Society Fellow

The status of Society Fellow is a distinct honor—the highest honor that a professional member of ASSE can receive. It reflects peer recognition of life-long excellence in the field of safety, acknowledges dedication to advancing the profession and honors outstanding Society service. ASSE’s 91st through 96th Fellows are Thomas W. Lawrence, P.E., CSP; Edwin P. Granberry Jr., DBCFE, FAIC, CES; Thomas F. Bresnahan, CSP; Richard W. Lack, P.E., CSP; Stewart “Stew” Burkhammer, CSP; and Robert Semonisck, Ph.D. They will be honored June 27 during the Second General Session at the Professional Development Conference (PDC) in Orlando, FL.

Thomas W. Lawrence Jr., P.E., CSP

Thomas W. Lawrence, P.E., CSP, has exemplified the ideals of a Fellow through his service to his employer, this Society and the profession. He is a principal at the safety consulting firm, Risk, Reliability and Safety (RRS) Engineering, Ballwin, MO, where he shares with clients his extensive knowledge of health and safety issues in areas such as the assessment and development of process safety management programs and safety/health management programs. Prior to this, Lawrence was manager of regulatory affairs at Monsanto Co., where he spent 27 years reducing injuries and losses—service for which he has received many forms of recognition. He was instrumental in providing regulatory compliance guidance to 70 sites, representing 25,000 employees.

Since 1975, Lawrence has served ASSE in local, regional and national offices and on many committees. He is a professional member and a past president of the St. Louis Chapter, and a member of the Society’s Governmental Affairs Committee. Lawrence has served as chair of the Certification/Licensing Task Force and vice president of Region IV (pre-restructure).

Additionally, Lawrence has shared his professional expertise with other organizations; he has served as president of the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP), chair of the Business and Industry Division of the National Safety Council and chair of the Safety Programs Task Group for the Chemical Manufacturers Assn.

He is the recipient of many awards, including the St. Louis Chapter’s Safety Professional of the Year in 1997 and was nominated for appointment to the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

An accomplished speaker and author, Lawrence has written the Regulatory Affairs Update column in the St. Louis Chapter’s newsletter since 1994, and has been published in the newsletters of BCSP and Safety Council of Greater St. Louis. His activities as a presenter on various safety topics at safety conferences, and his service to the Missouri Governor’s Safety Conference and the Board of Directors of the Safety Council of Greater St. Louis further reinforce his efforts to improve our profession.

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A Letter from the Vice President, Council on Practices and Standards

The Council on Practices and Standards (CoPS) incorporates the Standards Development Committee (SDC) and each of the 12 divisions/practice specialties. Within the Society, CoPS’s role is to strategically develop and disseminate the “body of knowledge” of our profession. This is accomplished through the divisions/practice specialties as well as the technical standards-development process in which ASSE participates. I am delighted to report on the Council’s achievements this year, as well as to highlight the activities and resources available to ASSE members.

The Standards Development Committee

ASSE’s Standards Development Committee (SDC) is involved in numerous activities on behalf of members and the safety profession:

- ASSE continues to serve as Secretariat of seven American National Standards Institute (ANSI) committees that develop safety and health standards used by private-sector organizations as well as state and federal governmental agencies such as MSHA and OSHA.
- ASSE is also the ANSI Administrator of the U.S. TAG for the ISO (International Standards Organization) Technical Committee 94/SC4 Subcommittee on Fall Protection of the Committee on Personal Protective Equipment. This positions ASSE and the U.S. to have a significant role in international standards related to fall arrest, work positioning and restraint.
- The Society continues to be a recognized resource on safety and health for governmental agencies. In cooperation with the ASSE Governmental Affairs Committee, SDC prepares and submits comments on proposed standards activity at the federal and state levels. For example:

  1) In response to an invitation from the CPSC, ASSE representatives attended a hearing on proposed action to regulate bleachers. The SDC followed up with an extensive written comment calling on CPSC to tap existing and planned consensus standards on this subject before promulgating its own standard.

  2) In Washington state, the SDC commented on proposed rules on fall arrest anchorages, encouraging the state to reference existing language in ANSI Z359.1.

- Z359 Committee on Fall Protection.

  1) ASSE serves as secretariat for this committee and has completed a reaffirmation of the Z359.1 standard, Safety Requirements for Personal Fall Arrest Systems, Subsystems and Components; this new edition will be designated ANSI Z359.1-1992 (R1999).

  2) The Z359 Committee also approved two new projects: one on work positioning and restraint and another on rescue; these are about 40-percent complete in the first drafts. The committee has also discussed and approved in concept the development of a standard on fall protection programs. Work on this standard is expected to begin during fall 2000.

- Also through the SDC, ASSE members sit on more than 40 additional standards development committees in areas such as walking and working surfaces, eye and face protection, and fall protection.

