COUNCIL ON PRACTICES AND STANDARDS
CoPS AWARDS RECIPIENTS FOR 2013 TO 2014

One of the best ways Practice Specialties can encourage involvement of their members and achieve greater levels of member interest and enthusiasm is to recognize exceptional work and service. This year CoPS was pleased to honor a number of its members for their hard work and efforts on behalf of ASSE and the SH&E Profession. The award recipients for this past year along with their profiles are included below.

Our member selected best practice specialty article for 2013-2014 was chosen from almost thirty high-caliber technical SH&E articles. This year’s winner is: “Integrating Risk Management & Prevention Through Design Standards” Interface Vol. 3, No. 3”. The authors of this article are Georgi Popov and John Zey.

ASSE Branch and Common Interest Group Significant Contributor Awards

Agricultural Branch: Caroline Peterson, CSP

The winner of the significant contributor award for the Agricultural Branch is Caroline Peterson. She is a Safety and Occupational Health Specialist for the USDA. She is being recognized for leadership within the Agricultural Branch and for her technical expertise and assistance with SH&E hazards and exposures specific to the agricultural industry. Caroline also serves as the Technical Coordinator for the branch and has done an outstanding job in obtaining high-caliber materials to include in ASSE publications for review by the membership and for inclusion in the ASSE Body of Knowledge. Her technical knowledge was of significant benefit to the branch as it works to move agricultural safety and health forward.
Health and Wellness Branch: Deborah Fell Carlson, RN, MSPH, COHN-S, FAAOHN

The winner of the significant contributor award for the Health and Wellness Branch is Deborah Fell-Carlson. Deborah Deb has served as the secretary of the Health and Wellness Branch Advisory Committee for the past two years. Prior to volunteering for this branch, she served on the advisory committee for ASSE’s Health Care Practice Specialty. In addition to her leadership role on the committee, Deb has been a strong advocate and educator in the safety and nursing community on wellness/injury prevention integration through her conference presentations. In 2013, she presented an ASSE webinar on Fatigue Management and has written articles for our branch newsletter. She was selected to present at the ASSE 2014 Professional Development Conference on the topic: “Safety, What’s Health Got to Do with It.”

Human Resources Branch: Michelle Brady, CSP

The winner of the significant contributor award for the Human Resources Branch is Michelle Brady. Michelle has been on the HR Branch Advisory Committee since June 2011. She is responsible for the Branch's Awards and Honors. This is a critical area for present members as recognition can be a key to growing membership. Most recently, Michelle assisted the Branch by contributing and sharing ideas for strategic planning. It is especially noteworthy when someone who is an EHS practitioner for a small company or site can also be an active volunteer to ASSE and CoPS. Along with her proactive and innovative ideas to grow branch membership she has taken a lead on several key areas for the branch. She has taken the lead with assistance to the ASSE Body of Knowledge and the Branch Awards and Honors Committee. She has also played an important role in finding technical SH&E materials to include in the branch technical publications.

Military Branch: Joshua Franklin, CSP

The winner of the significant contributor award for the Military Branch is Joshua Franklin. SMSgt Joshua Franklin is an active duty member of the U.S. Air Force. He is assigned as the Ground Safety Superintendent for 11th Air Force and stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson. The installation is located near Anchorage, Alaska. Franklin has been in the safety career field for nine years. Joshua Franklin has made positive contributions to the growth and stability of the membership of the Military Branch. He continued this work during a 179 day assignment to the Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan. Joshua Franklin has been active in ensuring that both the Military Branch web pages and the Body of Knowledge data base have links to the most current editions of Department of Defense and military service safety, health, and environmental directives and instructions.
ASSE Common Interest Groups Significant Contributor Awards

