our workforce while the labor pool shrinks. It is estimated that by 2014 the 55-and-older age group will make up 21.2 percent of the workforce. To accommodate these changing dynamics in an ongoing effort to reduce fatality rates, businesses should design a safe workplace for the aging workers which could include improving illumination, adding color contrast; eliminate heavy lifts; design work floors and platforms with smooth and solid decking while still allowing some cushioning; reduce static standing time; remove clutter from control panels and computer screens and use large video displays; reduce noise levels and much more.

NC-ASSE Website

Come visit our newly updated North Carolina ASSE website. There is a world of information at your finger tips. You can view the website by logging on at www.nc-asse.org.

The website include;

- Upcoming events including 2007-2008 nominations and information regarding the 10th annual CCOSH event.
- News including minutes from previous ASSE meetings, governmental affairs and a photo gallery.
- Calendar of events, which includes the latest dates for upcoming ASSE meetings and ASSE events.
- Links to professional safety and health organizations.
- Membership information and benefits.
- Employment opportunities including current job postings and resume postings.
- Executive Committee contact information



Looking Back on 2006

During 2006 the NC-ASSE had some exceptional speakers that we would like to thank including a plant tour of the Revlon Plant in Oxford and our first annual Toys for Tots drive.

In September, we kick things off by inviting **Rod Wilce** and **Ken Johnson** who spoke on job site inspections for the construction industry.

In October, we had an off-site meeting. We were lucky enough to have **Alicia Mitchell** from Revlon to allow

us to take a tour of the Revlon plant. This was a very exciting tour!

In November, we had **Karen Mastroianni** who spoke on wellness and how to develop a wellness program.

In December, **Mel Harmon** spoke on seasonal safety as well as promoting safety within the workplace. Mr. Harmon explained why it is so important to promote safety and to make safety a habit not a choice.

During our December meeting we also held our first **Toy for Tots drive**, which was a very successful event that we plan on holding again December 2007.

Again, the Executive Committee would like to say thanks to all those who spoke at our meetings during the 2006 year and to those who won a FREE lunch at our past meetings as well to all out members who support our chapter.



And you thought you were having a bad day!

2007 ASSE Kids Safety-On-The-Job Poster Contest

ASSE's fifth annual 'Safety-on-the-Job' Kids' Poster Contest for members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and chapter-supported schools deadline for entries is very soon. Valentines' Day, February 14, is the deadline. Go to [the NAOSH website](http://theNAOSHwebsite) for rules and entry form to post on back of 11 x 14 poster.

Children aged 5 - 14 can

enter. First place prizes in each age group are \$1,000 savings bonds. In addition, every entrant receives a prize. The winning posters make up the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH—May 6 - 12, 2007) 07 poster distributed worldwide reaching more than 50 million people and 150,000 businesses with occupational safety, health and environmental messages

from your children.

TO ENTER: simply print out an entry form found at [the NAOSH website](http://theNAOSHwebsite), paste it to the back of the 11 x 14 poster and mail it to the ASSE PR Department, 1800 E. Oakton Street, Des Plaines, IL 60018 c/o Sarajenie Smith.