To learn more about ASSE’s leadership in the standards development arena, I invite you to attend the “Standards Update” session (sponsored by the SDC) at the Orlando PDC. To learn more about the Society’s standards-development process or how to become involved, contact Keith Vidal, Standards Development Chair, at (314) 205-0088 or Dave deVries, ASSE’s director, practices and standards, at (847) 768-3406.

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The prestigious Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year Award pays tribute to an outstanding ASSE member whose contributions have significantly advanced the profession, and who has demonstrated leadership in the establishment and maintenance of technical or Society programs. James H. “Skipper” Kendrick, CSP, has been selected as the Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional for 2000.

Kendrick has served as manager, industrial safety and hygiene for Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. since 1988; the firm has 8,000 employees at eight plants in the U.S. and Canada. Kendrick is credited with reducing the firm’s lost-workday cases by 40 percent since 1996. He previously implemented a safety system that resulted in a 95-percent reduction in recordable injury cases for Allen Marine Service while serving as its safety director between 1978 and 1985. He was instrumental in implementing a global environmental, health and safety management system for Bell in 1999, and is the primary liaison with federal, state and local safety and health officials for his company.

Kendrick is a professional member of ASSE’s Fort Worth Chapter; he has served two terms as vice president of Region III and has served on many chapter and national committees. He is a past president of the Fort Worth Chapter and has recruited 138 new ASSE members. Kendrick has taught several safety management courses for the Society and has made many safety presentations at state and local conferences. He is highly sought after as a safety and health speaker in several industries, and his training model is used throughout the country. Kendrick is also active on the training committee of the National Safety Council (NSC) and is past general chair of the NSC Aerospace Section. He is a member of the Fort Worth YMCA Risk Management Committee and teaches Southwestern Oklahoma State University students about the role of the safety professional.

ASSE honors Skipper Kendrick as an outstanding citizen and safety professional. Terrence Shofner, senior safety engineer, Monsanto Co., St. Louis, MO, will present Kendrick with the SPY during the Second General Session, June 27, at the PDC in Orlando, FL.

James H. "Skipper" Kendrick, CSP

ASSE Fellows

1961 *R.H. Albisser
1961 *Frederick W. Braun
1961 *J.A. Dickinson
1961 *H.W. Heinrich
1961 *A.J. Naquin
1961 *Clyde Rudnick
1961 *Samuel E. Sharp
1961 *J.C. Stennett
1961 *Edgar C. Barnes
1962 *G.O. Griffin
1962 *Cyril Ainsworth
1962 *Holly Bradley
1962 *William F. Brown
1962 *John F. Jones
1962 *J. Howard Myers
1963 *Donald G. Vaughan
1963 *E. Clark Woodward
1964 *Edward G. Meiter
1964 *E.C. McFadden
1964 *George L. Gorbell
1964 *Clyde F. Schlueter
1965 Michael E. Biancardi
1965 Edward B. Landry, PE, CSP

1965 *Karl Schulze
1969 John V. Grimaldi
1969 P.W. Logan
1970 *Glenn G. Fleming
1971 *James Van Namee, CSP
1971 *Thomas H. Wilkinson
1972 *Edwin B. Locke, PE
1972 William E. Tarrants, PhD, PE, CSP
1973 *William W. Allison, PE, CSP
1974 *Gilbert L. Rhodes, PE, CSP
1975 *Arthur H. Christian
1975 *John A. Fletcher
1975 Charles L. Gilmore, PE, CSP
1975 *Michael Krikorian, CSP
1975 Joseph E. Nichols, CSP
1975 William S. Wood, PE, CSP
1976 B. Gawain Bonner, PE, CSP
1976 *Lonnie Gilliland
1976 *William D. Runnin, PE, CSP
1976 Jack S. Snyder, PE, CSP
1977 *John W. Gurny, PE, CSP
1977 *Gordon B. Lemke
1978 Frank E. Bird, CSP
1978 *John J. Ahern
1980 *Robert M. Gilmore
1980 *Harold G. Thomas
1981 *Vincent Pollina, CSP
1982 Herbert Kolodner, PE
1982 Theron T. Pinder, PE, CSP
1983 *Charles V. Culbertson
1983 Robert J. Frenzen
1984 *James D. Hoag, PE, CSP
1984 John E. Russell, PE, CSP
1984 *Allen C. Guy Jr., CSP
1984 Wayne C. Christensen, PE, CSP
1986 Fred A. Manuele, PE, CSP
1986 Harry A. Partlow, CSP
1987 Alfred C. Blackman, PE, CSP
1987 David P. Curley, PE, CSP
1987 Charles R. Dancer, PE, CSP
1987 Donald J. Eckenfelder, PE, CSP
1987 Jesse W. Locke, PE, CSP
1987 Eugene L. Newman, PE, CSP
1988 *Ted S. Fink, PE, CSP
1989 *Jesse "Rip" Van Winkle, CSP
1990 Younis Ali Slail
1991 D.A. Weaver
1991 *James J. Lawler
1991 Samuel W. Rowland Jr., PE, CSP
1992 George Swartz, CSP
1994 Bert W. Behringer, CSP
1994 Raymond P. Boydstun Jr., CSP
1994 Milton Rhodes, Dr.Eng., CSP
1994 Dale A. Gray, PE, CSP
1995 Campbell Dewey, CSP, ARM
1996 Frank M. Cleary, CSP
1996 Franklin H. Petty, PE, CSP
1997 Franklin G. Poston, CSP
1997 Delmar E. Tally, PE, CSP
1998 Edmund T. Dorner, PhD, CSP
1998 George W. Huber, PE, CSP
1998 Lawrence E. Oldendorf, PE, CSP
1998 Daniel C. Petersen, Ed.D, PE, CSP
1999 Gainer Eugene "Gene" Barfield, CSP
1999 Margaret M. Carroll, PE, CSP
1999 David V. MacCollum, PE, CSP
1999 *Deceased
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Edwin P. Granberry Jr., DBCFE, FAIC, CES