Blacks in Safety Engineering CIG: Patricia Reed, CSP

The winner of the significant contributor award for the Blacks in Safety Engineering (BISE) Common Interest Group is Patricia Reed. Anybody who knows Patricia is aware that she is all energy and enthusiasm. She is being recognized for her hard work and efforts to move BISE forward. Her work on the BISE PDC Reception helped make the reception a top-notch event. She also was a leader in moving BISE forward in regards to generating technical materials for inclusion in publications. Patricia is never reticent to volunteer and participate with ASSE activities and events. In addition, she also serves as a member of the ASSE Standards Development Committee (SDC) and continues to give a tremendous amount of time and passion for ASSE. Finally, her combination of safety, health, and environmental engineering brings a different perspective to ASSE and the practice of the profession.

Safety Professional and the Latino Workforce CIG: Hector Escarcega, CSP, ARM, LCS

The winner of the significant contributor award for the Safety Professionals and the Latino Workforce (SPALW) Common Interest Group is Hector Escarcega. Hector is a contributing author to 2nd Edition "Construction Safety Management & Engineering" Chapter 37 "Safety & Your Spanish Speaking Workforce". Hector has also presented at least one technical session at each PDC for the last 12 years including sessions on working with your Latino workforce and working with your Multicultural workforce (he will present technical session and roundtable in Orlando 2014). Hector was one of the founding members of the SPALW CIG since its inception. He led the organization of SPALW Advisory Board chartered with providing purpose direction and motivation of SPALW. Hector has worked on multiple projects including but not limited to the translation of consensus standard and a university curriculum. Hector has brought great credit to himself, SPALW and the entire safety professional community.

Women in Safety Engineering CIG: Adele Abrams, ESQ, CMSP

The winner of the significant contributor award for the Women in Safety Engineering (WISE) Common Interest Group is Adele Abrams. Adele is an Advisory Board member of the Women in Safety Engineering (WISE) who leads our efforts to provide quality speakers for any WISE event as well as the annual ASSE professional development conference. Adele has always supported WISE by being a speaker at many of our events, including the upcoming WISE Retreat. Adele is a well-known and respected safety and health attorney is a dynamic member of ASSE. Adele is unique in that she has a hard-to-beat combination of knowledge of the law and technical issues in safety. Her technical expertise in mining is well known throughout ASSE. Adele has taken the lead on a variety of
technical SH&E issues impacting women, and has written and spoken on these issues both within and
outside the SH&E profession. She is a tireless advocate for ASSE, WISE, and the practice of the
profession. She can always be relied upon to provide solid technical and legal information.

**ASSE Practice Specialties**

**Safety Professionals of the Year (SPY) Awards for Practice Specialties**

**Construction Practice Specialty, Todd Hohn, CSP**

The winner of the ASSE Construction Practice Specialty SPY is Todd Hohn. Todd has served as the Honors and Awards chair for the last 3 years as well as working diligently with various committees and the society. He has taken on a more active role and continues to be a vital component to the growth of the practice specialty. Todd is currently the Honors and Awards Chair of the American Society of Safety Engineers Construction Practice Specialty. Todd has been in this role for 3 years for the Construction Practice and he has the aspirations to continue and should take on a greater role in the future with ASSE. Todd constantly seeks opportunities to further the betterment of the ASSE Construction Practice Specialty. Outside of being the Honors and Awards Chair, Todd is also active with other parts of the ASSE participating on the ISO 283 TAG as a member of the leadership team developing the Global Occupational Health and Safety Standard on behalf of ANSI. He also frequently presents for ASSE at their conference and currently presents 2 sessions at SeminarFest and the Pre-Conference for the PDC. Finally, he facilitates several sponsorship programs on behalf of his organization to advance health and safety through the ASSE and their foundation.

