Top Stories

ASSE/NIOSH Renew Partnership

On Dec. 17, 2004, ASSE and NIOSH signed an agreement to extend their formal partnership to improve safety and health conditions in U.S. workplaces. Under the agreement, the two groups will continue collaborative efforts to provide outreach, communication, and professional development opportunities, and to facilitate the transfer and use of effective workplace injury prevention measures. The partnership was established on Oct. 28, 2003, and the new agreement extends it for an additional three years. As a result of the initial agreement, NIOSH and ASSE have strengthened working relationships in several areas. For example, ASSE members participated in NIOSH’s National Steps to a Healthier U.S. Workforce symposium in October 2006. ASSE also appointed a NIOSH representative to serve on the ASSE Foundation Research Committee.

ASSE President Gene Barfield, CSP, and NIOSH Director John Howard, M.D., met in Washington to sign the agreement.

Says Barfield, “NIOSH is a dynamic agency with wide-ranging talent and resources to conduct research that advances occupational safety and health and to communicate that vital research to the world. This is of great interest to our members, their employers and the workers they are committed to protect. NIOSH’s work directly impacts more than 130 million American workers and we are proud to be able to continue our collaboration with NIOSH.”

Adds Howard, “We are grateful for ASSE’s continued partnership and support in our shared mission of preventing work-related deaths and injuries. We look forward to further successes as our teamwork continues.”

Online Registration Now Available for Safety 2005, New Orleans

ASSE members can now register online for Safety 2005, the Society’s annual Professional Development Conference and Exposition. Safety 2005 will feature more than 200 sessions, 300 exhibitors, special pre- and post-conference seminars, conference proceedings on CD, numerous networking events and more. Learn the latest strategies to expand your knowledge base and network with peers at the premiere SH&E event of the year.

ASSE 2005 Election Slate Set

The slate of candidates for ASSE’s 2005 national election has been finalized. Jack H. Dobson Jr., CSP, will succeed to President and Donald S. Jones Sr., P.E., CSP, will succeed to President-Elect. Candidates for other offices are: Senior Vice President: Richard C. Nunley, CSP, and Michael W. Thompson, CSP; Vice President, Council on Professional Affairs: Carmen W. Dachter and Thomas W. Lawrence Jr., P.E., CSP; and Vice President, Council on Professional Development: Richard A. Pollock, CSP, and Jeffrey W. Vincoli, CSP, CHCM.

The Society’s odd-numbered regions will also elect vice presidents this year. Candidates are: Region I—Terrie S. Norris, CSP, ARM, and Lynne J. Seville, CSP; Region III—Richard R. Bourlon, P.E., CSP, ALCM; Region V—Richard F. Moscati, CSP, and C. Christopher Patton, CSP, CHST; and Region VII—Michael W. Hayser, Esq., CSP. Look for candidate biographies in the February 2005 issue of Professional Safety. Ballots will be mailed on March 1 and must be received by April 1.

Safety 2006 Call for Speakers & Presenters

ASSE invites those interested in presenting at its 2006 Professional Development Conference to submit a proposal to speak for review by the Conference Planning Committee. Safety 2006 will be held June 11-14 in Seattle. Download the submission application at http://www.asse.org/2006pdcallforpapers.pdf.

More News

New ASSE Section

ASSE has approved a new section of its National Capital Chapter—the Northern Virginia (NOVA) Section. Region VI’s Operating Committee approved the formation of the section on Nov. 19, 2004.

ASSE Foundation Selects New Research Committee Members

ASSE Foundation has named two new members to its Research Committee: Yueng-Hsiang (Emily) Huang, Ph.D., research scientist at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety in Hopkinton, MA; and ASSE member James D. Ramsey, Ph.D., associate professor and coordinator of the Safety and Health Protection Program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. As part of the six-member ASSE Foundation Research Committee, Dr. Huang and Dr. Ramsey will evaluate occupational safety research proposals received through the Foundation’s research grant program.

SeminarFest: One-Stop Professional Development Opportunity

Looking for a great way to earn up to 5.0 CEUS/COCs, 7.0 CM points or CHMM CMPS? Look no further than SeminarFest 2005. Attendees at this year’s event—slated to run Feb. 13-19 at the Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel—can choose from more than 40 seminars, each individually priced with a discount that increases with the number of seminars selected. The week-long program will include exam preparation workshops; seminars that earn credit toward ASSE’s Certificate in Safety Management and Executive Program in Safety Management; and a wide range of topical seminars covering subjects such as e-learning for safety training; lean behavior-based safety; investigative photography; return on investment; incident investigation and root-cause analysis; technical writing; and emergency preparedness. Early registration deadline is Jan. 14.

Member News

Top Recruiters: Honor Roll

The latest additions to ASSE’s Honor Roll.

Long-Service Recognition

Members recognized for 25, 40 and 50 years of service to ASSE.

In Memoriam

The Society remembers those members who passed away in recent months.