In more than 40 years of service as a safety professional, Edwin P. Granberry Jr. has achieved significant milestones and accomplishments. As a launch pad safety officer, he was one of the pioneers who ensured the safety of test and launch crews during the early years of the U.S. missile and rocket program at Cape Canaveral, FL—a time when engine test and successful launches were anything but guaranteed. As manager, safety engineering and industrial hygiene, for the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Research & Development Center for 16 years, Granberry continued his focus on engine and propulsion safety, overseeing the safety of some 9,800 technical employees. He and the research center were recognized by the parent corporation’s president for exemplary safety performance in working with the U.S. Air Force. As a recognized safety and chemical consultant, Granberry has been involved with several complex assignments that have resulted not only in resolution of the issues and enhanced employee protection, but also in long-term protection for the public.

A staunch supporter of public safety and health, Granberry worked as a volunteer with Palm Beach County officials to help improve the safety and health of county employees, in particular the fire and rescue unit. He also led an industry group that developed and established a site for disposal of hazardous material in the county, and spearheaded an effort to inform and train businesses in proper handling and disposal. Prior to OSHA’s right-to-know regulation, the governor of Florida appointed Granberry to the Toxic Substance Advisory Council. This group developed what became Florida’s right-to-know law. He was also appointed by the governor as a member of the state’s Emergency Response Commission.

Short of serving as president, there are few Society functions, committees and positions that Granberry has not held or participated in during his 29 years as an active member. In addition to chapter leadership, regional positions (including multiple terms as an RVP), division administrator and VP Divisions, he was the founder of the Environmental Division. He has been an active part of the Governmental Affairs Committee and spearheaded actions at the state level to successfully protect safety professionals in Florida from being adversely affected by proposed legislation. Today, Granberry is Chair of the ASSE Foundation, where he has helped grow its funding and activate its research activity.

Thomas F. Bresnahan, CSP

Tom Bresnahan’s safety career began in 1959 with safety-related responsibilities for the City of Chicago, and continued in 1967 with safety management responsibilities for the National Safety Council, The Alliance of American Insurers and currently with ASSE as deputy executive director/director of professional affairs. Bresnahan is prominently known throughout the U.S. for his contributions to and knowledge of standards, regulations, research and the overall body of knowledge in the safety profession. He has been a leader and mentor in the development of ANSI safety and health standards for more than 25 years. He received the ANSI Finnegan Award in 1995 for his outstanding contributions to standards development. This is the highest recognition given an individual in standards development.

Bresnahan has been a mentor to many Society leaders and safety professionals during the past 25 years. He has directed and participated in the development of more than 30 standards; the accreditation criteria for safety degree programs; certification study programs; title protection models for safety professionals for many states; national safety research agendas; and ASSE’s governmental and professional affairs initiatives. Bresnahan is credited for many of ASSE’s technical achievements and its advancement as the premier safety and health association worldwide. He has represented the Society on many occasions at ANSI, ISO, NIOSH, ABET, AIHA and other major meetings involving the safety profession. Bresnahan is one of the most recognized authorities and leaders in the safety profession in the 20th century, and will continue to be instrumental in advancing the safety profession in the 21st century.

Richard W. Lack, P.E., CSP

Through his accomplishments during 38 years in the safety profession, Richard W. Lack, P.E., CSP, has dedicated himself to the advancement of the profession. Lack has been registered in the state of California as a P.E. for more than 20 years;
he is also a CSP, CPP, CHCM, RSP and CSHM. He is an active member of various professional organizations and has held several elected positions.

As a member of ASSE for more than 30 years, Lack has been active at the national level and has held several elected and appointed positions. He was instrumental in establishing the Society’s Council on Professional Affairs and helped strengthen the effectiveness of ASSE’s Divisions Operating Committee through the introduction of a formalized agenda and follow-up system. Lack has been a speaker at five ASSE Professional Development Conferences and several chapter meetings.

Lack enjoys a passion for the future and how it may affect the safety professional, having researched this area for more than 10 years. He has authored chapters in safety management books and professional journals addressing this topic. Through his research and writing, he continues to contribute to the body of knowledge specific to the future of the safety profession.