**Consultants Practice Specialty: Carol Robinson, CSP, CIH**

The winner of the ASSE Consultants Practice Specialty SPY is Carol Robinson. Carol has been on the Consultants Directory Project Team since early 2012. She brought recommendations for refocusing the target audience which were important to the ultimate success of the project. In addition, Carol took over the position of Membership Chair in 2014. Carol has been a very active member of the Consultants Practice Specialty Advisory Committee and actively participated with additional Consultants PS activities. Through her firm, Carol has provided numerous articles for the Advisor E-Zine Magazine, which have also been placed in the ASSE Body of Knowledge.
Engineering Practice Specialty: James Harris, Ph.D., PE

The winner of the ASSE Engineering Practice Specialty SPY is James Harris. Dr. Harris has been with NIOSH for 20 years conducting safety engineering research in the agriculture, construction, and manufacturing industries. His current research is concentrated on machine safety in manufacturing. He has been a professional member of ASSE since 2003 and a member of the Advisory Board of the Engineering Practice Specialty since 2011. Dr. Harris serves as the Technical Publication Co-Chair for the Engineering Practice Specialty. In this role, he has worked with Don Enslow to identify articles for the Engineering Practice Specialty’s ByDesign newsletter that meets the special interests of our practice specialty. One of the newest features has been to highlight the Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) program at NIOSH. Through this program, safety professionals conduct in-depth investigations of selected work-related fatalities. Since this was initiated as a feature, we have received very positive feedback from Engineering Practice Specialty members. Dr. Harris has also identified applicable Body of Knowledge (BoK) articles that can be highlighted in ByDesign. Dr. Harris and Don Enslow make a great team, and the newsletter is thriving through their efforts.

Environmental Practice Specialty: Jessica Jannaman

The winner of the ASSE Environmental Practice Specialty SPY is Jessica Jannaman. Jessica Jannaman works at Chrysler Group LLC in Auburn Hills, MI, as a Corporate Health & Safety Specialist, NAFTA. She assists to communicate, organize and coordinate safety initiatives and objectives throughout the organization with the team of health and safety representatives she works with at Chrysler Group LLC. Jessica Jannaman has been a member of the Environmental Practice Specialty since 2010 and has served as Chapter Liaison as well as on the Membership committee for the group. In her roles with the Environmental Practice Specialty, she has assisted in organizing membership data and strategies to expand the growth of the specialty practice as well as reviewing a means to provide value to members through tools and communications. This strategy primarily focuses on the raising of awareness of environmental issues to the chapters and providing support of environmentally focused initiatives. Jessica has also aided in organizing the PDC for 2013 and sought finding sponsors for the EPS. She looks to continue these efforts and expand into full implementation together with the great group of individuals she volunteers with on the Environmental Practice Specialty.
Ergonomics Practice Specialty: Georgi I. Popov, Ph.D., QEP, CMC

The winner of the ASSE Ergonomics Practice Specialty SPY is Georgi Popov. Georgi is a regular supporter of the Ergo PS through his presentations and articles. Georgi has provided a stream of information through these sources that illustrate his research focus and his interest to integrate safety and ergonomics effectively. One of the key reasons that Georgi Popov became a consideration for CoPS SPY for the ergonomics PS was that his work focuses on educating young safety professionals, and his research and teaching focuses strongly on ensuring that these professionals integrate ergonomics effectively in their risk assessment and reduction efforts. The program at University of Central Missouri continues to grow and gain respect in the safety community, and the effort of professors such as Georgi Popov are contributing heavily to this growth. Georgi’s methodical and quantitative approach will serve his students well, and will create solid professionals in our field. Georgi’s work clearly shows an understanding of the interconnection between ergonomics and safety, which makes him a perfect candidate for the Ergonomics PS CoPS SPY.

