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NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME!

Christopher Graves

Thomas Rotundo

UPCOMING DATES

February

8-14—ASSE Seminar Fest in Las Vegas, Nevada

20—ASSE February Meeting

23—ROC Program in Indianapolis

March

20—ASSE March Meeting

31-April 2—2009 Safety Congress

January Meeting Summary

Date of General Meeting: January 16, 2009

Tracy provided the following information upon opening the meeting. Registration is open for the PDC in San Antonio, Texas, which will be held in June. Tracy and Stephanie Helgerman will be attending the ROC program in Indianapolis on February 23, 2009. The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2009 at SEA, Limited in Worthington and will cover vehicle accident investigation. Tracy also indicated that ASSE chapter shirts were still available for \$10. Tracy then introduced Cory Moore who provided general house-keeping remarks and introduced the speaker, James Tarpinian, CHP, Vice President, and Corporate ESH & Q for Battelle Memorial Institute.

James Tarpinian provided a presentation relating Safety (Mis) Communications. The presentation dealt with the common statements made by safety professionals and related them to what the author meant them to mean and how they were perceived. In other words, "Say what you mean and mean what you say." A copy of the presentation is available on the web site and a summary can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. Mr. Tarpinian provided all attendees with a carry bag made out of recycled material and a Battelle pen.

Amy Stewart provided information related to the Kids Poster Contest, indicating that the deadline for submission is February 14, 2009. She also indicated that the contest is broken into different age groups, with winners of each age group receiving a \$1,000 saving bond.

It was also mentioned that the OSU/OSHA Safety Day will be on January 27, 2009 and advance registration is required.

Winners for the door prizes were Paula Buleson, Bob Wuycheck, and Keith Robinson. Bob Weycheck won the 50/50.

February Meeting Information

February 20, 2009

Vehicle Accident Reconstruction

Presented by Douglas R. Morr, P.E.

Time: 7:30am - 8am - Breakfast
8am - 9am Presentation

Where: SEA, Inc.
7349 Worthington Galena Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43085

RSVP: Centralohioasse.org
or call John Principe, 740-587-5646

About the Speaker: Mr. Morr received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, and his Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering (specializing in Biomechanics) from The Ohio State University. He is responsible for accident investigation and reconstruction. He performs biomechanical analysis of injury mecha-

nisms in accidents. He performs mechanical and general engineering analysis of accidents. Mr. Morr works with colleagues in other biomechanical, mechanical, and investigative research projects. He is a registered professional engineer in various states and has provided testimony in state courts of law. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), Accident Investigation and Reconstruction Practices Committee Member (AIRP), Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine (AAAM), International Traffic Medicine Association (ITMA), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association (NMEDA).

2008-2009 Executive Committee



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ASSE Member Recognition

- Tom Benninton, CSP earned his Certified Safety Professional designation on Dec. 22, 2008.

We want to recognize your accomplishments! If you or someone you know has earned a safety award/certification or made an extraordinary contribution to the safety of employees, public or the environment let us know. Please contact Brian Basbagill or write it down on the back of your meeting evaluation form.

Important National ASSE dates:

NAOSH Week 2009

May 3-9, 2009

Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day

May 6, 2009

National Professional Development:

Safety 2009

June 28-July 1, 2009

San Antonio, Texas

For more information:



**2009 All Ohio Safety Congress & Expo presented by the Ohio BWC
March 31—April 2, 2009 at the Columbus Convention Center**

The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo is one of the finest occupational safety and health events in the Midwest. The event, scheduled for March 31 - April 2 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, will offer dynamic keynote speakers, a variety of educational sessions and displays of occupational safety and health products. Free registration makes Safety Congress a valuable tool for your injury prevention program.

- Reduce training costs for you and your employees.
- Earn free CEUs for accreditation and BWC discount programs.
- Save on registration fees and out-of-state travel expenses.
- Fewer injuries mean lower workers' compensation costs.

