Welcome to the new Society Update. ASSE's e-newsletter provides the latest Society news, activities, upcoming events and notable member achievements.

Top Stories

SeminarFest 2005
SeminarFest 2005 is a week-long event that offers more than 45 seminars in one location. Seminars range from one to three days in length, and offer technical, management and skills-development topics for the SH&E professional. Register for SeminarFest 2005 throughout the week to complete the training you need and earn up to 5.0 CEUS/CCOCs, or 7.0 CM points or CMHC CMPS.

ASSE to Host Audioconference on Safety Leadership
ASSE will host an audioconference on Jan. 19, 2005, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm CST. The program will address "High-Level Leadership for Safety Performance." Safety leaders today face competing demands and pressures, and this audioconference will address enhancing leadership through building organizational trust, and will discuss why this skill set is needed to advance an SH&E career. Specific topics will include program improvement through trust and strategies for building and maintaining trust.

New Student Section Formed: UMass-Lowell
On Oct. 14, 2004, the 93rd anniversary of the founding of ASSE, the UMass-Lowell Student Section of ASSE was recognized. Its members are matriculated students in the Work Environment Dept. of the School of Health & Environment at the University of Massachusetts Lowell (UMass-Lowell). Through the efforts of ASSE's Greater Boston Chapter and UMass-Lowell students, this section was founded to promote the safety profession, student development and the Society's Code of Professional Conduct.

More News

Latest News from ASSE Foundation
Delmar E. Tally Professional Development Grant
The Delmar E. Tally Professional Development Grant provides financial assistance to ASSE members who wish to advance their education through recognized SH&E certification courses, professional development seminars or educational conferences. The filing deadline is Dec. 10, 2004.

ASSE Annual Report
2003-04 was another good year for the ASSE Foundation. Steady growth and expanded programs continue to prevail due to the generous support of donors who have the vision to invest in the safety profession. The Foundation's latest annual report (FY2004) is available online.

Latest News from Professional Development
Upcoming: Using Risk Principles Symposium
Using Risk Principles for Safety & Health Decisions, ASSE's latest professional development opportunity, will be held March 3-4, 2005, in Salt Lake City. Incorporating risk into everyday decision-making can help shift a firm's focus beyond compliance to assessing and controlling risk. Attend this symposium to learn how risk impacts the way you manage safety and health, and creates value for your organization. Attendees will learn how to determine risk cost, apply risk assessment principles to improve SH&E program performance, examine risk assessment methods and evaluate their importance; and maximize resources.

Recent Events: Safety Training Symposium
"You must move aggressively and be a major risk-taker at your organization," said e-learning expert Brandon Hall at ASSE's Safety Training Symposium & Expo, held recently in Scottsdale, AZ. "E-learning is anytime, anywhere and better, faster and cheaper." E-learning was one of many training techniques covered at the symposium. Attendees were also offered information on performing needs assessments to determine training objectives; determining when training will help reduce injury and health exposures; building management support for training; and recognizing when training is wrapping up. Additionally, new NIOSH report to be released shortly.

ASSE Prepares Future Safety Leaders at Annual Conference
ASSE and its Foundation held the 2004 Future Safety Leaders Conference in November at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Columbia, MD. Nearly 100 student members participated in a weekend filled with opportunities to learn essential leadership and career-development skills.

Revised Steel Erection Standard
Assisting employers, employees and contractors in preventing fatalities in the construction industry, ANSI's A10.13-2001 standard Safety Requirements for Steel Erection provides guidelines for handling and dismantling structural steel during construction operations. As secretariat, ASSE is making this revised standard available, along with a new standards interpretation from the A10 Accredited Standards Committee.

The standard covers safety requirements for material handling, training personnel and personal protection relating to steel erection, including lifting, fitting and dismantling of structural steel, metal decks and steel beams during construction operations. It also provides guidelines for the storage and use of bolts, air tools, connectors and rivets.

Member News

ASSE Members Work with NIOSH
Earlier this year, several ASSE members participated on a Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) for NIOSH. The group, Disease, Disability and Injury Prevention and Control SEP, was charged with reviewing proposals requesting grant money to establish a Center for Construction Safety and Health. According to Ed Greene, ASSE President and member and former ASSE President, this marked one of the first times that SH&E professionals were asked to offer professional expertise in the grant evaluations.

Randall Wingfield Appointed New Fall Protection Committee Chair
ASSE has announced the appointment of Randall Wingfield of the Puget Sound chapter, as chair of the Z359 Accredited Standards Committee on Fall Protection and Related Systems. The committee is currently revising the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z359.1 standard Safety Requirements for Personal Fall Arrest Systems , which provides workplace safety guidelines to prevent injuries and fatalities from falls.

Top Recruiters: Honor Roll
The latest additions to ASSE's Honor Roll.

Recent Recipients of the Executive Program
A certificate from ASSE's Executive Program in Safety Management illustrates a practitioner's commitment to professional development. The program is designed to help SH&E professionals develop a safety system success and gain a competitive advantage. Participants receive a certificate after earning a total of 7.5 CEUs, participating in three required seminars (4.9 CEUs) and additional ASSE national seminars or symposia (at least 2.6 CEUs). Recent recipients of the Executive Program in Safety Management are listed here.

Jerry R. Hansen, SH&E Specialist, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Woodland, CA
William A. Odenthal, corporate safety & health manager, Nicholson Construction Co., Cudby, PA
Margaret A. Skimina, associate director of SH&E and fire protection, The Art Institute of Chicago
Leslie A. Stepanek, director, corporate SH&E, Applied Materials Inc., Sunnyvale, CA

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