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UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS & EVENTS

November Technical Meeting
No technical meeting due to New England Area Professional Development Conference (PDC)
November 17-18
North Falmouth, MA

December Technical Meeting
Fiberlock tour and technical meeting
December 8
Andover, MA

Upcoming Live ASSE Webinars

Criteria for Safety Practices With the Construction, Demolition, Modification and Maintenance of Communication Structures
Includes a Live Event on 10/28/2015 at 12:00 PM (EDT)

An In-Depth Look at the Combustible Dust Hazard and PPE Protection
Includes a Live Event on 11/04/2015 at 12:00 PM (EST)

Top Five Strategic EHS Training Tips
Includes a Live Event on 11/11/2015 at 12:00 PM (EST)
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
From Don Delikat

The Greater Boston ASSE Chapter’s 2015-2016 year is underway and I welcome both new and old members. Colleen Walsh is our new President-elect, Daren Canfield is our continuing Secretary and Eugenia Kennedy is our continuing Treasurer. Thanks to Dan McDavitt for all his work as last year’s President.

The past June 16 joint meeting with NEAIHA (New England American Industrial Hygiene Association) and Greater Boston ASSE Chapter at the Coast Guard Sector Base in Boston, MA was well attended with over 40 people. Talks of electricity, fishing tales, and nautical stories made for a great evening meeting. (See picture below)

Look for the following upcoming events: Our PDC is planned for November on Cape Cod which will feature themes of Learning from One Another---AND don’t forget the upcoming Fiberlock tour and technical meeting in December.

If you have any topics or speakers you want to see and hear this coming year, please contact me.

Donald Delikat
ASSE Greater Boston Chapter President 2015-2016
June 16th ASSE and NEAIHA Joint Technical Meeting

At the June Technical Meeting held at the United States Coast Guard Base in Boston, Don Delikat was the guest speaker presenting “A Nautical Industrial Hygiene Story”. Pictured here is Dan McDavitt (L), ASSE Boston Past President presenting a speaker gift to Don Delikat (R) who is the new ASSE Boston President effective July 1, 2015. This was a well attended event and the venue will likely be used again in 2016.
BOSGO XVI
(Beanpot Open Scholarship Golf Outing)

On September 23, another successful BOSGO event was held at the Blissful Meadows Golf Club in Uxbridge, MA. The golfers had a gorgeous day with sunny skies and temperatures in the low 70’s. In all, 26 golfers attended and the event raised $1,600 for the scholarship fund.

A big “Thank you” to the companies who sponsored the event:
Congrats to this year’s BOSGO winners from Zampell Refractories Inc.

Tom O'Neil
Jason Heath
Mike Durkee
Steve Robin

Congrats to the second place team:

Sam Chappell - Shirley Parsons
Brian Segreve - Shirley Parsons
Zak Waldstein – Zurich
Richard O'Keefe - Genzyme
Eric Lambert - Zurich
Other golfers having fun:

Richard O'Keefe - Genzyme
Dan McDavitt - J. Derenzo Company
Ryan Donovan - J. Derenzo Company
Tom Rich – Walsh Brothers

Mike Burns – OccuHealth, Inc.
Chris Hughes – OccuHealth, Inc.
Julie Kavanaugh – EMC Corp
Where are they now?

The Greater Boston Chapter actively follows the careers and successes of their previous student scholarship winners. We were able to catch up with Dr. Lu Yuan at Safety 2015 in Dallas TX. Lu is a graduate from UMass-Lowell and past member of the Student Section and recipient of the 2005 Norm LaMontangne Scholarship Award.

ASSE Recognizes Safety Educator of the Year

DALLAS - (June 9, 2015) – The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) recognizes Dr. Lu Yuan, associate professor and coordinator of occupational safety, health and environment for Southeastern Louisiana University, was awarded the William E. Tarrant’s, Outstanding Safety Educator of the Year.

Yuan is credited for his innovative approach to teaching, incorporating new technology and teaching approaches to reach his students. “If safety is about being proactive and planning ahead, this award means the same thing. It is not the past of success that we celebrate; rather, it is the bright future that we work hard and strive for,” Yuan said.