Stewart “Stew” Burkhammer, CSP

Having served the same employer—the Bechtel Corp., one of the largest construction corporations worldwide—during his 33-year safety career, Stewart “Stew” Burkhammer, CSP, has exemplified the qualities and commitment to safety and the safety profession that are honored with the title of Fellow. From his start as a jobsite safety representative to his current position as principal vice president and manager of environmental, safety and health services, Burkhammer has provided his employer with results. He currently manages ESH functions for 250 projects in 37 countries worldwide. Under his leadership, Bechtel’s lost-workday injury rates are approximately 400-percent better than the construction industry average, resulting in 92 percent of Bechtel projects reporting zero lost-workday injuries.

Burkhammer has also served as a dedicated volunteer. An ASSE member for more than 25 years, he has held offices and served on committees at the chapter, regional and national levels. As ASSE’s Vice President of Conferences, he was instrumental in advancing the professional development of his peers by securing nationally recognized speakers on various topics. He helped to promote certification by representing the Society as a director on the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.

Burkhammer has also furthered the profession through his participation on ANSI committees and the ANSI Executive Standards Council since 1993; he is currently Acting Chair of the OSHA Advisory Committee, Construction Safety & Health.

Robert Semonisck, Ph.D.

Dr. Semonisck’s career, while it has been mostly in academia, also includes elements of industry, consultation and research. At United Telcom, he developed safety policies and procedures, including an accident prevention manual and employee orientation. His leadership led to accident reduction and cost savings. Semonisck also served on the National Commission on Safety Education.

He developed occupational safety curricula at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, and at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, and led the safety departments at those institutions. He was instrumental in placing extended campuses in the St. Louis area and as far as Albuquerque, NM. Another hallmark of his career has been his success in helping students earn meaningful internships, scholarships and employment after graduation.

Semonisck served eight years on the Society’s Board of Directors and has continued to serve on almost 20 committees. He has served as ASSE Foundation Scholarship Chair, VP Communications, Finance and Professional Development. Semonisck pioneered the implementation of student sections, and has continued to stress the importance of professional involvement and development to his students.

Perhaps Semonisck’s greatest achievement is his direct involvement in the academic preparation of more than 3,000 students—many of whom are among the profession’s current leaders.

In the next issue of Society Update

Be sure to visit the ASSE website (www.asse.org) in mid-June to download the June issue of Society Update—now in PDF format. Here are some highlights:

- Letter from the President-Elect
- Culbertson Award
- MSA Safety Scholarship
- Members in the News
- Professional Paper Awards
- Chapter News & Notes
- Foundation Scholarship Award Winners

If you do not have access to the web or are unable to view the document, call (847) 768-3438 to receive a hard copy (available as black and white copy only).
International Division to Co-Host International Contractor Safety Forum

The first-ever joint international safety forum between ASSE’s International Division/Practice Specialty and the British Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) will be held October 12, 2000, in London, England. The forum will focus on best practices in the U.K. and U.S. for managing contractor construction safety in the global workplace. “As construction is on the rise throughout the world, contractor safety is a major international concern for safety and health professionals in the global manufacturing, service and construction sectors,” Kathy Seabrook, ASSE’s Vice President of Practices and Standards, says. “As our world becomes a seamless society, it is important for us to share our knowledge and best practices on this and other safety issues as we work together to protect people, property and the environment.”

Topics will include U.K. Construction Design and Management Regulations (a global best practice) and challenges/solutions for managing contractors from an owner’s and contractor’s perspective. International roundtable discussions on key contractor safety and health issues are also planned. The free forum will be held at Black & Veatch’s Isleworth offices in London. Maximum attendance is 75. Fax or e-mail reservations to Laura Andujar, ASSE; fax (847) 296-3769; landujar@asse.org.

A Letter from the VP, CoPS

Divisions/Practice Specialties

ASSE’s 12 divisions/practice specialties and newest branch bring together safety and health professionals based on special interest and/or area of employment. Members of these divisions/practice specialties are leaders in their field. Thanks to their specialized knowledge, they can either answer your questions directly or point you in the right direction. To learn more about these knowledge-based resources, visit the ASSE website, or contact Rennie Heath, ASSE’s manager, division services at (847) 768-3436.

Divisions/practice specialties also enhance the ASSE chapter network. Through local meetings and newsletters, divisions/practice specialties bring to their constituencies and the Society timely information on practice-specific legislative affairs, industry standards, best practices, applied research, professional development and career opportunities.

Some highlights of division/practice specialty activities:


Consultants Directory: Look for the new Consultants Directory to be accessible via the ASSE website in June.

Workplace Violence White Paper: The Risk Management/Insurance (RM/I) Division/Practice Specialty, in collaboration with the Risk and Insurance Management Society, researched and published a joint white paper on workplace violence. This white paper is a first, and offers real-world solutions to managing workplace violence. Contact co-author JoAnn Sullivan (joann.m.sullivan@marshmc.com) for more information.

