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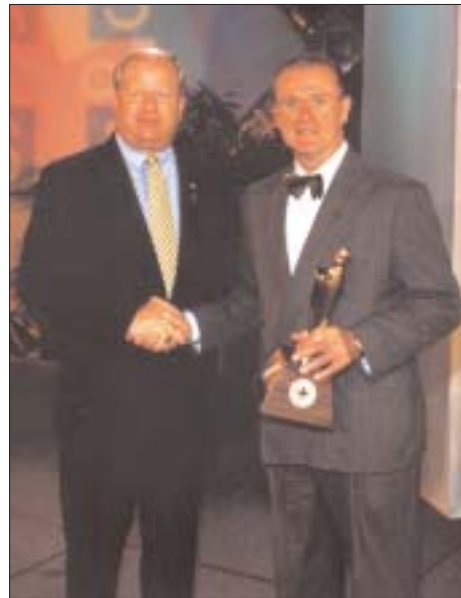
The prestigious Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year Award pays tribute to an outstanding ASSE member whose accomplishments (over a five-year period) have significantly advanced the safety profession, and who has demonstrated leadership in the establishment and maintenance of technical or Society programs. **Thomas Choinski, P.E., CSP**, has been named ASSE's 2002 Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional.

As president and principal consultant of RISK Management and Technical Consulting Inc., Hopkins, MN, Choinski works in the areas of risk management, occupational safety and health, property protection and environmental exposures.

Choinski's service to the Society at the national level includes recruiting 63 new members to the Society, for which he was named a member of the President's Council. He represents ASSE as a member of the ANSI Z590.2 and Z590.4 standards committees, and has served as chair of the Professional Papers Awards Committee.

A professional member of the Northwest Chapter, Choinski has served in many capacities at the chapter level, including the office of President. He also served the chapter as Government Affairs Representative; Chair, Foundation Scholarships and Grants; and Chair, Construction Division. In addition, he served as Region V Assistant Regional Vice President. Choinski was named Region V SPY in 2001 and the Northwest Chapter SPY in 2000.

Choinski has served on the boards of the Minnesota Safety Council, American Industrial Hygiene Assn. Upper Midwest Section and the Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board. He has also served in many capacities for the University of Minnesota, including board member of the Midwest Center for Occupational Health & Safety, and scientific advisory council member for both Occupational Injury Epidemiology & Control and Occupational Injury Prevention Research Training Program. ■



▲ ASSE President M.E. "Eddie" Greer (left) presents Thomas Choinski with the 2002 Edgar Monsanto Queeny SPY Award at the PDC in Nashville, TN.

Outstanding Safety Educator Award

The ASSE William E. Tarrants Outstanding Safety Educator Award, sponsored by PPG Industries Inc., is presented annually in order to recognize exemplary achievements in SH&E education. The award is named for **William E. Tarrants**, a past Society president, ASSE Fellow and noted pioneer in safety education. Recipients are nominated by their colleagues and students. Recipients are chosen for their high quality of teaching; SH&E research and publication activity; leadership, support, participation and recruitment for ASSE student sections; and university or organizational contributions.



Lon H. Ferguson, Ed.D., CSP

The first-ever recipient of the ASSE Outstanding Safety Educator Award is **Lon H. Ferguson, Ed.D., CSP**, a professional member of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter and professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). Ferguson is a member of the Society's

Professional and Educational Standards Committee, and has served on the ASSE Foundation Education/Scholarship Committee. In addition, Ferguson represents ASSE on the Related Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

Ferguson serves as chair of IUP's Safety Sciences Dept. In this

capacity, he is responsible for managing teaching faculty and consultants in the department's PA/OSHA Consultation Program. In addition, Ferguson has coordinated the department's internship program, and worked with the department's curriculum committee to revise the internship syllabus to better reflect course objectives and requirements.

Ferguson continuously strives to improve student learning, and seeks new and better methods of teaching. For the past eight years, he has participated in IUP's Reflective Practice Group, which is devoted to improving student learning in the classroom.

Prior to joining IUP, Ferguson worked as an assistant professor in Millersville (PA) University's Industrial Technology Dept. and as a technical consultant for Liberty Mutual Insurance's Loss Prevention Dept., Pittsburgh. In addition, Ferguson has published many articles, including several in *Professional Safety*. ■

President's Awards

Via the President's Award, the current Society president can recognize individuals whose outstanding service has positively impacted the Society and its mission. The award is generally for a singular achievement, but can recognize dedication to a series of issues that bring national exposure to ASSE.



John Cheffer

Professional member **John Cheffer** was honored for his major role in advancing ASSE's governmental affairs program. As chair of the Society's Governmental Affairs Committee, Cheffer has represented the profession, the professional and the Society before Congress on numerous occasions.

Cheffer recently retired from Travelers Property Casualty Corp., Simsbury, CT,

where he was manager, regulatory compliance. A professional member of the Connecticut Valley Chapter, he is also a member of the International, Management and Risk Management/Insurance practice specialties. In 1996, Cheffer received the Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award.

Tom Bresnahan, ASSE's deputy executive director and director of professional affairs, was awarded for his dedication and outstanding achievements in professional affairs. Bresnahan retired in July, after 13 years of service.