The awards were announced during ASSE’s Safety 2015, which was held June 7-10. More than 4,000 occupational health and safety professionals registered to attended the three-day professional development conference and exposition, aimed at offering the latest in products, trends, issues and challenges facing the industry.

Lu Yuan, Sc.D., CSP
Lu Yuan, Sc.D., CSP, is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of Occupational Safety, Health and Environment in the Department of Computer Science and Industrial Technology at Southeastern Louisiana University. He coordinates Occupational Safety, Health and Environment program; teaches Occupational Safety, Health and Environment courses; and conducts Occupational Safety, Health and Environment research. He led a collective effort to help the Occupational Safety, Health and Environment program become only the third environmental, health and safety and similarly named program in the nation accredited under the ABET Applied Science Accreditation Commission.

His research interests include exploring exposure assessment methods, especially biomechanical models and computer simulations, to evaluate occupational and environmental safety and health. Before joining Southeastern in 2007, he was manager of Knee Disorders and Occupational Biomechanical Risks Project at University of Massachusetts Lowell, where he received his doctoral (2006) and master’s (2004) degrees in Occupational Ergonomics and Safety. Lu has been extensively involved in ergonomic research in construction and other industrial sectors. He has been awarded one CPWR (Center for Construction Research and Training) Small Study grant Position and Size of Drywall on the Physical Demands for Drywall Installers and three NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) pilot research grants, including Reducing Ergonomic Injuries for Librarians Using a Participatory Approach from NIOSH Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, and another two projects from Harvard-NIOSH Education and Research Center: Biomechanical Evaluation of Air Stretcher as Alternative for Carpet Knee-kicker and Biomechanical Analysis of the Low Back and Shoulder during Drywall Installation.

Mr. Lu Yuan receiving the 2005 Norm LaMontagne Scholarship Award from Mike Sample at a Greater Boston Chapter meeting. The scholarship is named in honor of outstanding Boston ASSE members and leaders in the safety profession. Mr. Yuan was completing his Doctor of Science in Occupational Ergonomics and graduated of May 2006 from the Work Environment Department of the School of Health & Environment at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell campus. Lu holds a MS in Occupational Ergonomics from University of Massachusetts, and a BS in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering from Beijing Institute of Technology.
Founded in 1911, the ASSE is the oldest professional safety organization and is committed to protecting people, property and the environment. Its more than 37,000 occupational safety, health and environmental professional members lead, manage, supervise, research and consult on safety, health, transportation and environmental issues in all industries, government, labor, health care and education. For more information please go to www.asse.org.

*Where are they now?* is a new series to document the successes of ASSE GBC UMass Lowell Student Section members into their careers. If you would like to suggest an article on a former Student Section member, just let us know at michael.sample@libertymutual.com

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**ASSE's Body of Knowledge**

If you haven't registered yet for the [ASSE's Body of Knowledge](http://www.asse.org) (BoK) you're missing out on a great source of information for the safety professional.

The BoK is one of the world's leading collections of high-caliber vetted knowledge for the SH&E profession, which gives you access to information that can help you do your job better and identify best practices to better protect people, property, and the environment. The BoK is of great value to ASSE members and includes access to articles, SH&E materials, checklists, presentation, training materials, and other multi-media offerings.

This week's featured content:

- [Prevention and Control of Dust Explosions in Industry](http://www.asse.org)
- [Fire and Explosion Deaths in Construction](http://www.asse.org)
- [Toolbox Talk: Fire Safety](http://www.asse.org)
- [Fire Risk Assessment](http://www.asse.org)
- [Portable Fire Extinguishers Safety Training Program](http://www.asse.org)
ACCIDENTS DON’T JUST HAPPEN
Joseph J. Werbicki, M.S., CSP

The ongoing and never-ending goal of all safety professionals is to reduce as much as possible the risk of injury to their workforce.

Some people may accept the fact that “accidents just happen” – that’s why they are called accidents. We need to look at an accident as a failure to reduce risk to a low enough level that an accident can’t happen.

