PDC: Exciting Developments For 2001

Mark your calendar! ASSE’s 40th Annual Professional Development Conference (PDC)—Safety 2001: Advancing the EH&S Profession—will be held June 8-16, 2001, at the Anaheim (CA) Convention Center. The PDC is an excellent opportunity for the environmental, health and safety (EHS) professional to advance both professionally and personally.

Expanded Programs

This year’s PDC features expanded educational programs and sessions on leadership/management, ergonomics, construction, human behavior and international health.

Special pre-conference CSP and ASP exam preparation and math review workshops will be held, as will more than 100 pre- and post-conference seminars.

Scheduled general session and luncheon speakers include Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSH Charles Jeffress, who will address current OSHA initiatives; Lt. Colonel John Nance, air safety analyst and flight safety advocate; and ASSE President-Elect M.E. “Eddie” Greer, CSP.

As an added benefit, conference attendees will be treated to three complimentary networking lunches, five refreshment breaks and special California Tracks—OSHA and EPA. Complete conference proceedings will be available on CD-ROM.

Fundamentals of Safety and Health

This year’s program will also feature an expanded Fundamentals of Safety and Health track. The program is geared specifically to those with less than three years’ experience, or those who work in disciplines associated with the EHS profession. The program has been expanded to offer an introduction to a broad range of topics that will help newer professionals gain a breadth of insight into the profession. Seasoned professionals will find the program to be a helpful refresher as well. Those who attend all five sessions will earn 0.6 CEUs applicable toward the ASSE Certificate in Safety Management. Program sessions include:

Sponsorship Program

ASSE Sponsorship Program opportunities are still available. Through this program, sponsors can enhance their image, create greater visibility and public relations, distinguish themselves from competitors and help build relationships with key EHS professionals. Participants will receive acknowledgment on the conference program's recognition page and an announcement in the post-conference review issue of Professional Safety. For more information on sponsorship, contact Tracy Raheny at (847) 768-3448.

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Overview of Regulatory Compliance Requirements. This session covers the basic contents of the OSH Act and the key environmental laws and compliance regulations.

Workplace Health. The role of the safety and health professional in assessing and addressing workplace health hazards will be discussed.

Hazard Identification and Control. Essential elements of hazard identification in the workplace will be covered, with an overview of the major sources of hazards and systematic methods of evaluating them.

Environment. This session will review the major problems and issues in the environmental area that impact the EHS professional.

Basic Safety Management. An overview of management principles as they apply to the EHS profession will be discussed.

Startup Park and Demo Area
Another new feature at this year’s PDC will allow attendees more time on the expo floor to peruse the wares of companies offering thousands of products and services. Startup Park, exclusively reserved for small companies, allows first-time exhibitors to present the latest technologies and emerging industries of interest to the EHS professional.

Also new for 2001 is a Hands-On Demo Area, an educational opportunity that will permit exhibitors to present 15- to 20-minute demonstrations and hands-on instruction of their products.

Special Events
In addition to onsite activities, several special events are scheduled during the 2001 PDC:

• An offsite educational tour, sponsored by the Orange Coast Chapter, will feature a visit to the Steelcase Furniture Co., and the Transportation Practice Specialty will sponsor offsite tours to the Los Angeles Air Traffic Control Center and the Port of Long Beach.

• Student members and faculty advisors will meet to exchange ideas and recognize outstanding student achievements.

• A Practice Specialty reception will be held, with each specialty presenting its awards and honors.

• Day tours are available for guests of registered attendees as well, with tentatively scheduled visits to the J. Paul Getty Center and Santa Monica; The Queen Mary and Long Beach Aquarium; the Newport Beach Fun Zone; South Coast Plaza, with a product seminar at the Coach leather goods store; and an educational session with local author Annee Cartier, who will provide an insider’s view to the process behind constructing a novel.

For more information or to register, visit www.asse.org or call ASSE Customer Service at (847) 699-2929.

