ASSE Foundation Establishes Second Liberty Mutual Safety & Health Scholarship

Liberty Mutual Group and the ASSE Foundation have named a new scholarship for college students. Endowed by a $15,000 donation from Liberty Mutual Group, the scholarship will award $3,000 each spring to undergraduates and graduates pursuing a degree in occupational safety and health.

This is the second scholarship funded by Liberty Mutual Group, in addition to supporting the ASSE Foundation/Liberty Mutual Safety Research Fellowship Program and the ASSE Future Safety Leaders Conference for students entering the profession. Scholarship applicants must be an ASSE member/student member, have a GPA of at least 3.0 out of 4.0 and be recommended by a safety faculty member.

Rixio Medina Establishes New Development Grant, Renews Hispanic Safety Scholarship

ASSE member Rixio Medina, CPSP, donated $2,500 to the ASSE Foundation along with a matching donation from his employer CITGO Petroleum Corp. Through this donation, the ASSE Foundation is establishing the Medina Professional Development Grant to help ASSE members enhance their careers. The donation will also help fund the Medina Scholarship for Hispanics in Safety, a scholarship for bilingual safety and health undergraduates and graduates.

The Medina Professional Development Grant will provide financial assistance to ASSE members seeking to enhance their education through ASSE certification preparation workshops, seminars, symposia and ASSE’s annual Professional Development Conference. Up to three grants will be awarded each year, and the amount will vary based on the individual’s professional development needs.

The first-ever Medina Scholarship for Hispanics in Safety, a $1,500 award, will be presented this summer to an English-speaking bilingual student pursuing a degree in safety, fire protection, industrial hygiene or a related field. Last year, Medina and CITGO Petroleum Corp. each donated $6,000 to establish this scholarship fund.

For information on the grant or scholarship, contact Mary Goranson at (847) 768-3412 or mgoranson@asse.org.

ASSE Testifies on National Issues

ASSE recently testified on two SH&E issues of national importance: mine safety and health, and safety and health research.

Mining Practice Specialty Administrator Michael Neason, a professional member of the Louisville Chapter, represented ASSE at the hearing on the Consolidation Coal Company and OSHA enforcement resources in the coal industry. Neason urged the committee not to assume that a lack of MSHA enforcement power or weak penalties were the root cause of the failures witnessed during recent mine tragedies. He recommended more effective use of the agency’s existing tools and resources to better enforce its resources more directly at the proven “bad actors,” and providing the agency with more flexibility to deploy inspectors where they are most needed. “More effective—and not merely more severe—enforcement may very well be the answer we all seek,” noted Neason. Click here to view the testimony.

At a national town hall meeting on the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), ASSE Senior Vice President Michael W. Thompson, CPSP, testified on behalf of ASSE that the Society supports NORA’s proactive approach to advancing research that helps prevent workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses. Thompson discussed the need for research that will help determine the future of SH&E professionalism, the need for NIOSH to interact with the standards-development community, and the need to examine and determine the role of the management in the corporate and program structures of organizations. “Only NIOSH’s leadership can bring forth definitive data-driven studies that will help set a value on making a case for safety and health imperative,” Thompson said.

2006-07 Member Recruitment Challenge

ASSE’s 2006-07 Get-a-Member Campaign is underway. Sponsor as many new, full ASSE members as you can before March 31, 2007, and you could win a trip to Hawaii.

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Support NAOSH Week, April 30 - May 6, 2006

The goal of the annual North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) Week is to focus the attention of employers, employees, the media and the public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, and to improve their understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health. Help support this effort by participating in one of the many events scheduled across the nation. Visit the NAOSH Week website for ideas on how you can get involved.

ASSE Audioconferences in April

Safe Practices for Motor Vehicle Operations

To help SH&E professionals become more familiar with the recently approved ANSI/ASSE Z15.1-2006 standard on Safe Practices for Motor Vehicle Operations, ASSE will host an audioconference on April 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CD/MDT. Featured speakers are Carmen Becher, 215 Committee Chair, and Bill Hinderks, 215 Vice-Chair; George Pearson, Administrator of ASSE’s Risk Management and Insurance Practice Specialty will moderate. The standard has generated extensive interest and the expectation is this will have a significant impact on the SH&E profession. The registration fee includes a copy of the standard, the audioconference presentation, a link to a website with support materials and a CD recording of the call.

Fire Protection for the SH&E Professional

On April 19, ASSE will host a “Fire Protection for the SH&E Professional” audioconference. The call, which will run from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CD/MDT, will feature three experts in fire protection preparation and planning, and the SH&E professional’s role in that process. Featured speaker Craig Schroll has extensive fire protection experience and moderator Mike Hennacher chairs ASSE’s Fire Protection Branch. The program is eligible for CEU credit. The registration fee includes a PowerPoint presentation addressing fire protection, a link to a website with support materials and a CD recording of the call.

ASSE Offers New CIH Technical Study Guide

ASSE’s new CIH Certification Exam Study Guide on CD-ROM provides equations, sample questions and reference materials that cover the theoretical aspects of ASSE’s CIH certification exam. Topics range from noise and radiation to ventilation and heat stress, as well as other general science equations and statistics.

Member News

Top Recruiters: Honor Roll

The latest additions to ASSE’s Honor Roll.