Tom Bresnahan

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To provide communications covering all Society activities, services, benefits, position statements, actions of the Board of Directors, House of Delegates, bylaws changes and related activities of interest to members of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Further, *Society Update* is a vehicle to recognize individual members, chapters, regions, areas, divisions and the profession. The newsletter also provides a forum for commentary by Society membership on areas of interest and concern in all Society operations. Opinions and conclusions expressed in this publication are the authors' and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of *Society Update* or ASSE. All members and units of the Society are encouraged to submit news, pictures and comments to *Society Update* for publication.

Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

The Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award recognizes members whose volunteer efforts are extraordinary. The award acknowledges exceptional Board members, national committee members or practice specialty officers. Recipients honor the late Charles V. Culbertson, a former vice president of communications, with their selfless commitment to advancing the safety profession.

This year's three award winners are North Carolina Chapter professional member **Thomas F. Cecich**, CSP, CIH, head regulatory advocacy and strategy, GlaxoSmithKline, Durham, NC; Gulf Coast Chapter professional member **R. Ronald Sokol**, CSP, general manager, Contractors Safety Council, Texas City, TX; and St. Louis Chapter professional member **Keith Vidal**, P.E., principal, Vidal Engineering Inc., St. Louis.



Thomas F. Cecich, CSP, CIH

Thomas F. Cecich

Thomas F. Cecich, CSP, CIH, has been an ASSE member since 1973. He is a former member and president of the Board of

Certified Safety Professionals. He is currently a member of the Society's Professional and Educational Standards Committee. Cecich was nominated for his contribution to ASSE's Professional Safety Academy and education programs.

Cecich is recognized for his leadership as chair of the task force responsible for ASSE's "The Business of Safety" Management Symposium and for organizing the program for that event, which addressed topics related to business and issues that influence practicing SH&E professionals.

Keith Vidal

Keith Vidal, P.E., is a professional member of the Society and a member of ASSE's Council on Practices and Standards (CoPS). He is also the CoPS Liaison to ASSE's Governmental Affairs Committee.

Vidal's Culbertson award reflects his service as Chair of the Standards Development Committee and the A1264.2 Subcommittee.

In July 2001, Vidal's hard work came to fruition with the approval of A1264.2, Provision of Slip Resistance on Walking/Working Surfaces. The project was nine years in the making; under Vidal's leadership, the subcommittee made considerable advancements in formalizing the consensus standard allowing businesses and industries to enhance the practice of measuring slip resistance on walking/working surfaces, thus creating safer workplaces. He attended standards development meetings, represented ASSE before three ANSI appeals and did most of the technical writing and research for the standard.



Keith Vidal, P.E.

R. Ronald Sokol

R. Ronald Sokol, CSP, is Administrator of ASSE's Construction Practice Specialty. He is recognized for his work as chair of



R. Ronald Sokol, CSP

ASSE's 2001 Construction Safety Symposium. This symposium was the Society's first safety event for the construction industry. It addressed industry challenges and reviewed best practices and solutions. Sokol led efforts to recruit speakers and determine topics. He integrated a popular construction safety forum into the program and established the foundation for future construction safety events. Sokol also helped establish a Construction Advisory Committee that is overseeing ASSE's construction safety textbook project. ■

President's Awards

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ASSE's executive director, **Fred Fortman**, was honored for his tireless hard work, advice and coaching to support ASSE and the Society president.

Stephanie Rennie, ASSE's manager, conferences and meetings, was recognized for her tireless efforts and continuous success in the planning and support of the Society's meetings and conferences, including ASSE's annual Professional Development Conference.



Stephanie Rennie

Sue Trebswether, editor of *Professional Safety*, was recognized for her never-ending determination and razor-sharp editing skills, which have made the technical journal an industry necessity. ■



Fred Fortman



Sue Trebswether

Region SPYs

This year's regional Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award winners were honored at the House of Delegates Meeting for their dedication, professional competency and outstanding contributions to the Society. Recipients are selected by their respective region vice president. ■

Region I ▶

Terrie Norris, CSP, ARM
Orange County Chapter
Poms & Associates Insurance
Brokers
Calabasas, CA



◀ Region II

Richard Fesler
Snake River Chapter
Micron Technology Inc.
Boise, ID



Region III ▶

Mike J. Gonzales, CSP
Paso Del Norte Chapter
Royal & SunAlliance Insurance Co.
Englewood, CO



◀ Region IV

D. Michael Parker
Greater Baton Rouge Chapter
CF Industries Inc.
Donaldville, LA



Region V ▶

Thomas Choiniski, P.E., CSP
Northwest Chapter
RISK Management & Technical
Consulting Inc.
Minneapolis



◀ Region VII

Laurie Rudolph, CHMM
Greater Detroit Chapter
Zurich Services
Madison Heights, MI



Region VIII ▶

John F. "Jack" Popp
Greater Boston Chapter
Hasbro Inc.
Pawtucket, RI



Not pictured: **Region VI**
Joseph Layton
Triad Chapter
Layton's Electrical Consulting
King, NC