Fire Protection Practice Specialty: Sally Higgins, CSP, CFPS

The winner of the ASSE Fire Protection Practice Specialty SPY is Sally Higgins. Sally is currently actively supporting both the Healthcare and Fire Protection Practice Specialties. As a founding member of the fire protection branch and practice specialty, Sally continues to provide insight on topics that are both applicable to both practice specialties in terms of newsletter, future webinar, and key topics planning along with quiet guidance to keep the Fire Protection Practice Specialty on target and task. This guidance has included taking detailed notes to remind us of where we have been and where we are going, renewing our focus on the need for campus fire protection initiatives, and providing a sounding board for every administrator that has held the post since the founding of the practice specialty. It should be noted that Sally is long-time supporter of the practice specialties and has volunteered her time and efforts on many different occasions.
Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty: Victor D’Amato, CSP, CIH

The winner of the ASSE Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty SPY is Vic D’Amato. Vic has served as Publication Coordinator for the Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty publication, The Monitor since 2011 and is an active participant on the IHPS Volunteer Committee. During the time that Vic D’Amato has served as the Publication Coordinator for the Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty publication The Monitor all newsletters were published on time and many positive comments have been received from the IHPS members on the utility of these articles. Vic has held this position since 2011. In addition he is an active participant on the IHPS Volunteer Advisory Committee and was nominated and has accepted the position of Assistant Administrator for the IHPS in 2014. Through these activities Victor D’Amato has demonstrated his support of the organization. He is an active participant in the Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty whose contributions have provided members with valuable industrial hygiene information. We look forward to this opportunity to recognize him for his efforts and dedication to this committee.

International Practice Specialty: Brian Anderson, ARM

The winner of the ASSE International Practice Specialty SPY is Brian Anderson. Brian has provided support to the IPS and society proactively since 2008 as a member of the advisory board. Supports meeting logistics, sponsors events such as the global metrics forum in 2012 both financially and acted as lead project manager, volunteers for special projects, acts as lead in the partnership between the CSHS and IPS, attends meetings and calls as scheduled and continually strives to improve the member’s experience. Brian is highly operational, credible global leader with a verifiable history of leading EHS performance to new levels and possess a proven ability to tenaciously lead change on a global scale. A recognized EHS, DOT & Risk Management leader with worldwide corporate management experience and a demonstrated record of success developing and leading “best in class” organizations and teams. Strong sense of business acumen & corporate level project management skills. Strong influencing skills without direct authority, leadership, and ability to drive simplified/standardized/sustaining change across the organization aligned with the business plan.

Management Practice Specialty: Kimberly Jackson, CSP, REM

The winner of the ASSE Management Practice Specialty SPY is Kimberly “Kim” Jackson. Kimberly has been active in the MPS for over 4 years. She is a dynamic volunteer and has served as our Membership Chair and the Awards and Honors Chair. Anybody who has work with Kim knows that she exemplifies professionalism, commitment, and service to the society. She has been innovative and her ideas have helped grow member in the practice specialty. Kim has participated in advisory board activity, calls, and broader COPS activities. Kim has also been active in other practice specialties, common interest groups, and in activities overall for the benefit of ASSE and the SH&E Profession. She is the incoming Management Practice Specialty Administrator.
**Manufacturing Practice Specialty: David Coble, CSP**

The winner of the ASSE Manufacturing Practice Specialty SPY is David Coble. David has been a member of ASSE from 1977 through 1980 and a Professional Member of ASSE since 1987. As past Administrator for the Manufacturing Practice Specialty, David filled all Specialty Chairs, added several new Chairs such as White Papers, Webinars and Special Projects. He also leads the effort to develop a White Paper on Best Safety Management Practices for Manufacturing. Manufacturing Specialty Goals and Objectives, and Annual Plans, were kept up to date. The Specialty sponsored its first open teleconference in 2013, Specialty meetings were held each year at the PDC, and David was sponsored by the Specialty for several PDC presentations. David has also been an instructor at SeminarFest since 2006 and a PDC Preconference instructor since 2010. He has spoken regularly at the Society PDC, and additional Professional Development Conferences, webinars, and regional and chapter meetings and PDC’s since 1979. David represented the ASSE on the Business Research Advisory Council, US Department of Labor, 1992-1997. David is a stalwart for standards development and sat on the ASSE Standards Development Committee. He has also been a participant in the development of several ASSE American National Standards such as ANSI/ASSE Z590.3 – 2011 Prevention Through Design.