New Academics Branch: ASSE welcomes the Academics Branch, under the leadership of Mark Friend, East Carolina University. The Assn. of Occupational Safety and Health Educators (AOSHE) has affiliated with ASSE, and the Society is pleased to have this group, as the Academics Branch, guide the future of ASSE’s involvement in student education. The new branch is being mentored by the RM/I Division/Practice Specialty.

Speakers Bureau: Need a speaker for a meeting or regional PDC? Contact Rennie Heath, ASSE’s manager, division services, to obtain an electronic copy of our Divisions Speakers Bureau (based on each division/practice specialty).

PDC Happenings: Mark your calendar to join us at the PDC for receptions and the SDC Update session. You need not be a division member to attend a division reception on Monday evening . . . it is a great opportunity for you to check out the divisions.

• Students are the future of our profession. To demonstrate our commitment to these future practitioners, the divisions are providing student sponsorships to the PDC, and participating in student networking roundtables during the PDC student luncheon.

• The Transportation Division/Practice Specialty is sponsoring the tour to the NASA space center.

• Check out the pre- and post-conference seminars sponsored by the RM/I, Management and Environmental divisions/practice specialties, as well as the International, Environmental and Construction Forum. See your conference guide for details.

To learn more about CoPS, visit www.asse.org. While there, check out the new Healthcare Division/Practice Specialty bulletin board. CoPS is a resource for valuable contacts and information to help you develop solutions to your safety, health and environmental challenges. I look forward to any questions and comments you may have regarding the Council. You can reach me by e-mail, seabrook@globalehs.com, or phone, (973) 543-0206.

Kathy A. Seabrook, CSP, RSP (UK)
Vice President, Council on Practices and Standards
ASSE recently joined the Federal Highway Assn. (FHWA) to raise public awareness of the importance of roadway work zone safety. ASSE members, FHWA Administrator Kenneth Wykle, Virginia Governor James Gilmore and other state and federal transportation officials gathered for a news conference, held along one of the most dangerous highway work zones in the nation. Known as the “Mixing Bowl,” where Interstates 95, 395 and 495 converge just outside of Washington, DC, the interchange is slated for a $350 billion, multi-year reconstruction project.

“Roadway work zones can be a dangerous workplace as evidenced by the fact that an average of 760 fatalities occur in work zones each year and 39,000 more people are injured,” said ASSE Transportation Division Administrator Carmen Daecher, CSP, CHCM. “What’s even more surprising is the fact that most work zone crashes occur during the day and on weekdays.”

Titled “Stay Alert,” the event also hosted representatives of the American Assn. of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the American Traffic Safety Services Assn. (ATSSA), members of law enforcement agencies, and families who have lost loved ones due to accidents occurring at roadway work zones. ASSE has joined the three groups in promoting work zone safety throughout the U.S. in an effort to reduce fatalities and injuries.

Members of ASSE, with representation from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP), American Industrial Hygiene Assn. (AIHA) and National Safety Council (NSC), met earlier this year to review the current draft of the proposed Z590 standard, Establishing Levels of Competence in the Safety Profession, for which ASSE is secretariat.

The meeting was intended to prepare a revised draft of the standard for initial approval within ASSE’s leadership structure. Following such approval, the document will be submitted to the approved Canvass List and offered for a second public review. All interested stakeholders will have an opportunity to review the draft standard and provide comments after its official release. All interested stakeholders should periodically check the ASSE news section of the Society’s website, www.asse.org, to see when such a review will take place and how the draft standard can be ordered once released. ASSE will also publish the Notice to Comment in ANSI Standards Action, distribute information to all ASSE chapters and release a statement to the press. ASSE anticipates that the document will be ready for review this summer.

Andrew Clark, a North Carolina highway worker, suffered severe injuries when a tractor-trailer crashed through barriers, pinning him to his vehicle. Clark lost a leg and suffered a fractured skull, broken back and pelvis, and extensive internal injuries. Now 46, Clark has had 35 operations directly related to the accident.

One of thousands of highway workers injured each year in work zone accidents, Clark helped ASSE, OSHA and several other organizations promote safety for highway workers during the first National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week, April 3-7.

The Work Zone Safety Awareness Week program was established last December when FHWA, ATSSA and AASHTO formed a partnership designed to highlight the dangers both workers and motorists face in highway work zones.

Among the objectives of the nationwide campaign, slated to become an annual event, is to increase public awareness of the need for greater caution and care while driving through work zones, establish safety tips for motorists and develop a nationwide program to promote work zone safety.

Joining Clark at the kick-off ceremony was the family of Kendy Ellis, a 25-year-old highway worker who was struck and killed by a motorist in 1998 in Guilford County, NC, and the family of 18-year-old Travis Ellis, a highway worker killed in Wayne County, NC, in 1998.
Division/Practice Specialty Election Results

The Council on Practices and Standards is pleased to announce the newly elected Administrators and Assistant Administrators of the following seven Divisions/Practice Specialties: Construction, Environmental, Healthcare, Industrial Hygiene, International, Management and Transportation. Although other members of these groups expressed interest in running for the offices, no one followed through with a petition for candidacy; consequently, all candidates were elected by acclamation. The fact that interest was expressed bodes well for succession planning and volunteer involvement among Society members.