Practice Specialty SPYs

ASSE's annual Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) awards provide each practice specialty an opportunity to pay tribute to Society members who have made exemplary contributions to their respective practice specialty. The award acknowledges members' professional competence and dedication to the mission and goals of their specific practice specialty. Seven of ASSE's practice specialties selected SPYs this year. ■

CoPS SPY

Carmen Daecher, CSP, CHCM
Transportation Practice Specialty
Central Pennsylvania Chapter
Daecher Consulting Group Inc.
Camp Hill, PA

CONSTRUCTION

W. Odean Slaton, CSP
Central Texas Chapter
The Faulkner Group
Austin, TX

ENVIRONMENTAL

Laurie A. Rudolph, CHMM
Greater Detroit Chapter
Zurich Services
Madison Heights, MI

HEALTHCARE

Steven C. Sobczak, CSP, CIH
Northwest Chapter
Mayo Clinic
Rochester, MN

INTERNATIONAL

Ronald J. Kitson, CSP
Genesee Valley Chapter
Corning Inc.
Corning, NY

MANAGEMENT

Donald S. Jones, P.E., CSP
Greater Baton Rouge Chapter
Dow Chemical Co.
Plaquemine, LA

RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE

Steven E. NyBlom, CSP, ARM, ALCM
Valley Coastal Chapter
Aon Risk Services
West Hill, CA

TRANSPORTATION

Peter Van Beek, OHST
Gulf Coast Chapter
Coach USA
Houston



MSA Outstanding Student Section of the Year

The MSA Student Section of the Year Award honors ASSE's most-outstanding student section for its collective accomplishments and individual member achievements. Candidates strive to contribute to safety education and research, in addition to promoting awareness of the Society. The award is cosponsored by ASSE's Student Task Force and Mine Safety Appliances Co. (MSA).

Murray (KY) State University (MSU) Student Section is the recipient of this year's award. The section belongs to the Purchase Area Chapter and is led by Student Section Advisor **David L. Fender**, Ed.D, CSP. The section will receive \$6,000—\$4,000 of which will be divided between two or more accomplished students; \$1,000 is awarded to the section advisor for continuing safety and health research; and \$1,000 is applied toward costs for a section representative to attend the PDC.

Sections that qualify for the award must have a certain percentage of eligible, participating students. The section's quality and scope of its activities are also considered; key criteria include campus and community activities and the quality of meetings and research projects.

The section's officers are **Jaime Oxford**, President; **Heath**

Bittle, Executive Vice President; **Mark Sullivan**, Vice President; **Jeremy Stockwell**, Secretary; **Jeffrey Coppage**, Treasurer; and **Selena Schmidt**, Recorder.

"The ability to evaluate, make decisions and execute those decisions is crucial to a safety professional," says Fender, also a Purchase Area Chapter member. "I am gratified to see the amount of independence and willingness to make decisions that the students have demonstrated."

As its research project, the section conducted a study in which members applied ergonomic principles to examine computer-related discomforts among the university's faculty and staff. Section members were involved in various community activities including volunteer work at a local firehouse where they led fire safety sessions targeting preschool and senior citizen audiences. Additionally, students assessed a YMCA facility for potential safety hazards and conducted earthquake training for several hundred individuals. Furthermore, the section organized "Choices 2002," where students invited safety and health leaders to speak about their experiences in their respective fields. ■

Professional Paper Awards

Each year, ASSE's Editorial Review Board names three recipients for the Professional Paper Awards, which recognize Society members who have authored highly rated articles published in *Professional Safety*. This year's recipients are:

1st Place

"It's Time to Drag Behavioral Safety into the Cognitive Era," *Oct. 2001*.

By **John Kamp**, Ph.D. NCS Pearson, Thousand Oaks, CA; Valley Coastal Chapter.

2nd Place

"Ergonomics to the Aid: A Cost Justification Case Study," *April 2001*.

By **Clarence Rodrigues**, Ph.D., P.E., CSP, CPE. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL; Cape Canaveral Chapter.

3rd Place

"Sustaining Participation in a Safety Improvement Process: Ten Relevant Principles from Behavioral Science," *Sept. 2001*.

By **E. Scott Geller**, Ph.D., Safety Performance Solutions, Blacksburg, VA; Colonial Virginia Chapter.

Winners received a plaque and awards of \$500, \$400 and \$300, respectively. ■



Hill Joins Colorado-Clayton Group

Ronald H. Hill, CSP, CIH, recently joined the Denver office of Colorado-Clayton Group Services, an environmental, health and safety firm. Hill brings 27 years' experience in industrial hygiene and occupational health, which includes work in safety and health training and medical surveillance management.

Hill is a Fellow of the American Industrial Hygiene Assn. (AIHA), from which he also received the Outstanding 2001 General Publication Award for coauthoring the textbook, *Environmental Health & Safety for Hazardous Waste Sites*. In addition, Hill received the 2001 Industrial Hygienist of the Year award from AIHA's Rocky Mountain Section. "I'm excited to be joining Clayton," Hill says. "Clayton is a prominent national provider of industrial hygiene and I want to expand IH service in Denver and throughout the Rocky Mountain states." ■

Weinberg Publishes Hospital Safety Director's Handbook

Kenneth W. Weinberg, Ph.D., a professional member of the Greater Boston Chapter and a former administrator of ASSE's Healthcare Practice Specialty, recently published his first book, *The Hospital Safety Director's Handbook*. According to Weinberg, who worked for 10 years as director of safety at Massachusetts General Hospital, the book is designed to be a resource for both new and experienced hospital safety managers and directors.