**Mining Practice Specialty: Elaine Cullen, Ph.D.**

The winner of the ASSE Mining Practice Specialty SPY is Elaine Cullen. Elaine has been a speaker at the ASSE Professional Development Conference every year since 2006. (She will be speaking this year on Developing Safety Training for a Multi-Generational Workforce.) She has published two peer-reviewed articles in Professional Safety, and her article on Effective Training was selected by ASSE members as one of the top three articles published in 2011. She has also presented two webinars for ASSE members, and is scheduled to present a third on April 2nd. Elaine is a long-time member of WISE (Women in Safety Engineering) and was honored to be selected as one of 100 WISE Women in the 100th anniversary celebration “100 Women Making a Difference in the Safety, Health & Environmental Profession”. She is a member of the Mining Practice Specialty, the Oil and Gas Practice Specialty, and the WISE Common Interest Group. Elaine has been an official member of the Mining Practice Specialty for 4 years, she has spent her career working in mining safety, retiring from the U.S. Bureau of Mines and NIOSH after 38 years of service. She has spent the past 6 years working as a consultant to NIOSH in the development of effective training for high-risk industries, and is currently the Vice President for NW Operations for Safety Solutions International, specializing in safety for the mining industry, particularly with respect to providing effective training and to assessing and improving safety cultures. Her 9 presentations at the annual PDC have focused on miners and other high-risk workers, and how to keep them safe on the job.
Public Sector Practice Specialty:  Lori Schroth, CSP

The winner of the ASSE Public Sector Practice Specialty SPY is Lori Schroth. Just over a year ago this PS was struggling with no Advisory committee and the Administrator who had advanced directly from the role of the Publication Coordinator without much experience to lead the PS. A year later we now have a more intact Advisory committee, a plan to conduct conference calls, have sponsored activities at the PDC and achieved our main goals of developing quality technical articles to be published on time to meet the ASSE newsletter schedule. All of this would not be possible without the assistance of Lori Schroth who has done the lion’s share of work behind the scenes. The one character trait that everyone on the Advisory committee recognizes is her willingness to accept any challenge and any new responsibility to help the committee move forward. She is a true safety professional in the sense that she loves her work and enjoys the fact that she is contributing to the safety community at-large. Another example of her commitment and professionalism includes the PSPS Perspectives. She has personally achieved coordinating, collecting and/or authoring the content for every issue of the Perspectives over the last 2 years. Every submission has been complete and ahead of schedule. This has increased the credibility and raised the overall sense of value for our PS. This accomplishment stands as a significant boost to our PS and exemplifies her commitment and abilities to support it.

Risk Management and Insurance Practice Specialty:  Thomas Lotz, CSP, ARM

The winner of the ASSE Risk Management and Insurance Practice Specialty SPY is Thomas Lotz. Mr. Lotz has been very supportive of the Risk Management/Insurance Practice Specialty for many years. He has been on the Advisory Committee for more than 10 years, supporting efforts through a variety of subcommittees, moderating sessions at Professional Development Conferences, and presenting at Professional Development Conferences. In addition, he has been an ambassador for RM/I through his connections at multiple regional and local levels. His support is seen in the form of participation on the RM/I Advisory Committee, volunteer assignments on a variety of ASSE projects, representation at local and regional ASSE functions where he is an advocate for RM/I, and involvement at ASSE Professional Development Conferences as a regular moderator, participant on panels, and presenter.