Construction
Construction Division/Practice Specialty elected Ron Sokol, CSP, as its new Administrator. Sokol is general manager of the 1,400-member Contractors Safety Council in Texas City, TX, and has been a member of ASSE for 13 years. His Assistant Administrator is Dave Korman, CSP, who is moving up from being the division’s newsletter editor for the past three years. Korman is safety and environmental manager for Sordoni Skanska Construction Co. in Parsippany, NJ.

Environmental
Tom Butler, CSP, was elected Administrator of the Environmental Division/Practice Specialty after serving as Assistant Administrator. Butler is senior environmental specialist for the Metropolitan Water District of Los Angeles. Jeff Camplin, CSP, threw his hat in the ring and was elected Assistant Administrator. Camplin is president of Camplin Environmental Services in Rosemont, IL, which specializes in asbestos abatement and removal projects and other indoor air quality problems.

Healthcare
Another officer succeeding from Assistant Administrator is Steve Sobzak, CIH, CSP, the newly elected Administrator of the Healthcare Division/Practice Specialty. Sobzak is currently a team leader for the industrial hygiene and right-to-know programs at the Mayo Medical Center, Rochester, MN. Jim Speelman, ASP, OHST, CHEM, has been safety manager at Emory University Hospital for the past 10 years and is now the Assistant Administrator for the Healthcare Division/Practice Specialty. Speelman also has been the division’s newsletter editor for the past three years.

Industrial Hygiene
Andy Fisk, CSP, CIH, is succeeding to Administrator from Assistant Administrator for the relatively new but thriving Industrial Hygiene Division/Practice Specialty. Fisk is accident prevention manager for EBI Cos.’ Houston branch. He is currently President of the Gulf Coast Chapter. Raul Garcia-Casariego, CSP, CHMM, has been a member of ASSE since 1989 and is the new Assistant Administrator for the Industrial Hygiene Division/Practice Specialty. In addition, Garcia-Casariego is director of safety for the University of Miami, where he has worked in various positions for the past 20 years.

International
Ron Kitson, CSP, has been serving as Administrator of the International Division/Practice Specialty for just over a year since the resignation of the previous administrator. Now Kitson has been elected for a full two-year term. He directs the world-wide safety management systems for Corning Inc., Corning, NY. In addition, John Kanouse, CSP, ARM, who was appointed Assistant Administrator, continues in this position. He is a vice president of the Risk Control Group of Marsh USA at the firm’s Parsippany, NJ, office.

Management
Management Division/Practice Specialty has elected Don Jones, P.E., CSP, as its new Administrator. Currently the Assistant Administrator, he is safety director for Dow Chemical’s Louisiana operations in Baton Rouge. He also works in Dow’s Global Regulatory Management Expertise Center. Working with Jones for at least the next two years will be Robb Potts, CSP, as Assistant Administrator. He is corporate director of safety and environmental management for the Dannon Co. in Fort Worth, TX.

Transportation
Carmen Daecher, CSP, CHCM, has been serving as Assistant Administrator of the Transportation Division/Practice Specialty since last August. He has now been elected Administrator for a full term. Daecher is president of The Daecher Consulting Group in Camp Hill, PA, and has been a transportation specialist and consultant for more than 28 years. Newly elected as Assistant Administrator is Peter VanBeek, CSHM, OHST. He is corporate director of safety and loss control for Coach USA Inc. in Houston.

Society Names Officers for New 2000-2001 Terms
Samuel J. Gualardo, CSP, Chair, Nominating and Elections Committee, announced the Society’s new officers for 2000-2001 on April 12, following the Tellers Committee meeting at ASSE headquarters. Gualardo will succeed to the office of President. M.E. “Eddie” Greer, CSP, will succeed to the office of President-Elect. Mark D. Hansen, P.E., CSP, CPE, was elected Senior Vice President.

Vice Presidents
Vice President - Finance: Marcella R. Thompson, CSP, RN, COHN-S
Vice President - Practices & Standards: Kathy A. Seabrook, CSP, RSP
Region II: Sam A. Lybarger, Ed.S., CSP
Region IV: John S. Fleming Jr.
Region VII: Jack H. Luckhardt, CSP, ARM
Region VIII: Douglas Pastore, CIH

For complete election results information, refer to the May 2000 issue of Professional Safety.
Niagara Frontier Chapter Construction Section Elects Officers

The Niagara Frontier Chapter’s Construction Section recently elected officers for its fifth year. Mary Ellen Salen, manager of safety services for Neuman Claim Administrators Inc., Buffalo, NY, has been re-elected to her third term as chair. Albert S. Smith Jr., CHST, safety director for the Louis P. Ciminelli Cos., West Valley, NY, has been elected secretary/treasurer. Smith, a member of the Society’s Construction Division/Practice Specialty, was the section’s first chair.