Weinberg currently operates his own SH&E consulting firm, Safdoc Systems LLC, in Stoughton, MA. He continues to serve on the Healthcare Practice Specialty Advisory Committee. ■

Cucchisi New Project Manager for Emilcott Associates

Dian Cucchisi, Ph.D., a member of the New Jersey Chapter, has joined Emilcott Associates Inc. as a project manager. Her responsibilities will include environmental health and safety consulting and training for industries such as manufacturing and construction. Cucchisi will specialize in emergency response, hazardous waste and

Burkhammer, Accepts Position at OSHA

Stewart Burkhammer, P.E., CSP, has been named the new director of construction services for OSHA. An ASSE Fellow, Burkhammer comes to OSHA with a long history of handling occupational safety and health issues. Most recently, he was principal vice president and manager for corporate ES&H Services with the Bechtel Group. Burkhammer, a professional member of the Chesapeake Chapter, is also a former acting chairman of ACCSH, OSHA's construction advisory committee. During his career, he has also served as chair of the Board of Directors for the Safety Equipment Institute and as a member of ANSI's Executive Standards Council.

Burkhammer is currently president of the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. "I'm proud to be a part of a very important agency and I look forward to working with my new colleagues and the nation's stakeholders on making a difference for the continued well-being of America's construction workers," Burkhammer says. ■



Stewart Burkhammer, P.E., CSP

Medina Speaks at First Mexican AMIME Conference

Rixio Medina, CSP, spoke at the first Mexican Assn. of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (AMIME) National Conference on Industrial Safety, held recently in Guadalajara, Mexico. Medina, a professional member of ASSE's Tulsa Chapter, is manager of corporate health, safety and security for CITGO Petroleum Corp. During the conference, attendees were able to study and assess



Rixio Medina, CSP

new directions in safety, emerging areas in technology acquisition and development, and new opportunities for future research. The conference also helped identify radical solutions to current industry issues.

"This conference was a platform for sharing experiences, presenting new results, and reviewing recent developments from leading experts in the fields of safety and engineering from around the globe," Medina says. "It was also a great opportunity for ASSE to continue to work to break down barriers and share international experiences." ■

Leamon Wins Otto Edholm Award

Tom B. Leamon, Ph.D., CPE, received the 2002 Ergonomics Society Otto Edholm Award. A professional member of the Greater Boston Chapter, Leamon is director of Liberty Mutual's Research Center for Safety and Health in Hopkinton, MA. He was honored for his work developing and leading the center's research teams and for his significant contributions to industry and academia. The award is named for Otto Edholm, a leader in physiological research in the U.K. ■

In Memoriam

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

- James R. Barber, Nashville, TN
- Duane S. Booth, Herman, NE
- Sam Borocki, Pulaski, TN
- Knowles R. Bowen Jr., Brookeland, TX
- Meyer Brown, Skokie, IL
- Bill J. Carroll, Cedar Crest, NM
- Joseph R. Chamberlin, San Diego
- Frank W. Doughty, Tarpon Springs, FL
- Jerry D. Dunham, Riverside, CA
- Ernest Edmondson Jr., Houston
- Martin P. Fletcher, Cape May Court House, NJ
- Roland L. Folbert, Levittown, NY
- Claude H. Frazier, Andalusia, AL
- Stephen J. Furse, Eugene, OR
- Roy D. Green, Midland, TX
- Robert L. Harmon, Winslow, AR
- Perry L. Johnson, St. Louis, MO
- Normand E. La Montagne, Weymouth, MA
- Henry G. Lamb, Westborough, MA
- Bernard F. Leggett, Hoboken, NJ
- Billings L. Lonsdale, Oakdale, CA
- Keith R. Mains, Encino, CA
- Jerry H. Martin, Stockton, CA
- John H. McCollum, Yuma, AZ
- Walter W. Mock Jr., Kunkletown, PA
- Thomas R. Morris, Vacaville, CA
- Edmond F. Moser, Euclid, OH
- Eugene L. Newman, Middletown, PA
- G.R. Nott, Anniston, AL
- Edward V. Offer, Gaylord, MI
- James A. Oppold, Raleigh, NC
- Dennis D. Richardson, Milan, TN
- James R. Rittenhouse, Dayton, OH
- James K. Rogers, Montverde, FL
- Robert Rowland, Austin, TX
- Roger I. Sassin, Merrillville, IN
- Otto C. Solkovy, Boynton Beach, FL
- Glenn E. Springer, Indian Lake Estates, FL
- Fred W. Thomas, St. Louis, MO
- Daniel M. Van Laere, Glen Rock, NJ
- James P. Zimmerman, Eugene, OR

7th Biennial Governor's Pacific Rim Safety & Health Conference

M.E. "Eddie" Greer, CSP, ASSE's 2001-02 President, addressed attendees at the 7th Biennial Governor's Pacific Rim Safety and Health Conference. ASSE's Hawaii Chapter hosted the event in Waikiki in April. Greer opened the conference and delivered a keynote address on "Leadership Strategies for the Safety Professional."