Transportation Practice Specialty:  Matthew Daecher

The winner of the ASSE Transportation Practice Specialty SPY is Matthew Daecher. Matt has been a “go to” member of the Transportation Practice Specialty for many years. Serving in the difficult position as Transactions Editors, he has been called on for years to come up with news and reports for Transaction 3 times a year, which is a difficult task. He has served as moderator for TPS Roundtable discussions at the PDC. He serves on the ACTAR board as a representative of ASSE and as is involved in the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and the Bus Industry Safety Council. He is
also a board member of National Association of Traffic Accident Reconstructionists and Investigators (NATARI). Matt continues to offer his expertise to the practice whenever we call for it. Matt is a high-energy volunteer and has been a solid and professional contributor to ASSE and the practice of the profession.

Utilities Practice Specialty: David Driver, CSP

The winner of the ASSE Utilities Practice Specialty SPY is David Driver. David has continually displayed commitment to the advancement of the Utilities Practice Specialty (UPS) by being one of the organizations team volunteers. He has been involved with Utilities Practice Specialty almost since the organization’s inception as a Branch. He started that initiative in the extremely important role of Membership Chair in June 2010 and excelled at soliciting steady membership growth during those two years. He was recognized in 2011 as the ASSE Utilities Branch Significant Contributor and in June 2012, accepted the position of Vice Chair. He continues being an active participant in the UPS as the Assistant Administrator. David is seen by his UPS peers as a reliable UPS leader and organizer of efforts to promote the organization. David is committed to making the UPS a central point of networking and instrumental in creating a place that utility safety professionals can find answers. David has been a safety professional for over 24 years. Thirteen years have been exclusively in the power generation, water, and waste water utility industries. Throughout David’s career, he has demonstrated a genuine passion for helping people and that has and continues to be one his strongest assets for the UPS and safety profession as a whole.

The Thomas F. Bresnahan Standards Medal: C. Gary Lopez, CSP

The winner of this year Bresnahan Standards Meal is C. Gary Lopez. Gary Lopez has been passionate in his active pursuit in the development and improvement of SH&E consensus standards for decades. Within this work, Gary was a long-time member of the ASSE Standards Development Committee, serving as their distinguished Chair for eight years. Gary also actively served on several consensus standards committees including the ANSI Z10 Committee, drafting and crafting this standard on Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems; developing the ANSI Z117 standard on Confined Space Entry; and served as a member of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the ISO 14000, Environmental Management Systems, standard. Gary’s service to the Society and our profession on the Standards Development Committee has concluded, which has enabled him to be more proactive in his work as a member of the ANSI Z10 committee, representing ASSE with the ASIS on matters related to school safety and security standards, and continue his beneficial service in the development of international Risk Management standards as the Alternate to Kathy Seabrook, our Society President, on the ISO PC283 group. Provided general oversight of, and direction to, the SH&E standards activities of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) (Society) including adherence to the policies and procedures approved by the Society’s Board of Directors resulting in the ASSE being much more widely recognized for our leadership in the profession.
The winner of this year’s Council on Practices and Standards Safety Professional of the Year Award is Pam Walaski. The Consultants Practice Specialty was very pleased to nominate Pam Walaski for the Council on Practice and standard’s Safety Professional of the Year Award for 2013. Pam has done an outstanding job as Administrator of the Consultants Practice Specialty with many accomplishments including the development of the online Consultants Directory and one of three editors of the book becoming an effective SH&E Consultant. Pam is a well-respected and regarded SH&E Professional who has gone out of her way to assist and mentor new and incoming safety professionals. Pam has consistently stepped forward to volunteer her time for ongoing CoPS related initiatives such as the Body of Knowledge and the upcoming digital expansion program for our publications. Pam has coordinated section on emergency response in the Safety Professional Handbook and authored a chapter in the Cost Analysis and Budgeting for Emergency Response. Pam’s diligent work and tireless effort has benefited ASSE for many years and has been a presenter for the Professional Development conference for many years. Pam is also active with standards development as a member of the United States TAG to ISO for the PC283 Committee creating a global standard for occupational health and safety management systems. Pam is well respected within the Council for her leadership and is well deserving of this award.