Schmersal Joins Emilcott/DGA

Jeff Schmersal, a member of the Central Ohio Chapter and member of the Society’s Management Division/Practice Specialty, recently joined Emilcott/DGA Inc., an environmental, safety and industrial hygiene consulting and training firm based in Westerville, OH. As an environmental specialist, Schmersal will provide project and staff support to various clients. Prior to this, Schmersal was EH&S specialist for YUSA Corp., Washington Court House, OH, where he developed compliance programs and conducted health and safety training.

Hackworth Earns CUSA

Leslie W. Hackworth, Safety Manager for the City of Texarkana, TX, was recently recognized and authorized to use the designation of Certified Utility Safety Administrator (CUSA) by the National Safety Council. Hackworth is a professional member of the Ark-La-Tex Chapter.

John E. Johnson, director of marketing, ergonomics & safety for Bettcher Industries Inc., a Vermilion, OH-based developer and manufacturer of tools for industrial applications, presented two papers to attendees of the 3rd Annual Applied Ergonomics Conference, held recently in Los Angeles.

Entitled “Powered Circular Knife to Reduce Worker Fatigue,” the first paper reviewed design principles of an alternative knife and how the design reduces worker fatigue. The second paper, “Post-Operative Median Nerve Conduction Studies for New Hires,” presented results of recent test programs designed to screen new employees for carpal tunnel syndrome.

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San Diego Chapter Hosts Cal/OSHA Speaker

Louis Mireles, MPH, district manager, Div. of Occupational Safety & Health (Cal/OSHA) San Diego Compliance office, spoke at a recent San Diego Chapter meeting—the topic: Ergonomics Update. As manager of the Cal/OSHA compliance district that covers San Diego and Imperial Counties, Mireles is responsible for many of the agency’s enforcement procedures in ergonomics. His field office responds to complaints and conducts investigations of alleged unsafe conditions in most industries not under federal jurisdiction.

Mireles discussed the development of the new Cal/OSHA ergonomics standard and the educational and enforcement procedures that have been established to implement the new law. He emphasized that the primary focus will be on education and training, rather than enforcement actions. In this regard, his office follows an “open door” policy, issuing informational material to the media, including contact phone numbers and addresses, so that interested parties can receive the latest ergonomics revisions without charge.

In his presentation, Mireles explained that his office’s function is reactive—it responds after an injury has occurred. “There are a number of ways employers can prevent ergonomic injuries,” Mireles said. Cal/OSHA operates a Consultation Service that offers various services—such as on-site evaluation of workplace hazards, and employee and manager training—to California employers without charge. To use the service, employers can call (916) 574-2555, or contact the Onsite Assistance Program at (800) 963-9424.
ASSE Author Honored at Alaska Conference

Martin H. Finkel, CIH, CMC, author of a new ASSE book, Guidelines for Hot Work in Confined Spaces, recently received the “Industrial Hygienist of the Year” award at the Alaska Governor’s Safety and Health Conference in Anchorage.

This award is presented to the individual who has contributed the most toward industrial hygiene in Alaska throughout the year. Members of the Midnight Sun (Alaska) Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Assn. vote by secret ballot to determine the winner. The award was presented by Tim Bundy, vice president of the section and member of the Governor’s Safety and Health Advisory Committee.

Finkel, a professional member of ASSE’s Alaska Chapter, is principal, Environmental Safety and Health of Alaska, an Anchorage-based training and consulting firm. He is a CIH and a Certified Marine Chemist and has 25 years’ experience in safety and industrial hygiene.

His book, Guidelines for Hot Work in Confined Spaces, addresses the many fire and explosion hazards that may be present when welding, cutting, grinding and other “hot work” operations are conducted in confined spaces. Published in January 2000, the book is available from ASSE. Call Customer Service, (847) 699-2929, Order #4382.

ASSE Testifies on Proposed Ergo Standard

ASSE recently testified on OSHA’s proposed ergonomics standard, first at a Congressional hearing in Washington, DC, and most-recently at a public hearing in Chicago. John H. Cheffer, P.E., CSP, ASSE Governmental Affairs Committee Chair, urged OSHA to clarify the standard, citing flaws such as the single-incident trigger, which could displace effective workplace safety programs, and the rule’s complexity with respect to small-business-entity compliance. The Society is concerned that these flaws may result in the rejection of the entire standard.

ASSE is urging OSHA to develop a more reasonable standard that enhances occupational safety and health, Cheffer explained, and to leave the issue of payment for rehabilitation, social issues and workers’ compensation re-engineering to the existing federal and state laws and regulations governing these areas. “We have concerns about the apparent social engineering agenda contained in the current OSHA proposal which overshadows the prevention aspects of the standard,” Cheffer said.

Cheffer noted that the Society has provided OSHA with a counter-proposal, based on input from members, which offers a more-reasonable and user-friendly approach to the control of workplace musculoskeletal disorders and ergonomic exposures than the current proposal. ASSE’s comments on the OSHA ergonomics proposal and a copy of the counterproposal are posted on ASSE’s website, www.asse.org.