Greer was joined on the program by a bevy of other speakers, many with ASSE affiliations:

- **Karen Blythe**, Columbia-Willamette Chapter member and Region I Operating Committee Treasurer, addressed "Preventing Workplace Violence," "New Hire Orientation" and "Strategies to Reduce Your Workers' Compensation Costs."
- **Michael Rochlin**, CSP, President of ASSE's Puget Sound Chapter, spoke about "Accountability: What Get's Measured Gets Done" and "Incident and Mishap Investigation."
- **Barbara Aguon**, Columbia-Willamette Chapter President, reminded attendees that "Perceptions are Everything."
- **Daniel Sabatino**, CSHT, Columbia-Willamette Chapter President-Elect, spoke regarding "Temporary Electrical Power & You," and "Managing Safety for Profit."



▲ **George Mauliola** (left) received the Individual Award of Excellence at the recent Biennial Governor's Pacific Rim Safety and Health Conference. Also pictured, **Allan Yokoyama**, Hawaii Chapter President, and ASSE President **M.E. "Eddie" Greer**, who delivered the keynote address.

• **Dave Parsons**, Vice President of the Columbia-Willamette Chapter, addressed a full audience in his presentations on "Scaffold Safety Awareness" and "Aerial Lift Platform Safety."

• **Ann Pudoff**, professional member of the Sacramento Chapter and Region I Assistant Regional Vice President, Communications, explained "Lift Teams Can Have a Positive Impact on the Number of Back Injuries."

• **Alan Davis**, President-Elect of the Puget Sound Chapter, and Pudoff discussed "Risk Factors Sound in the Hospital and Clinic Setting." ■

ASSE Remembers

Members Killed in the Sept. 11 Terrorist Attacks

- Robert J. Ferris, Garden City, NY
- Alan W. Friedlander, Yorktown Heights, NY
- Salvatore Gitto, Englishtown, NJ
- Lars Qualben, Brooklyn, NY
- Roger M. Rasweiler, Flemington, NJ
- George J. Strauch, Avon By The Sea, NJ
- Harry Taback, Staten Island, NY

ASSE Honors DOSH's Howard

On behalf of ASSE members, **Tom Butler**, Alternate ASSE Representative to the Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee, professional member of the Long Beach Chapter and Administrator of the Society's Environmental Practice Specialty, recently presented a plaque and letter of thanks to John Howard, chief of the California Dept. of Industrial Relations' Div. of Occupa-

tional Safety and Health (DOSH). Howard was honored for his outstanding service as chief of DOSH since 1991, and congratulated for his recent appointment as Director of NIOSH. Howard thanked ASSE for the honor, and said he looks forward to working with ASSE at the national level. ■



▲ On behalf of ASSE members, **Tom Butler** (right), Alternate ASSE Representative Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee, presents a plaque and letter of thanks to John Howard, DOSH Chief, at a recent committee meeting in Los Angeles. *Photo courtesy Kevin Thompson, Cal-OSHA Reporter.*

2000-2001 Chapter Achievement Program Awards

The Chapter Achievement Program (CAP) awards those chapters that have given their members superior programs designed to facilitate professional growth. To qualify, a chapter must meet eligibility requirements, such as membership, administration, financial, meeting and communication responsibilities.

Winning chapters are selected each year by the Society's regional vice presidents (RVPs). CAP awards are presented at the Professional Development Conference for the fiscal year two years prior. The 2000-2001 recipients are listed below along with their respective RVPs. ■

Region I: Brian A. Clarke, csp

- Bakersfield
- Columbia-Willamette
- Greater San Jose
- Los Angeles
- Long Beach
- Lower Columbia Basin
- Midnight Sun
- Orange County
- Sacramento

Region II: Sam A. Lybarger, csp

- Arizona
- Colorado
- New Mexico
- Sierra Nevada
- Snake River
- Southern Arizona
- Southern Nevada
- Utah

Region III: Michael W. Thompson, csp

- Central Texas
- East Texas
- Fort Worth
- Gulf Coast
- Oklahoma City
- Panhandle
- Paso del Norte
- Permian Basin
- Sabine Neches
- South Texas
- Southwest

Region IV: John S. Fleming Jr.

- Central Florida
- Greater Baton Rouge
- Puerto Rico
- South Florida
- Southern Mississippi
- West Florida

Region V: John R. Vetter,

- PE., CSP
- Central Illinois
- Greater Chicago
- Nicolet
- Northeastern Illinois
- St. Louis

Region VI: Jack H. Luckhardt Jr., CSP, ARM

- Low Country
- National Capital

Region VII: Darryl C. Hill, csp

- Central Indiana
- Greater Detroit

Region VIII: Douglas Pastore, CIH

- Connecticut Valley
- Greater Boston
- Long Island
- Metropolitan
- New Jersey
- Northeastern Pennsylvania
- Penn-Jersey
- Philadelphia
- Western Pennsylvania



ASSE Leads the Way in Professional Development

Coming Year Includes Two Symposia & SeminarFest

One of ASSE's long-term strategic goals is to "deliver the highest quality professional development opportunities to enhance competence and to position practitioners for success." To achieve that goal, the Society offers a variety of continuing education avenues each year, ranging from certification preparation workshops to an array of pre- and post-conference seminars. In addition to the new Executive Program in Safety Management (see pg. 10), this year's expansive professional development program features two symposia and SeminarFest.

