

NC-ASSE Newsletter

21st Annual Region IV PDC

Mark your calendars for the 21st Annual Region VI Professional Development Conference (PDC), which is scheduled for September 19-21 2007. This conference is held in sunny Myrtle Beach at the Kingston Plantation.

There are a lot of great things to do while in Myrtle beach along with great accommodations, and fun filled family events.

Former speakers at the Region IV PDC have included; Steven Simon, Scott Geller and retired astronaut Cap-

tain Jim Weatherbee.

Keep an eye on the PDC section of the Region VI website <http://www.asse-region6.org/conference.html> for all the details and registration as it becomes available.



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77th Annual Statewide Safety Conference

The 77th annual statewide safety conference is scheduled for May 15-18 at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

The conference includes a broad range of safety and health topics along with presenters who are safety professionals from

around our state.

This years theme for the conference is **Safety—A New Look** and the guest speaker is Donald A. Jones who is with Dow Chemical.

To pre-register for this conference please visit the NC Industrial Commissions website at

www.comp.state.nc.us

Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased separately by completing an order form located on the NC Industrial Commission website or at the ASSE booth. Luncheon tickets are required if attending this event and are \$23 each.

ASSE's New Regional Calendar

The ASSE has recently developed a new regional calendar where national, regional and chapter events can be posted. This is a great tool in where members can access the calendar by logging into the ASSE website www.asse.org.

Members can conveniently log on to the calendar to see what events are taking place at the national level, regional level and chapter level.

Members are encouraged to contact the NC-ASSE chapter prior to posting safety re-

lated events so that they may be included in the newsletter or website .

If you know of an event you be interested in posting please feel free to contact Wanda Hughes at Wanda.Hughes@co.wake.nc.us.

NC-ASSE Nominations

Just a reminder that the NC ASSE chapter will begin its nomination process for 2007-2008 during the month of June. We are looking for anyone interested in being more involved within the chapter.

There are several 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 to-

gether the new letter, 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.



We Want You!

Happiness is that state of consciousness which proceeds from the achievement of one's values.

- Ayn Rand

Proposed Changes to the ASSE Professional Member Criteria

There is a recommendation to change the professional member criteria in our bylaws. The following is a comparison of the existing bylaws and the recommended changes:

Existing: None

New: Shall be a certified safety professional (CSP) or certified industrial hygienist (CIH) in good standing with the BCSP or ABIH, respectively, or

Existing: Shall be certified as competent by a body recognized by the Admissions Committee and shall have a minimum of five years in the aggregate professional experience

New: Shall hold an accredited certification from a body recognized by the Admissions Committee, hold a baccalaureate or higher degree

from an accredited college or university and shall have a minimum of five years in the aggregate professional SH&E experience, or

Existing: Shall be registered or licensed by a state agency as a Professional Engineer and shall have a minimum of five (5) years in the aggregate professional safety experience,

New: Shall be registered or licensed by a state agency as a Professional Engineer, hold a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university and shall have a minimum of five (5) years in the aggregate professional SH&E experience
Or

Existing: Shall hold a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university, and shall have a minimum of ten (10) years in the aggregate

professional safety experience,

New: Shall hold a **doctorate level degree** from an accredited college or university in an SH&E related field recognized by the Admissions Committee and shall have a minimum of **five (5)** years in the aggregate professional SH&E experience.

In summary there is a category added for certification such as CSP, time requirements with a degree are reduced from 10 years to five, and doctorate level degree is added with five years experience. Please let any of the executive committee members know if you are for or against this change to our by-laws.

- Robert Andrews

Region VI Presidents Thoughts on Proposed Changes

There is a recommendation to change the professional member criteria in our by-laws. The proposed membership criteria is going to allow someone with a BS or MS and ten years' experience to be totally eliminated. Item 3 of the bylaws will state that you are to have a PE **AND** a bachelor's degree or higher **AND** five years' experience. This is a

little more restrictive than the current definition in ASSE Bylaws, Article III "Membership," Section 2, Part A, Paragraph 2. The individual categories are where the "or" comes into play.