Join 5,000 safety-minded individuals at Ohio's largest and most established occupational safety and health event. Choose from 150 educational sessions to help your business save lives and save money. Earn free continuing education units for accreditation and BWC discount programs. For more information, or to register for this free event, visit the Ohio BWC website at ohiobwc.com.

2008-2009 Committee Chairs

Program

John Principe (740/587-5646)

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THE CHAPTER NEEDS YOU!

To volunteer for committee chair positions, special projects or even an executive committee position for '09, contact any of the committee chairs or the executive committee.

Government Affairs Updates

Cranes & Derricks

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will hold an informal public hearing on the proposed cranes and derricks in construction standard published in the Oct. 9, 2008, edition of the *Federal Register* (73 FR 59713). The hearing will be held beginning March 17 at 10 a.m. EST in the auditorium on the plaza level of the Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C.

Fit-Testing Protocols

OSHA is proposing to add two PortaCount® quantitative fit-testing protocols to its Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134); the proposed protocols would apply to employers in general industry, shipyard employment, and the construction industry. The first of the two proposed protocols consists of the eight fit-testing exercises described in Part I.A.14 of Appendix A of the Respiratory Protection Standard, except each exercise would last 30 seconds instead of the currently required 60 seconds. The second proposed protocol would eliminate two of the eight fit-testing exercises, and each of the remaining six exercises would last 40 seconds; in addition, this proposed protocol would increase the current minimum pass fail fit-testing criterion from a fit factor of 100 to 200 for half masks, and from 500 to 1,000 for full facepieces.

Summary of January Presentation

“Safety (Mis)Communications – Say What You Mean a Mean What You Say”

by James Tarpinian, CHP

One of the key objectives of effective communication, in addition to making yourself understood, is to avoid being *misunderstood*. Often we, as safety professionals and as managers, seek to motivate our workforce to work safely by communicating our key messages briefly and simply so that there is no room for confusion. However, despite our best efforts and intentions we don't always get the results we were expecting. As clear as we think we are, there are those who may misunderstand our message. How does this happen?

In order for a message to be understood there are two important components: a sender and a receiver. These two must share a common understanding in order to be sure the communication is effective. In order to avoid being misunderstood, we must understand the three perspectives of what we *say*, what we *mean* when we say it, and what the intended audience *actually hears*. We reviewed some of the key messages that are often used to motivate people and to create a vision for the safety culture we want. We explored each message from the perspective of the receiver, examined the ways in which these key messages can be misinterpreted, and offered solutions to avoid misunderstanding.

Mark Your Calendars with these upcoming meeting dates!

February 20, 2009 - Vehicle Accident Reconstruction

March 20, 2009 - Safety Programs & Professional Development

April 17, 2009 - Crane Safety

May 15, 2009 - OSHA Legal Update

ASSE is excited to announce the 2008-2009 Member-Get-a-Member Campaign!

As you already know, ASSE members take advantage of their outstanding membership privileges every day. From networking and technical publications to educational opportunities and practice specialties, ASSE serves as the primary resource for safety, health and environmental professionals worldwide. Now is a perfect time to pass on those resources to a colleague and further ensure the success of your team.

From December 1, 2008 until March 31, 2009, if you recruit one or more of your colleagues to join ASSE you will put yourself in a position to potentially win some great prizes! For each new member you sponsor you increase your chance of winning.

- Recruit 1 new member by January 31, 2009 and be entered into a drawing for a \$100 ASSE gift certificate.
- Recruit 3 new members by February 28, 2009 and be entered into a drawing for a \$1000 American Express gift card, a \$100 ASSE gift certificate.
- Recruit 4 or more new members by March 31, 2009 and be entered into a drawing for a \$1500 American Express gift card, a \$100 ASSE gift certificate.

To learn just how easy it is to recruit a new ASSE member, please visit www.asse.org/membership today or call our customer service center at (847) 699-2929.