Emergency Preparedness & Response

This topic-focused symposium will be held Nov. 14-15 at the Marriott Mountain Shadows Resort and Golf Club in Scottsdale, AZ. The events of the last year have brought the need for effective crisis management to the forefront. As a result, more companies are turning to SH&E professionals for leadership during crises.

This symposium features 15 concurrent sessions that focus on three critical phases of crisis management: vulnerability assessment, response management and business continuity. Topics include risk identification and assessment, emergency plans, communication during a crisis, pre-loss planning, recovery strategies, incident command and emergency response training.

The program will also feature a keynote presentation, "New Directions in Crisis Management," by Dr. Neil Livingstone, chair and CEO of GlobalOptions. Livingstone has written nine books on terrorism, security and foreign policy, and is a frequent guest on

programs such as *Nightline*, *Meet the Press*, *MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour* and *Today*.

Two general sessions will also be offered. Matthew Goldman, P.E., project director of Weston Solutions Inc., will offer guidelines for "Using Management Systems to Integrate Emergency Preparedness into Your Organization." Brett Eaton, information and communications team leader for Pentagon Renovation Program, will discuss "Compliance Issues Before and During an Emergency? What Are OSHA's Expectations?"

SeminarFest

Slated to run Jan. 27-Feb. 3, 2003, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, FL,

SeminarFest is a week-long professional development opportunity during which more than 40 seminars will be offered. Along with certification preparation workshops, and required seminars for both the Certificate in Safety Management and the new Executive Program in Safety Management, the

program will include sessions devoted to topics such as health risks and environmental issues, leadership and communication, training techniques, and technical subjects such as industrial hygiene, hazard analysis and fall protection. The program will also feature two receptions and two luncheons for expanded networking opportunities.

PROFESSIONAL SAFETY ACADEMY

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Examining Errors, Incidents & Accidents

Despite remarkable advances in safety management practices and state-of-the-art accident prevention techniques, errors, incidents and accidents continue to occur. This symposium, which will be held March 13-14, 2003, at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center in Atlanta, is designed to help SH&E professionals answer the question, "Where do we go from here?" The focus will be on loss prevention practices and the findings of thought leaders in the study of error. Topics will include prevention strategies and measures, accountability, root-cause analysis and the relationship of errors to incidents and accidents.

For more information on these programs and ASSE's complete professional development schedule, visit www.asse.org or contact ASSE's Customer Service Dept. at (847) 699-2929. ■

Upcoming ASSE Workshops & Seminars

Certification Preparation Workshops

Sept. 8-14	Pittsburgh, PA
Oct. 13-19	Boston, MA
Oct. 20-26	Gulfport, MS
Nov. 10-13	Scottsdale, AZ

Certificate in Safety Management Seminars

Sept. 9-13	Pittsburgh, PA
Oct. 14-18	Boston, MA
Nov. 11-13	Scottsdale, AZ

Executive Program in Safety Management

New Program Targets Senior-Level SH&E Professionals

Do you aspire to a higher level of achievement in safety management? Are you looking to take that "next step" in your professional development? ASSE has the answer: The Executive Program in Safety Management. This new offering from the Society's Professional Safety Academy targets experienced professionals on the fast track in their organizations. It is designed to help these professionals demonstrate safety system success, gain a career advantage and pursue opportunities for long-term advancement.

Participants receive a certificate after earning a total of 7.5 CEUs achieved by completing three required seminars and various electives (selected from ASSE's national seminars or symposia). Required courses are "Delivering a High-Performance Safety Management System," "Reducing Losses from Occupational Health Risks and Environmental Exposure" and "Managing the Business Aspects of a Safety Program." Available electives include certification preparation workshops (various dates/locations);

Emergency Preparedness and Response Symposium (Nov. 14-15 in Scottsdale, AZ); SeminarFest (Jan. 27-Feb. 2, 2003, in Orlando, FL); Examining Errors, Incidents and Accidents Symposium (March 13-14, 2003, in Atlanta); and pre- and post-conference seminars (June 2003 in Denver). For more information, visit www.asse.org or call ASSE's Customer Service Dept. at (847) 699-2929. ■

Certificate in Safety Management

ASSE's Certificate in Safety Management program, available to members and nonmembers, consists of three required courses and various electives. To receive the certificate, participants must earn a total of 7.5 CEUs, and all courses must be completed within a five-year period. Earning ASSE's Certificate in Safety Management is an excellent way to further your career. For more information, visit www.asse.org or contact ASSE's Customer Service Dept. at (847) 699-2929. ■