Prospective Authors
Sharing your expertise and ideas by writing an article for Professional Safety can help you make a lasting contribution to the safety profession—not to mention earn professional recognition and CEUs. To learn more about this rewarding experience, join members of the Editorial Review Board (ERB) for an informative session at ASSE’s 2001 Professional Development Conference in Anaheim. Slated to run Monday, June 11 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., the session will provide attendees with writing tips and will examine style guidelines for manuscript preparation, methods of submission, and the blind peer review and evaluation process. The session will also feature an expanded question-and-answer session with ERB members, PS staff and past authors. To register for the conference, visit ASSE’s Online Resource Center at www.asse.org. Reference session #513.
Behavioral Safety Symposium Slated for February 15-16 in Orlando, FL

Would you like to learn the newest concepts, directions and perspectives on behavioral safety? Then plan to attend Behavioral Safety: The Next Step, to be held Feb. 15-16, 2001, in Orlando, FL. The symposium will feature leaders in behavioral safety, including Scott Geller, Thomas Krause and Dan Petersen. Robert Epstein, Editor-in-Chief, Psychology Today, will explore the science of human behavior.

Additionally, 14 concurrent sessions will be offered on best practices to achieve success and avoid pitfalls in behavioral safety management. These sessions will help you learn the direction behavioral safety is taking in the 21st century; innovations in behavioral safety methods; how to increase the effectiveness of behavioral safety programs; the employee’s perception of behavioral safety; and how to select the best safety management approach. Sessions include:

Behavioral Safety: Have We Left Out the “A” and the “C”? This session will discuss a broad-based approach to enhance emotional and thinking domains of attitude formation and the outcomes they produce.

It’s Time to Drag Behavioral Safety Into the Cognitive Era. Designed for safety professionals experienced in behavioral safety, this presentation will explain why and how safety professionals need to pull behaviorism from its outdated roots.

Controlling Attention for Behavioral Change and Injury Prevention. This seminar will explore the attention/safety behavioral connection and provide a sample of techniques for behavioral change.

Eliminating Causes of Human Error: The Key to Sustaining Injury-Free Performance. Attendees will learn ways companies are attacking factors that underlie incidents of human error.

Practicing Behavioral Safety Internationally. This presentation will provide an overview of the challenges encountered when trying to implement behavioral changes in the international arena.

Behavioral? Holistic? Forget What You Call It. Here’s What Works. To overcome the confusion of academic terms, catch-all phrases and consultants’ claims, this session will provide practical examples of what really works.


Implementing a Peer Observation and Feedback Process: Why Do Some Implementations Fail? Discussions will focus on the lessons learned from organizations that have struggled with observation and feedback process implementation and subsequently failed.

Measure Up! Promoting Improvement Through Behavioral Safety. This presentation will discuss the data that should be used at different levels within an organization and how it should be used to assess the effectiveness of behavioral safety.

Implementing Culture Change—Three Strategies. One-size-fits-all approaches cannot address the needs of each corporate culture. This session will illustrate implementation of the culture change model by drawing on actual case stories of successful interventions.

Increasing Safety Performance by Working Within the Organization. Safety performance, which is highest when treated as a critical company effort, will be addressed.

Introducing Change in an Organization. This session will help individuals understand the framework needed to foster positive behavioral safety change and develop individual attitudes of responsibility for safety.

Discipline and Its Relationship with Behavioral Safety. The topics outlined in this presentation will detail issues and pitfalls of inappropriate use of discipline and principles to follow for its optimal use.

Paying Attention to the Right Things: A Behavioral Model for Concentration in Safety. This session will dissect records of actual accident cases and illustrate how using the two dimensions of attention—width and direction—helps explain why and how accidents happen.

To register, visit www.asse.org or call ASSE Customer Service at (847) 699-2929.
Professional Safety Seeks Contributors for Research Briefs Column

Professional Safety, ASSE’s monthly journal, recently launched “Research Briefs,” a new column that provides synopses of safety-related research findings published in other journals.

The journal is currently seeking potential contributors for future columns. If interested, contact Sue Trebswether, PS editor, at (847) 768-3433, or send an e-mail to professionalsafety@asse.org.

Professional Safety is always seeking submissions of original manuscripts of interest to the safety profession. Each manuscript is blind peer-reviewed by ASSE’s Editorial Board.

Current topics of interest include:
- multiple employer worksite liability;
- ground crew/airport safety;
- technologies for delivering education;
- effects of downsizing on safety;
- OSHA 300 Log;
- future knowledge needs in EHS.