From left: John H. Cheffer, P.E., CSP, GAC Chair; Denise Strode, Assn. of Occupational Health Professionals; Samuel Dorevitch, Cook County Hospital Div. of Occupational & Environmental Medicine; and Richard W. Bunch, Industrial Safety and Rehabilitation Institute Inc. Cheffer, a professional member of the Connecticut Valley Chapter, and member of the International, Management and Risk Management/Insurance divisions, testified on behalf of ASSE at the public hearing held recently in Chicago on OSHA’s Proposed Ergonomics Program Standard.

ASSE Calendar

The 2000-2001 ASSE Educational/Professional Development and Related Events Calendar (formerly called Master Calendar) will be updated for distribution in late-July 2000. Information request letters and event forms will be mailed in mid-June to all ASSE regional vice presidents and chapter presidents.

In the meantime, please gather information about any major ASSE- and/or non-ASSE-related educational events that will be held during the remainder of 2000 and 2001, and forward by Friday, July 14, 2000, to Debra Diederich, education program coordinator. Anyone is welcome to submit items for consideration.

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Discounts are available for Orlando attractions such as the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios and Universal Studios.

**P|S| Manuscript Session at the PDC**

*Have some great ideas, just not sure how to share them? Are you registered for the PDC in Orlando? Come to “How to Prepare and Submit a Manuscript to Professional Safety,” to be held Monday, June 26, at the Orange County Convention Center. Moderated by Frank D’Orsi, Chair of ASSE’s Editorial Board, the session features a Q&A session with members of the Editorial Board.*

Topics will include manuscript submission and review/evaluation processes; style guidelines and tips on fine-tuning your article; preparing your article and supplemental materials for electronic submission; article scheduling process and copyright policy; and ASSE’s Professional Paper Awards competition.

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Robert Semonisck, Ph.D., is the recipient of this year’s ASSE Foundation Distinguished Service Award. Recipients are chosen based on outstanding achievement, commitment to and support of the ASSE Foundation. Semonisck was awarded for his outstanding service to the Foundation from 1992 to 1998, during which he served a six-year term as Education/Scholarship Chair.

Semonisck was instrumental in developing and implementing the Foundation’s scholarship programs, and for negotiating the successful four-year scholarship program with UPS, which awarded more than $72,400 in scholarships to eight students. A professional member of the Tulsa Chapter, Semonisck is chair of the Dept. of Occupational Safety & Health at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, OK. Turn to the Society Fellow awards on page 5 for a more-detailed biographical description.

**Foundation Donor Reception at the PDC**

*Mark your calendars: The ASSE Foundation and the leadership of ASSE invite Foundation contributors to attend a Donor Reception, which will be held June 27, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Peabody Hotel in Orlando. Donors who have contributed $25 or more will receive a formal invitation; those who contribute by June 15 are also welcome to attend.*

You may have noticed that the reception is on the same night as ASSE’s Night Out at Sea World. Don’t worry—you can attend both special events. Bus service will be provided to Sea World directly from the reception. Buses will depart from the Peabody Hotel.

**Donor List**

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ASSE Invited to Participate in NAFTA Conference

ASSE will participate in the upcoming NAFTA Conference, to be held in Mexico City, May 17-19. The tri-national (US, Mexico and Canada) annual conference represents one of the primary cooperative efforts under NAFTA.

According to OSHA, the objective of the conference is to highlight the importance of the various elements of safety and health in the administration of the companies and to exchange experiences in specific fields in order to promote a better preventionist culture in sectors of society. Conference topics include:

- globalisation of workplace safety and health;
- methodologies for analysis of workplace hazards;
- investment and administration in the application of safety and health in the companies;
- integral program on manufacturing, use and operation of fire extinguishers;
- preventive medical services in the workplace, an element in the productivity of the companies.

ASSE recommended Rixio E. Medina, CSP, to attend the conference.

An OSHA representative will be on hand to assist the U.S. participants, act as liaison between NAFTA partners and provide any guidance that may be needed.

Medina is manager of health, safety, training and security at CITGO Petroleum Corp.’s Corpus Christi Refinery. He earned a B.S. in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology from Oklahoma State University and an M.S. in Industrial Security from Central Missouri State University. With more than 22 years of professional experience in occupational health and safety in the petroleum and petrochemical industries, Medina is an Approved Professional Source by the Texas Workers’ Compensation Commission.

Medina also currently serves as president of the Refinery Terminal Fire Co., a nonprofit Texas corporation that provides emergency response services for the Port of Corpus Christi and the refining and petrochemical industries in the Coastal Bend; in addition, he is chair of the Civil Service Commission. Medina is a member of the Civil Service Board for the City of Corpus Christi; the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County; and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Corpus Christi. Medina is a professional member of the Coastal Bend Chapter and a member of the Society’s Engineering Practice Specialty Division.