Recent Recipients of the Certificate in Safety Management

- D. Aaron Mata**, safety and risk management officer, Traffic Control Service Inc., Las Vegas, NV
- Eric Shanholtz**, chief, ES&H, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Mercury, NV
- Christopher K. Cunningham**, safety coordinator, Nike, Memphis, TN
- Philmore Epps III**, safety coordinator, Nike, Memphis, TN
- William M. Halkovitch**, safety manager, Patent Construction Systems, Harsco Corp., Medford, MA
- Richard T. Spencer**, safety director, HCI Inc., Norco, CA
- Richard L. Alcorn**, public works safety coordinator, City of Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- Delia Susan Chi**, corporate safety coordinator, ABM Industries Inc., San Francisco
- Aniefiok E. Etuk**, loss prevention engineer, Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited (ExxonMobil Affiliate), Victoria Island, Nigeria
- Edward S. Smith**, safety technician, Manson Construction Co., San Pedro, CA
- David S. Vaughn**, HSE supervisor, Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc., Houston
- Georgianna D. Lopes**, project manager, Aurora Electric Datatel, Anchorage, AK
- Robert G. Horton Jr.**, senior safety professional, Exelon Power, Kennett Square, PA
- Stanley M. Austin**, OSH specialist, U.S. Navy, China Lake, CA
- Kris A. Bibey**, safety auditor, Austin Powder Co., Cleveland
- Dr. Barbra A. Plohocki**, director, EH&S, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
- Charles L. Anderson**, safety engineer, Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington, VA
- Darlene N. Behie**, safety and environmental manager, TRW Automotive, Peoria, AZ
- Pamela S. Marshall**, safety coordinator, Duke Realty Corp., Duluth, GA
- David M. Opsteen**, senior safety and hygiene specialist, Kimberly-Clark Corp., Neenah, WI
- Kerry D. Peck**, regional safety manager, Midland Enterprises Inc., Cincinnati
- Tracy T. Potts**, corporate safety director, Weskem, LLC, Oak Ridge, TN
- Robert V. Pumphrey**, safety analyst, Fairfax County Government, Fairfax, VA
- John F. Slayton**, safety and environmental specialist, Southern California Edison Co., Compton, CA
- Belinda D. Hall**, safety specialist, Delta Air Lines Inc., Atlanta
- Melody M. Smith**, safety engineer, Westinghouse Government Environmental Services Co. LLC, Carlsbad, NM
- LigiaMarie Piedra Santa**, EHS supervisor, TPS Operaciones de Guatemala, LTDA, Miami, FL
- William A. Friebe**, zone EH&S manager, Carrier Corp., Jamesburg, NJ
- Larry Bilbrey**, facilitator, OWLS process, Detroit Edison Co., Newport, MI

Delegates Approve Three Motions at Annual Meeting

During the House of Delegates meeting held Sunday, June 9, in Nashville, TN, ASSE's delegates approved the revised Society Bylaws and Code of Professional Conduct, and added a new goal to the Society's long-range strategic plan.

The Bylaws have undergone an extensive revision, with elements reorganized and rewritten for clarification, and sections added and/or updated to reflect current procedures and practices. In addition, some elements have been moved to the *Society Operations Guide* (SOG). "As previously written, our Bylaws were too detailed and cumbersome," explains

2001-02 ASSE President **Eddie Greer**. "By moving certain elements to the SOG, we can respond to necessary changes much more quickly." Current ASSE President **Mark Hansen** adds, "The Bylaws were out-of-date and simply had too much in them. Thanks to this revision, the Bylaws are now the 'what' and the SOG is the 'how.'" Members can access the Bylaws online at www.asse.org.

The Code of Professional Conduct has been revised as well. The changes focus on member actions that are not only detrimental to the profession but to the Society as well. The application to Society

conduct is a new aspect of the code. This document is available at www.asse.org.

The delegates also approved the addition of the following goal to ASSE's strategic plan: *Establish and maintain a structured program to recruit, retain and nurture student members*. "This action recognizes the need for our members to step forward and mentor students as they join ASSE and enter the SH&E profession," explains ASSE President Hansen. "Our students and young professionals need dedicated, experienced members to help them with the daunting task of getting and succeeding at their first job." ■

ASSE Foundation

Foundation Names 2002-03 Officers

Karl Jacobson Elected Chair, Carter Kerk Vice Chair

Karl A. Jacobson, CSP, and **Carter J. Kerk**, Ph.D., P.E., CSP, CPE, were recently elected Foundation Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Their terms are effective July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003.

Jacobson is senior vice president for loss prevention with Liberty Mutual Group, Boston. He is responsible for safety and health research, product development, technical support and specialty services for the firm's commercial insurance market. Jacobson holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Lowell (MA). An ASSE member for 23 years, he is a member of ASSE's Career and Professional Development Committee and chair of the Loss Control Committee of the Alliance of American Insurers. Jacobson is also a member of the American National Standards Institute Z10 Committee on Safety Management Systems.