To obtain a copy of the Manuscript Guidelines brochure, which further details submission requirements and documentation style, offers writing tips and outlines the review process, visit ASSE’s website at www.asse.org and follow the Professional Safety link.

Call for Presenters: Safety 2002

ASSE is seeking speakers and presenters for Safety 2002: Advancing the EH&S Profession, to be held June 9-12, 2002, in Nashville, TN. The conference planning committee is interested in advanced, technically oriented and practical presentations that fulfill the needs of global safety, health and environmental professionals. Sessions will be evaluated with respect to attendees and will last approximately 1½ hours, of which 15 to 25 minutes will be devoted to questions.

If interested, submit an application form (available at www.asse.org); presentation title and a one- or two-page description; your name, address, education, current position, certifications, designations, qualifications and relevant speaking experience; a list of speaking presentations over the past five years; and contact information of three references. Submissions must be postmarked by July 15, 2001. Submissions may also be sent via e-mail to: pdcspresenter@asse.org; the subject line should include ASSE 2002 and the topic area of your submission. For further information, contact ASSE, Director of Professional Development, 1800 E. Oakton St., Des Plaines, IL 60018-2187; (847) 699-2929.

Topics of interest include:
- Accident/Incident Prevention
- Technical and Engineering Safety
- Standards and Regulatory Issues
- Health/Industrial Hygiene
- Safety Management
- Career Development
- Risk Management
- Ergonomics
- Loss Control
- Environment
- Emerging Technologies
- Behavioral Safety

Long-Service Recognition

ASSE recognizes the following members with anniversary dates from November 2000 through January 2001. Thank you for many years of dedicated service to the Society. Members are listed by name and chapter affiliation.

50 Years
Harry C. Bishop, Greater Detroit
Burl E. McGarrahan, Central Texas

40 Years
George S. Byrnes, New Jersey
C.A. Hassell, San Francisco
Donald E. Johnson, Southwest
Glynn McFadden, Greater Tidewater

25 Years
James R. Bartlett, Colorado
Charles R. Behrend, West Michigan
Kenneth G. Bell, New Mexico
Daniel J. Consalvo, Central Illinois
Richard B. Deibner, Los Angeles
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Edward P. Fitzgerald, Arkansas
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Jerry F. Goodale, Colorado
William A. Happold, Philadelphia
Ralph H. Johnson, Central Illinois
Jon B. King, Gulf Coast
Frank P. Lawley III, Central Pennsylvania
Laurance Luder, Philadelphia
James E. Mallard, Central Florida
Charles L. McMillan, Colorado
Danny J. Milton, Gulf Coast
Stanley G. Ogan, Heart of America
Michael A. Oliver, Maumee Valley
John R. Popejoy, Delmarva
William E. Pribble, Central Texas
William J. Purcell, Wisconsin
James P. Regan, Long Island
Eugean A. Thompson, Puget Sound
Northwest Tennessee Chapter Co-Sponsors Drunk Driver Awareness Event

To promote awareness about the dangers associated with drunk driving, the Northwest Tennessee Chapter, DaimlerChrysler and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recently sponsored a two-day event called Project Stay Alive. Dyer County and Dyersburg (TN) High School students listened to first-hand accounts of the consequences of driving while intoxicated, combined with exhibits that included automobile remains from a drunk-driving collision and the tour’s main event—the Dodge/Chrysler Neon “Drunk Driving Simulator.”

Many of the students were noticeably affected by the accounts of two men whose families were killed by intoxicated drivers. Greg Kuehl of Lakeland, TN, described in detail how his wife, their unborn child and six-month-old daughter were killed when struck by a drunk driver—who received only minor scrapes. Hector Torres, also of Lakeland, recounted how he helplessly watched as his wife, two children and nephew burned to death after their car was struck from behind by a drunk driver traveling 100 mph. Torres suffered third-degree burns over most of his body and lost his hand as a result of the collision. “Think about what you do and the consequences,” he said. “Life is valuable—you can never replace it.”

Local fire department and state highway patrol officials challenged students to walk a straight line while wearing specially equipped goggles that mimic a drunk driver’s visual impairment. The students also experienced alcohol’s effects on judgment and reflexes using the Neon simulator. It works by programming a driver’s weight and hypothetical number of drinks into the machine, which then simulates slowed mental and physical responses of a drunk driver. The simulator is backed by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation and the National Assn. of Broadcasters, and has been used during some 3,250 public appearances in more than 200 U.S. cities.