The proposed new language will basically take the current Article III "Membership," Section 2,

Part A, Paragraph 3 out of play unless the person has a certification. This was acknowledged at the Board of Directors' meeting.

All that having been said, if you agree with changes, vote for it. I just want to make sure all of our members understand what it is they are voting for.



The national PDC is scheduled to be held in Orlando June 21—June 27. Early registration for Safety 2007 is currently open. You can log onto www.asse.org/2007/ for additional information.

Keynote speakers will include; Jennifer James who is a cultural anthropologist, writer and commentator; Assistant Secretary of Labor Edwin Foulke and Joseph Badaracco who is a professor from Harvard Business

school who will provide insightful comments to safety professionals on challenges associated with the safety effort and how to lead it quietly.

OSHA Trade News

WASHINGTON --

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) signed an agreement April 6, 2007, with the Building Construction Trades Department (BCTD), AFL-CIO, Laborers' International Union of North America, and International Brotherhood of Teamsters, to settle their challenge to OSHA's hexavalent chromium standard (BCTD, et al., v. OSHA, Case No. 06-2433 (3d Cir.)).

As a result of the settlement, OSHA will issue a new document which provides specific enforcement procedures for compliance officers to follow at all construction sites where employees are working with portland cement. The document, *Portland Cement Inspection Procedures*, will explain how existing OSHA standards and requirements (air contaminants, personal protective equipment, sanitation, hazard communication and re-

cordkeeping) apply to operations involving portland cement and collects all of the applicable provisions in a single inspection checklist.

Portland Cement Inspection Procedures will be also published as Appendix C-1 to the OSHA compliance directive on the Chromium (VI) standards ("Cr(VI) directive") to be issued to regional administrators later in 2007.



What is wrong with this picture?

Available Websites

Many of you may or may not know that we have 3 different websites that can support us as safety professionals. I would like to take a moment to go over them and then let you explore them on your own.

Most everyone is familiar with www.asse.org. This is where all the behind the scenes occur, we can pay our dues here, find out various information, purchase publications and just a wealth of other information. We can also change our personal information on this site by going to the log in screen. All you need is your member number and your last name. This will help to keep you current with in the society and the chapter.

The next website you should be familiar with is our chapter website www.nc-asse.org. This website gives you information about things occurring within the geographic region of our chapter. There is a calendar on the website to help with knowing when and where the next meeting will be held. There is an employment section where anyone can post a job or resume for “free” advertisement. All we ask is that you do the posting.

The last website I would like to mention to you is the ASSE Region 6 Website www.asse-region6.org. This website will give you links to other chapters in our region. There is a wealth of information on

this site such as: a calendar of various events occurring in the different chapters, Jobs Line; minutes from the Regional Operating Committee; Region 6 PDC information/registration and much more. One of the items that the region would like to increase is the Speakers Bureau. If you would like to be considered a speaker please check out the Speakers Bureau section and then contact Ed Winstead at ed.winstead@rutherfordord.com.

Each one of these websites provides very unique information to you and for your use. I hope this has helped you have a better grasp of available resources.



ASP Workshop

About This Event:

This is a four-day review for those preparing for the Safety Fundamentals Examination. The event is to take place at NCSU—Industrial Extension Service - June 11th-14th. The successful completion of this exam leads to the designation of Associate Safety Professional (ASP).

Recommended For:

Individuals who are seeking the successful completion of the Safety Fundamentals examination leading to the designation of an Associate Safety Professional (ASP). This examination is the first in a series of two examinations leading to the designation of the Certified

Safety Professional (CSP).

You Will:

- Identify areas where extra preparation is needed
- Become familiar with resources available to prepare for the exam
- Learn about certification requirements and scoring procedures
- Review content material in an informal environment utilizing a testing format.

Topics Covered Include:

- Introduction to BCSP

examination

- Math and calculator review
- Examination strategies
- Review of algebra and trigonometry
- Review of physics, probability, statistics
- Safety, health and environmental engineering, management and communication
- Professional conduct and ethics.

Additional Information:

- 28 hours of MESH credit

Instructor(s):

Langlois, Weigand and Associates; Baton Rouge, LA.