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NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME!

Monte Edwards

UPCOMING DATES

March

20—ASSE March Meeting
31-April 2—2009 All Ohio BWC Safety Congress at the Convention Center

April

17—ASSE April Meeting

May

15—ASSE May Meeting

February Meeting Summary

Date of General Meeting: February 20, 2009
ASSE Treasurer's Report: \$4,740.45

Charlie Guinther provided a housekeeping statement and introduced Joe Cicero. Joe had each attendant introduce him or herself. After the introduction, Joe provided information regarding recruiting new members and indicated that American Express gift cards will be provided if certain numbers of new members were obtained. Joe also informed the group that he and Charlie Guinther would be attending the ROC meeting in Indianapolis on February 23rd.

Kirby Utt discussed the issue regarding dues increases. He indicated that if approved at the PDC in San Antonio, the increases would occur over three years and that each year would see a \$10 increase for a total of \$30 by 2013. A straw pole was taken with the attending members and the majority approved the increase.

John Principe discussed the upcoming Ohio Safety Conference that is being held in Columbus in March. He provided a sign-up sheet for members to man the booth that Central Ohio ASSE will have at the conference. He also indicated that other Ohio ASSE chapters would be providing manpower for the booth.

Amy Stewart provided information related to the poster contest. She indicated that we had submitted 53 posters and the State of Ohio, in total, submitted 70.

Doug Morr of SEA, Ltd. provided a presentation related to vehicle accident investigation. The presentation dealt with how and why a vehicle accident can be investigated. Vehicle accidents involve automobiles, trucks, commercial vehicles, and construction vehicles.

Winners for the door prizes were Jennifer Jackson and Jim Wirth. Brain Basbagill won the 50/50.

March Meeting Information

March 20, 2009

Part I—Green Buildings and the Effect on EH&S

Part II—Safety Programs & Professional Development

Presented by Jeff Bates

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

Where: Columbus State Community College
Nestor Hall, Room D
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

About the Speaker: Jeff Bates is an associate professor at the Columbus Community College, Environmental Science, Safety and Health Technology, in the Construction Sciences Department. He earned his B.A. from the University at Buffalo and his M.S. from

Bowling Green State University. His specialties include subsurface investigation and remediation, soils, hydrology, health & safety and environmental chemistry. He has experience with environmental consulting at industrial, commercial and military facilities and health & safety consulting with various industries. He has conducted hydro geologic and soil characterizations at sanitary landfills, assisted in the design and operation of ground water remediation systems, environmental computer applications and hydrologic modeling.

2008-2009 Executive Committee



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Tracy Thompson
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President Elect
Joe Cicero
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John Principe, CSP
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Treasurer
Corey Moore
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Charlie Guinther, CSP
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ASSE Member Recognition

- **Turner Construction** earned VPP for Ohio and had the flag ceremony on Jan. 26.
- **Scott Ritter** with Elford earned his Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) certification in February.
- **Thomas Bennington** with United States Enrichment Corporation earned his CSP.

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:

<http://www.asse.org/education/pdc09/>

May COASSE Elections

Remember to cast your ballot for the National ASSE elections by March 31, 2009. One of our local members— Stephanie Helgerman— is running for regional Vice President.

Elections to the Steering Committee and Officer Positions for the Central Ohio ASSE will be held in May. Your opportunity to vote will be at the May 15th monthly meeting. If you are interested in running for a position or a seat on the steering committee please contact an officer at the March or April meeting.

Effective July 1st

Tracy Thompson will become the immediate past president

Joe Cicero will become the new chapter president July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010.

According to COASSE bylaws, the president is elected one year prior to taking office. This allows them an opportunity to learn the ropes and become more acquainted with society functions.

Positions open for election include:

President Elect (takes over if the current president becomes unavailable and will be the President beginning July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011.)

Treasurer - currently Charlie Guinther, CSP, CIH

Secretary - currently Cory Moore

Other Steering committee positions (these are volunteer positions that help our chapter continue to serve its members. Let us know if you are interested.) Current positions and members include:

CoPS Chair-Amy Stewart

Newsletter Chair- Brian Basbagill, CSP

Jobs Chair-Brian Basbagill, CSP

Government Affairs Chair-Layne Wortman

Membership Chair-Bob Beck

Public Affairs Chair-Nick Minto

Programs Chair-John Principe, CSP

Chapter Delegate-Kirby Utt

Foundation Liaison-Kirby Utt

Government Affairs

Job Postings

Following are job listings on the COASSE website. Visit the website (www.centralohioasse.org) for more details.

Position: Safety Coordinator
(12/5/08)

Location: Sandusky, Ohio
Company: Inotek Safety Consultants, Inc.

Minimum qualification: 5-years construction safety experience
Contact: Jay Grimes

Position: Industrial Hygienist
(11/03/08)

Location: Corporate office
Company: American Electric Power

Minimum qualification: BS degree and 2-years experience
Contact: Jason Parker

Position: Safety Coordinator
(10/20/08)

Location: Coshocton, Ohio
Company: POWERWASH Services, Inc.

Contact: Human Resources Director

ASSE Launches New Government Affairs Website

On February 20, ASSE launched an updated Government Affairs website with new resources to help our members become more involved in Government Affairs on the state level. The website contains new resources designed to break-down the advocacy process step-by-step and make it as approachable as possible. One of these new tools is an online guide, called Tools for Advocacy, which describes what actions our members need to take when they want to contact a state or federal legislator about a safety-related issue as an OSH professional and a member of ASSE. Over the next few weeks, we will add a new feature that allows our members to search our past federal comments through a keyword and topic search. With these kinds of new resources, we are hoping that we can continue to build action on the state level and inspire our members to be advocates for occupational safety and health in their legislative communities. Check it out at www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs_new

On YouTube, CSB Urges More Action to Prevent Dust Explosions

From CSB -- Washington, DC, February 4, 2009 - Marking the first anniversary of the Imperial Sugar explosion that killed 14 workers in February 2008, CSB Chairman John Bresland released a new video safety message today asking federal regulators and businesses to increase efforts to prevent combustible dust fires and explosions.

The safety message can be viewed on the CSB's safety message channel, www.youtube.com/safetymessages, and the text can be also read on <http://safetymessages.blogspot.com>, an agency blog site.

In the safety message, Chairman Bresland noted that of eight catastrophic industrial dust explosions since 1995, all but one occurred during cold weather months. Four disastrous dust explosions occurred during the month of February alone.

"Yesterday's reports of a coal dust explosion near Milwaukee that caused injuries and damage underscore the danger from these accidents," Chairman Bresland said on the release of today's message. Several contract workers suffered burn injuries from an explosion Tuesday morning involving a coal dust collection system at a power plant in Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

OSC|09
Ohio Safety Congress & Expo



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.