According to Chapter President Jodie French, the students were visibly moved and truly realized the value of the message. He called the two-day event an “overwhelming success.” French and the other chapter members who organized the event—Kris Kent, Patsy Roark, Patricia Darnell, Gail Erickson, Hal Williams, Larry Poteet, Cathy Poteet, Ron Read, John Feith, Ed Presley and Angela Bowers—challenge other chapters to do the same in their own communities.
New Orleans Chapter Hosts LA Area Director

Louisiana Area Director and Greater Baton Rouge Chapter member Glenn Young was treated to a warm reception during his recent visit with the New Orleans Chapter. As part of his responsibilities as area director, Young visits each area chapter at least annually to communicate his expectations and offer any assistance to help the chapter achieve its goals. He was also eager to meet the members personally. “It is always a pleasure to visit chapters other than my own,” says Young. “The different perspectives provided on ASSE activities and goals is refreshing and often enlightening to the local membership.” During his visit, Young was able to meet with members of the Delgado College (LA) Student Section, which is sponsored by the New Orleans Chapter. Young hopes to post many of their resumes on websites throughout the area, and with ASSE Foundation involvement, he seeks to have as many safety degree programs as possible obtain accreditation. Region IV Vice President John Fleming will work with Delgado and other Louisiana colleges and universities to achieve this goal as well.

The meeting also included a presentation by a former police officer and current security/safety company owner, who discussed personal protection during the holidays. According to Young, the presentation “provided a humorous but enlightening talk about the criminal mentality, including preferred methods of victim selection and control.”

Enthusiastic about the New Orleans Chapter’s participation in the Region IV newsletter contest being held this year, Young provided members with contest rules and an outline for producing quality newsletters. Members were also given flyers and vendor applications to help promote the Region IV Professional Development Conference, which will be held Feb. 23-24, 2001, in Baton Rouge.

Young looks forward to a continued productive relationship with all Louisiana area and Region IV chapters, and encourages region and area personnel to speak at meetings. He expresses sincere thanks to the New Orleans Chapter for hosting him. “The hospitality and genuinely warm reception I received make it certain that I’ll be attending future meetings with the New Orleans Chapter.”

Oklahoma City Chapter Celebrates 50 Years

With local dignitaries in attendance, ASSE’s Oklahoma City Chapter recently commemorated its golden anniversary with a celebratory dinner and dance, held at the Westin Hotel Plaza Ballroom, Oklahoma City. In addition to receiving a framed proclamation from ASSE headquarters in recognition of 50 years, a proclamation was awarded to the chapter by Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating. Local news anchor and guest speaker Kevin Ogle provided guests with insight into the 2000 presidential election and the inner workings of a newsroom. In addition, the chapter honored past chapter presidents with ASSE portfolios for their years of dedicated service to the chapter and the citizens of Oklahoma.

Chapters Contribute Funds to ASSE Foundation

To support their commitment to safety education and research, four ASSE chapters recently made donations to the ASSE Foundation (ASSEF).

The Chesapeake Chapter donated $1,500 to the James P. Kohn Memorial Scholarship Fund, named for a former ASSE board member who died in April 1999. The award will assist students pursuing a graduate degree in occupational safety.

The Penn-Jersey, South Florida and Louisville chapters each made unrestricted gifts of $200, $500 and $25 respectively. An unrestricted gift allows the Foundation to use the funds in the areas of greatest need.

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**2000 Year-End Giving**

**A Time to Share Good Fortune**

The end of the year is a time when people reflect on their accomplishments over the past 12 months, and make plans for the next 12 months and beyond. It is also a time for sharing with others.

One way to celebrate this season of giving and help reduce your tax liability is to make a charitable contribution to support a cause you believe in—such as the ASSE Foundation (ASSEF). A year-end gift to ASSEF not only provides you with tax benefits, but also helps ensure the future of the safety profession. Here are some factors to consider when making a year-end donation.

**When to Give**

If you itemize deductions on your income tax return, you’ll want to time your charitable gift appropriately. By making a cash gift prior to Dec. 31, you will be eligible for a deduction. For example, if you donate $1,000 to ASSEF by the end of the year and are in the 28-percent tax bracket, your gift would save you $280 in taxes.

