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ASSE e-audioconference: Inspiring Behavior Change

ASSE’s next e-audioconference—slated for May 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CDT—will focus on “Inspiring Behavioral Change: Beyond Auditing.” Speaker Robert Pater will discuss methods for making step changes in safe behaviors, habits and personal responsibility. The audioconference will also explain practical ways to improve safe behaviors, heighten involvement and increase buy-in to prevent injuries. Participants will learn what it takes to change behavior, how to think critically and strategically about auditing, and the dynamics of creating ownership. The registration fee includes a PowerPoint presentation, a link to a website with support materials and a CD recording of the call. The program will be recognized for BCSP CCP credit.

2006-07 Board of Directors Announced

ASSE members recently elected 11 board members for the national offices of senior vice president, vice president, Finance, and vice president, Council on Practices & Standards, as well as for the region vice president offices in regions II, IV, VI and VIII. Results are as follows: Senior Vice President: Warren W. Brown, CSP, ARM, CSHM, Vice President, Finance; Darryl C. Hill, CSP; Vice President, Council on Practices & Standards; James L. Smith, M.S., CSP, Region vice presidents are: Region II: Patricia "Trish" M. Ennis, CSP, ARM, Region IV: Ronald G. Ross; Region VI: James H. Morris III; and Region VIII: Steven F. Kane, R.E., CSP. By successions, Donald S. Jones Sr., M.S.A., P.E., CSP, and Michael W. Thompson, CSP, will become President and President-Elect, respectively. All terms begin July 1.

Occupational Safety & Health Professional Day Is May 3

ASSE’s Board of Directors has approved the creation of Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day. The special day will be held May 3 during North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOHS) Week, which runs April 30 to May 6, 2006.

The purpose of Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day is to recognize the ongoing efforts of occupational safety, health and environmental professionals to protect people, property and the environment. “They are the ones who make sure you go to work and come home safely and without injury every day,” says ASSE President Jack H. Dobson Jr., CSP.

ASSE President Jack Dobson Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

The Wisconsin Society of Safety Council recently honored 2005-06 ASSE President Jack H. Dobson Jr., CSP, with its Special Lifetime Achievement Award for his ongoing dedication to safety.

Dobson addressed the Council’s 64th annual Wisconsin Safety and Health Congress and Exposition. His speech titled “Local Points for Safety: Current Trends,” he discussed the need to focus on motor vehicle safety, become more diligent about integrating safety and health coursework into the business school curriculum, and the major expansion of the ASSE-sponsored NAOHS Week.

Dobson is manager of occupational safety and health for Simplicity Manufacturing Inc., Port Washington, Wi. During his career, he has held several civilian safety management positions in the departments of Air Force, Navy and Treasury. He also served as an instructor at the OSHA Training Institute. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Roosevelt University, Chicago, and an M.A. from Webster University, St. Louis, MO.

Dobson has been an active member of ASSE for more than 30 years and has served as president-elect, and senior vice president, and as an active member of the ASSE Standards Development Committee. In addition, he has served as vice president, Council on Professional Affairs, Consultants Practice Specialty Administrator, Region V vice president, and Northeastern Illinois Chapter president, and has served on ASSE’s Nominating and Elections, Membership Development and Retention, and Finance committees. Dobson is currently a professional member of the Society’s Wisconsin Chapter.

The Wisconsin Council of Safety is a charitable not-for-profit, nongovernmental affiliate of the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Since its inception in 1923, the council has been the state’s strongest advocate of preventing and mitigating human and economic losses arising from preventable causes through training, consultation, outreach programs and safety resources.

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Safety 2006: Investing in Today’s Safety Professional

There’s still time to register for Safety 2006, June 11-14, in Seattle, WA. ASSE’s full 3-day conference features more than 200 sessions, an exposition with 300 exhibitors, special pre- and post-conference seminars, Executive Summit, Fall Protection Symposium and Academic Forum, as well as conference proceedings on CD and numerous networking events.

Join the Safety 2006 Great Team

Going to ASSE’s Safety 2006 conference in Seattle? If you are a fun, enthusiastic person and would enjoy welcoming attendees as they arrive at the airport, their hotels or the convention center for ASSE’s Annual Conference and Expo, join the Safety 2006 Great Team.

ASSE is looking for a few more team volunteers to enhance conference attendees’ experience by welcoming attendees, and assisting with schedule and logistical questions. You’ll also gain a tremendous networking opportunity by volunteering for this visible position.

To volunteer, contact Char Hagwood by May 8 at (947) 768-3429.

Great Plains Chapter Donates to Iraqi Schools

The Great Plains Chapter recently donated $250 to provide school supplies for Iraqi children. Past chapter president Don A. Burns, CSP, is currently serving in Iraq as an operational planner with the 48th Brigade Combat Team. Burns, a member of the chapter, was summoned back to enter the military after an 8-year hiatus. “It’s been a difficult transition, but now that my tour is almost over, I’m starting to get it,” she says.

The Brigade, a National Guard unit from Georgia, had been assigned in the Baghdad area, but is now spread throughout Iraq. Burns is stationed in southern Iraq near An Nasiriyah. To boost the economy and ensure that all Iraqi children receive a good education, the Brigade civil-military efforts include building schools and roads. Money is available for the building part of the project but not for school supplies.

Burns sent back a request for donations of supplies to her personal team, which included the Great Plains Chapter. The response was overwhelming, with more than a half-ton of supplies donated. Enough supplies for 260 children was received and distributed. All donations were given to the teachers and headmasters. "It’s a great feeling to be part of something good here in Iraq," Burns says, "and it makes me very proud that so many friends and family supported this effort. It was absolutely incredible."

Member News

Top Recruiters: Honor Roll

The latest additions to ASSE’s Honor Roll.

In Memior

The Society remembers the following members who passed away in recent months. Our thoughts are with their families, friends and colleagues.

Long Service Recognition

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