Kerk is associate professor at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, where he specializes in education, research and consulting in ergonomics, human factors, biomechanics and safety engineering. Kerk has also taught at Texas A&M University and worked for Dorsey Laboratories, Central Nebraska Tubing and the Nebraska Energy Office. He holds a B.S. and an M.S. in Industrial and Management Systems Engineering from the University of Nebraska, and a Ph.D. in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan. An ASSE member for 10 years, Kerk is Chair of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee and a director on the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. ■

Chapters Present Donations at PDC

At this year's conference, six chapters—Columbia-Willamette, Greater Baton Rouge, Greater Boston, Metropolitan, New Jersey and Northeastern Illinois—presented Foundation Chair Ed Granberry with donations totalling \$50,000 during the House of Delegates meeting. The Metropolitan Chapter's \$10,000 donation was earmarked for the America Responds Fund, a memorial scholarship fund established to honor the memory of the ASSE members killed on Sept. 11. "We are delighted to see the growing number of chapters supporting the Foundation's programs," Granberry says. "Their donations have enabled ASSEF to increase the number of awards for scholarship and professional development."

At the donor reception held during the PDC, incoming chair Karl Jacobson touted the Foundation's progress. "Since 1996, the Foundation has awarded over \$216,000 in scholarships, nearly \$60,000 in research grants, \$40,000 in fellowships and nearly \$30,000 in educational assistance.

"In 1996, only one percent of our members were supporting the Foundation," Jacobson said. "We are proud to report that as of today, more than 25 percent of the members are supporting the Foundation." ■

Leadership Conference Promises Peer-to-Peer Interaction

Breakout sessions, roundtable discussions, workshops and meetings with Society officers highlight the agenda for ASSE's 2002 Leadership Conference, which will be held Oct. 17-19 at the Oak Brook (IL) Marriott (near ASSE headquarters in Des Plaines). The conference brings together Society leaders from around the country to share best practices, network and develop solutions to common challenges faced by chapter officers.

This year's breakout sessions will focus on team building and coaching, while roundtables will cover various topics, including educational activities, funding strategies, member participation, needs assessments, and recruitment and retention. A variety of workshops will also be offered, covering topics such as website/newsletter development, governmental affairs, long-range planning

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and public relations. In special sessions, ASSE President **Mark Hansen** and Executive Director Fred Fortman will provide an overview of the Society's structure, while President-Elect **Skipper Kendrick** will focus on chapter officer duties and responsibilities.

This year's program will also feature an opening address, "Planting the Seeds of Leadership," by Richard Calabrese, Ph.D., director of the M.S. in Organization Behavior program at Dominican University and a communications/management consultant.

For more information on the conference and program, visit www.asse.org. For registration information, contact Mary Caplis at mcaplis@asse.org or Carla Rea at crea@asse.org. ■

Investment in Safety Is Sound Business Strategy

CoPS White Paper Touts ROI for SH&E Management Programs

SH&E professionals know that investment in SH&E programs is a sound business strategy for any organization, one that will have a positive impact on the bottom line—but it's not always easy to convince senior management. In a white paper developed by the Council on Practices & Standards (CoPS), the Society offers data and anecdotal information to illustrate that a correlation exists between investment in SH&E and its subsequent return on investment. "Workplace injuries and illnesses are costly in financial and human terms," the Society states. "More than \$40 billion is paid each year by employers and their insurers in workers' compensation benefits. This figure is simply unacceptable." ASSE urges executives to recognize their duty to provide a safe and healthful

workplace and to understand that it is unethical to risk someone's life and health in order to save money. "A sound safety and health management program can help companies fulfill their moral obligation," ASSE concludes.

The Society also calls on governmental agencies such as OSHA, MSHA and EPA to do more to show that SH&E management is more than mere compliance. It also encourages partnerships between private- and public-sector entities to show American business and industry that SH&E is not only required under the law, but should become and remain a core business strategy. To view the white paper, visit www.asse.org, click on the "Practices & Standards" link and follow to "Hot Issues & Updates from CoPS." ■

NAOSH Week in Review

North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, observed May 5-11, was a great success both for ASSE and the SH&E profession. ASSE and the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE), along with many corporate and government partners, used NAOSH Week as an opportunity to focus the attention of employers, employees and the general public on occupational safety and health and on the importance of preventing injury and illness at work. To support the effort, a NAOSH press kit was distributed to some 3,000 media nationwide. The kit contained information about NAOSH Week's key theme—including a HazMat information brochure, seven HazMat fact sheets and state-specific HazMat statistics—as well as general ASSE information. Thanks to this effort, ASSE received requests for further information from media outlets in Nashville, TN; Yakima, WA, Chicago; Bangor, ME; Las Vegas, NV; and Portland, OR. The Society also received nearly 5,000 e-mail and phone requests for the "ASSE Hazardous Materials Safety Information Guide," which was developed specifically for NAOSH Week.

Plans are underway for next year's activities. NAOSH Week is one of many tools ASSE uses to communicate to the public the importance of occupational safety, health and the environment in its ongoing efforts to protect people, property and the environment. ■

"Best of the Best" Newsletter Now Available Online

ASSE's Council on Practices and Standards has published an online "Best of the Best" newsletter. The compilation contains the best original articles published during the past year in the Society's practice specialty newsletters. The articles cover a wide range of SH&E-related topics—from overcoming language barriers in construction to the latest JCAHO standards; from using e-mail as an effective marketing tool to dealing with bioterrorism. To download a copy of the newsletter, visit www.asse.org and click on the "Practice Specialties" link. ■