**What to Give**

Tax benefits for gifts of assets that have appreciated in value (e.g., stocks, bonds, real estate) can be even greater than for cash contributions. In addition to taxes saved by the charitable deduction, giving certain assets can result in extra tax savings. The key is to give these assets directly to the charitable organization, rather than sell them and donate the proceeds. For example, if you sell stock that you have held for more than one year, you would incur capital gains tax on the appreciation. However, if you transfer the stock, ASSEF can sell it without paying capital gains tax. You receive a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the stock.

**How to Give**

There are several ways to give. You can make a donation now and receive a tax deduction for the full value of the gift. Or you can set up a future gift with current tax benefits. One example is a charitable remainder trust, under which you irrevocably place assets into a trust and receive income each year from the investment of those assets; when the trust term runs out (perhaps after the lifetimes of all income beneficiaries), ASSEF receives the assets remaining in the trust. The tax benefit of this type of gift is that if you establish this trust by Dec. 31, you’ll obtain a charitable deduction for 2000 based on the amount ASSEF will someday receive.

**Why to Give**

When you calculate your deductions and the resulting tax savings, you may discover that you can make an even larger gift than you thought possible. Tax advantages are only one benefit of making year-end charitable gifts. As a champion of the safety profession, you know that the personal satisfaction of helping to further the ASSE Foundation mission is reward in itself.

As you think about the past year and your charitable plans for the future, consider the ASSE Foundation. For more information about these and other gift opportunities, contact ASSEF manager Mary Goranson at (847) 768-3412 or mgoranson@asse.org.

This information is not intended as legal advice. Please contact your financial advisor for more information.

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- Other gifts might include real estate, an art collection, a life insurance policy, jewelry or retirement plan assets. You might even consider a “bargain sale” gift—you sell an asset to ASSEF for less than its value and take a charitable deduction for the difference.

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### ONGOING SUPPORT

I would like to support the ASSE Foundation on an ongoing basis. Please bill my credit card (listed above) $_________ on a  
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The ASSE Foundation, established to enhance the long-range future of the safety and health profession, is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Generally, contributions to the ASSE Foundation are considered charitable contributions under IRC section 170 and are tax-deductible as provided by law. Consult your tax advisor with any questions.

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LifeStyle Furnishings Joins Organizational Value Program

LifeStyle Furnishings International Ltd. (LFI) recently joined ASSE’s Organizational Value Program (OVP). The company is using the program’s educational components (conference and seminar registration) to recognize safety performance.

Based in High Point, NC, LifeStyle is the nation’s largest manufacturer and marketer of home furnishings. The company is dedicated to educating its employees about workplace safety and maintaining an injury- and hazard-free work environment. Brands produced by the firm include Henredon, Drexel Heritage, BenchCraft, LaBarge, Sunbury and Berkline; the firm also partners with Ralph Lauren, Alexander Julian, Nautica and other well-known designers. The LifeStyle network has more than 70 facilities worldwide, more than 22,000 independent retail locations, 13 design showrooms and more than 80 independent stores selling LFI exclusively.

The Society’s OVP offers five packages that provide organizations of all types with access to various ASSE services, such as Professional Safety advertising, PDC registration and employer ads in JobLine. By showcasing these services, the program will expand awareness of the Society and the safety profession among corporate and organizational leaders. For more information, visit www.asse.org, or contact ASSE at (847) 699-2929.

Online Community Connects Members

Networking and communication. Buzz words in today’s increasingly competitive business world. Through the Online Community, ASSE puts both at your fingertips. The members-only community features a wealth of tools—including bulletin boards—to connect members and provide near-instant access to diverse expertise.

Suppose, for example, you have a question about international safety, highway worker safety, construction or ergonomics. Post it on one of the 13 topic-focused bulletin boards, then check back often to see what kinds of knowledge and ideas other members have to share. “Through our bulletin boards, members can quickly gather many different perspectives on the critical issues facing today’s safety and health experts,” explains Jon Schwerman, ASSE’s website manager.

“It’s a great way to learn how other safety professionals have dealt with similar challenges. It also serves as an archive through which members can search for information on ‘niche’ topics that aren’t widely covered in other mediums.”

