Should I Join the HR Branch Advisory Committee?

The Branch is usually looking for help. Here is what some members are saying about why they joined the ASSE HR Branch Advisory Committee:

• “Being involved on an Advisory Committee is a great way to expand my networking contacts.”

• “I have been in the health and safety profession for 25 years. During this quarter of a century, I have had much support from fellow practitioners, including ASSE. It’s time to give back to the profession and help shape our future.”

To get involved in the Human Resources Branch, contact Branch Chair Maureen Johnson at maureenj@us.ibm.com.

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We invite you to participate in the HR Branch as we plan our mission, goals and activities.
www.asse.org/ps/hr
Our Mission
To provide the interactive forum for ASSE members and other non-member professionals who have dual practitioner responsibilities for the Safety, Health & Environmental (SH&E) and Human Resources (HR) functions, in which to share common interests, create camaraderie, and help each other through the exchange of ideas and best practices in the day-to-day fulfillment of their overall combined roles as well as their interdependent, yet stand-alone, functional areas.

Our Vision
- To attract and retain current ASSE members and other non-member professionals for new and/or continued membership in the Society, the Management Practice Specialty, and the HR Branch, who have dual functional responsibilities in the broad fields of SH&E and HR
- To promote the advancement of SH&E and HR professionals in support of ASSE’s Management Practice Specialty
- To foster the professional growth and development of HR Branch members
- Develop, establish and foster a networking platform that serves the needs of SH&E and HR professionals by providing a common ground where they can share key issues, goals, objectives, solutions, successes and challenges

Why Join
Membership in ASSE’s Practice Specialties or Branches Brings You:
- Important information on safety specialties
- Opportunities to meet locally with specialists who have similar interests
- Service and leadership opportunities
- Small, homogeneous group focus and involvement
- Supplementary, individualized and specialized educational opportunities
- Technical information, contacts and referrals
- Recognition and award opportunities

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- “Although I don’t have direct responsibilities in HR, there is so much overlap between HR and safety that I thought I could learn from joining the branch.”
- “Joining a new branch was a way for me to become more involved with ASSE on a national level.”
- “I thought it would be fun to join the branch at its infancy level and see it grow.”

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“The reason why I joined the HR Branch is three-pronged:
1. I had been contemplating the idea of somehow giving back to the SH&E profession in some voluntary way.
2. When ASSE approached me to possibly join and help in the newly created HR Branch, I jumped on the opportunity for the following reasons:
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