If you haven’t yet registered with the community, do so today. Simply click the Online Community button on ASSE’s homepage and follow the step-by-step instructions. Be sure to have your member number ready.

2001 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign Reaches Halfway Point

Will you be saying “aloha” next year? There’s still time to participate in this year’s member-get-a-member campaign and earn a chance to win a trip for two to Hawaii. The campaign runs from July 1, 2000, through May 31, 2001, and the winner will be announced in June 2001.

By participating, you can help advance a fellow safety professional’s career by introducing him/her to the Society’s technical resources, programs and services. In addition, you help advance the safety profession as a whole—as the Society grows, so do its benefits, including educational seminars and self-study programs, proactive governmental affairs activities, technical publications and Professional Safety, and localized networking through the Online Community.

Each sponsorship earns an entry!

By sponsoring a new member, your name will be entered into a drawing to win a trip for two to Hawaii, which includes round-trip airfare and seven nights in a luxury hotel. Simply identify a potential member and invite him/her to join; answer any questions the recruit has; list yourself as his/her sponsor on the application; and confirm that the application has been submitted.

Best of all, you earn another entry for each recruit you sponsor. You’ll even receive a thank-you gift for participating.

Visit www.asse.org for details, including a list of benefits and services; tips for locating potential members and turning objections into opportunities; and the top 10 reasons to join the Society.
Body of Knowledge Taking Shape

Through the Council on Practices and Standards (CoPS), ASSE has formed a task force to develop a body of knowledge (BoK) for the environmental, health and safety (EHS) profession.

What is the BoK, you ask? It’s a collection of the best knowledge, practice and experience in the EHS profession. The goal is to create a “guiding document” that will list the myriad references, texts, manuals, standards, papers, research, academic courses, degrees, seminars, certifications and designations (regardless of source and/or media) that contribute to the collective knowledge of EHS.

To achieve this, the task force is conducting a pilot survey among task force members and a select group of safety professionals. The results will be used to prepare a beta survey instrument (with the assistance of a vendor). Once those results have been compiled, an ASSE member survey will be conducted (largely via the Internet). The project is expected to take 15 months, with the pilot phase to be completed this month; the beta survey by May 2001; and the member survey by August 2001. The task force expects to publish the BoK document on the ASSE website in late 2001, in conjunction with publication of a white paper that will describe the project.

Chaired by JoAnn Sullivan, Administrator of the RM/1 Practice Specialty, the task force represents a broad cross-section of ASSE membership. Other members include Christine Bierman, a past president of the St. Louis Chapter; Wayne Christensen, ASSE Fellow; Judy Freeman, Newsletter Editor, Environmental Practice Specialty (EPS); Steve Kane, a former vice president of professional development; Mary Ann Latko, EPS Advisory Committee member; Jack Luckhardt, Region VI Vice President; and Bob Semonisck, ASSE Fellow and a representative of ASSE’s Academics Branch.

The BoK will have broad-reaching impact on both ASSE and the EHS profession as a whole. Please participate if asked to complete a survey.

Standards Development Committee Appoints New Representatives

ASSE’s Standards Development Committee (SDC) has appointed 13 ASSE members to serve as Society representatives on various standards-writing committees. These committees include American National Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Committees responsible for various safety-related matters, as well as National Fire Protection Assn. (NFPA) and American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) committees.

“The SDC plays a significant role in support of the development of the body of knowledge for the safety profession,” says Kathy Seabrook, Vice President, Council on Practices and Standards. “Ensuring that ASSE is effectively represented on the committees that write the standards used by safety professionals is one of the SDC’s major responsibilities. With these new appointments and the reappointments of a number of current representatives, the SDC has nearly completed one of the strategies in support of ASSE’s Strategic Plan Objective to ‘foster the development of ASSE’s role in safety standards.’”

“We are nearly overwhelmed by the response from members volunteering to represent ASSE on standards committees,” says SDC chair Keith Vidal, who notes that there were as many as 10 volunteers for some openings. “The one thing that impresses me is the depth and breadth of expertise among ASSE members. It was difficult to choose among the many qualified candidates.”

The response from prospective volunteers followed announcements in Society Update and various practice specialty newsletters. Additionally, the SDC received referrals and recommendations from Board members and other Society officers. ASSE is now represented on 34 standards committees and has applications pending with five others. More than 50 ASSE members serve as primary or alternate representatives.

During the meeting, the SDC also:
• assigned one SDC member as a contact for the representatives on each of four or five committees;
• established a reporting format and procedure for the ASSE representatives;
• approved guidelines that request representatives to share their expertise by writing articles for various society publications and make presentations at chapter, regional and/or national conferences and meetings.

The SDC consists of seven member volunteers who are involved in the development of safety standards. For additional information, contact staff liaison Dave de Vries, director of practices and standards, at (847) 699-2929; ddevries@asse.org.

New Standards Committee Appointments

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*These appointments are pending, and subject to review and approval by NFPA.
ASSE Receives NIOSH Grant

ASSE has received a $23,000 grant from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to develop and conduct a competitive search for research ideas that target prevention/reduction of prevalent occupational injuries and fatalities.

The project consists of three phases:
1) Identify four categories of prevalent occupational hazards based on national injury databases and other available resources.
2) Develop a package that outlines the purposes of the competition; provides general background information; and explains competition rules, acceptable formats and rating procedures.
3) Conduct the competition. The Society will work with subject-area experts, the ASSE Foundation Research Committee, the ASSE Professional Education and Standards Committee, and the Council on Professional Affairs to review submittals.

For each hazard category, the Society will present four $1,000 first-place awards; four $750 second-place awards; four $500 third-place awards; and up to 10 special mentions. “We believe this program has great merit,” says Tim Fisher, ASSE’s manager of professional affairs and standards. “It will help advance the technological and scientific knowledge base of safety professionals.”

The competition package will be available in spring 2001. Watch for additional information on the ASSE website and in future issues of Society Update and Professional Safety.

For Your Information

SWE Seeks Technical Papers

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is seeking technical papers for its annual conference, slated to run June 26-30, 2001, in Denver. The conference attracts more than 3,000 engineers, scientists and engineering students from some 250 universities.

Papers should address the fields of engineering or computing during the 21st century, specifically, advances in technology, exploration and education, and how these advances will affect the future. Technical topics of interest include knowledge transfer, such as communication methods, telecommuting, virtual workplaces and distance learning; the future of technology, such as transportation growth, healthcare advancements, environment and energy/resources; and future exploration, such as undersea, medicine/biotechnology and space/atmospheric research.

Authors may present their papers in an oral session or during the open technical exchange (OTE) in poster format. Demonstrations complementing the paper topic are encouraged for display at the OTE. Abstracts must be submitted by Dec. 15, 2000. Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to submit papers. For further information, visit www.swe.org/SWE/Convention/den01/2001M.htm; or contact Valerie Heaton, technical papers chair, (303) 365-6445; vheaton@pcl.ca; or Jennifer Trotta, open technical exchange chair, (303) 739-5355; jltrotta@west.raytheon.com.

ASSE Supports Mexico’s Fox in Efforts to Enhance Safety

ASSE recently sent a letter of congratulations to Vicente Fox Quesada, who took office as president of Mexico on Dec. 1, 2000. His historic election in July 2000 set the stage for Mexico’s first transition in power at the presidential level in 71 years.

The Society praised President Fox for his statements in support of improved safety and health in his country and called on him to support and officially celebrate the second North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week. The observance, which is designed to improve public awareness of the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace is slated to run May 6-12, 2001. “ASSE is working on these initiatives with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering and would like to establish an official NAOSH relationship with the government of Mexico,” ASSE President Samuel J. Gualardo, CSP, stated. “We believe there is a great opportunity for mutual benefit through such a partnership.”

50th Annual Nat’l. Engineers Week

Feb. 18-24, 2001, are the dates for the 50th annual National Engineers Week. Started in 1951, this observance is designed to increase public awareness and appreciation of technology and the engineering profession. In addition to several long-standing activities—such as the Future City Competition and presentation of the Charles Stark Draper Award—new activities this year include creation of a “Sightseer’s Guide to Engineering,” a web-based travel guide to some of the greatest engineering achievements and activities (both famous and not-so-famous); and “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day,” a cooperative forum that aims to promote the need for more women engineers. Co-chairs for the 2001 event are the National Society of Professional Engineers and IBM. For more information, visit www.eweek.org.