Let’s use the example of a child picking up a sharp knife. If you take away the knife, you have eliminated the risk of an accident. In much the same way, if you replace all fixed-blade box cutter type knives with self-retracting blade knives, you will have completely eliminated that risk.

We all need to be continually on the alert for risk of injury. Risk can take the form of unsafe working conditions, such as a slippery floor, exposed electrical wires, missing machine guards, and the like. Identifying hazards is the first step in eliminating them, thus removing the risk.

There are risks that can’t be removed by simply writing a work order. These involve personal behaviors, such as inattention to and lack of awareness of safety hazards, rushing a job function, and, maybe, even the attitude that “I’ve been doing this job for a long time. You can’t tell me how to do it”.

It may sound like placing blame, but Bureau of Labor Statistics data indicates that more than 80% of accidents have what they call a “human factor”. In other words, while equipment and workplace environment can be significant factors, we can never neglect awareness and attention to detail when it comes to safe practices, whether it be at work, or, at home.

Behavior Based Safety was the darling of safety professional in the late 90’s. The idea behind this concept is to identify risky behaviors, work with at-risk employees, in order to come up with a safer way to do the job, and to then encourage the new-found awareness. This is not a way to place blame, nor to abrogate management’s responsibility to provide a safe workplace. It addresses behavior, which also can be called a culture change, an attitude shift, or, just plain improved awareness. Basically, watch out for yourself and each other. Point out unsafe actions. Keep each other safe.

If you know something poses a safety hazard and you think before you act, or, talk yourself through it, you can’t help but be safer at work and at home.

Getting back to an employer’s obligation to provide a safe workplace, each individual sees the workplace through their own eyes and their own experiences. However, no one person can see everything. Reporting unsafe conditions must be part of a safety culture aimed at keeping everyone safe.
Welcome New Members to the Greater Boston Chapter

Craig Bardsley
Bruce Lambert
James Lombard
Alyssa Lynough
Alfredo Parker-Vega
Anna Pelletier
Timothy Toth
Peter Turner
Alexis Westin
If you'd like to learn how you can become more involved as a volunteer with the Greater Boston Chapter please contact Don Delikat at don.delikat2@state.ma.us

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND SUBMISSIONS

The Greater Boston Chapter welcomes members to submit technical articles, member achievements, committee updates and information about upcoming events for inclusion in our newsletter, “The Beanpot”. Articles should be submitted to Newsletter Editor, Daren Canfield, daren.canfield@emc.com. Please make sure to include “ASSE GBC” in the subject box!
Update your contact information with ASSE and GBC

For those of you who are "old" members of ASSE and the Greater Boston Chapter, please update your contact information. We send almost all of our communication electronically. Each month many of the email addresses registered with ASSE bounce back due to incorrect address. The GBC roster – the basis for our electronic mailings – is maintained by ASSE headquarters. ASSE does not share or sell your email address. Please update your contact information, by visiting www.asse.org or contact the ASSE Customer Service department at 847.699.2929.

JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

The GBC posts positions of interest to members on our Chapter’s website. We also accept position listings from companies. To see the current listing of positions, visit ASSE Boston Job Postings. To place a posting, contact Steve Maffetone, GBC Placement Chair.

NEXTSTEPS CAREER CENTER

ASSE’s Nexsteps Job Board has openings in safety, health and environmental advertised. Have a job to post, create an employer account (prices vary for posting), search resumes online and set up a resume agent to alert the employer when new resumes are posted that match their criteria. Members can save $30 on each job posting made by using code memval30. Contact Geri Golonka at ggolonka@asse.org for more information.

ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL NETWORK THROUGH ASSE

Connect With ASSE on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter

ASSE’s Practice Specialties, Branches and Common Interest Groups are providing additional networking and educational opportunities through their group pages on popular social media sites. Please take a moment to join the appropriate groups, post questions, recommend useful resources, participate in the discussions, search jobs, and network with fellow EH&S professionals.

ASSE’s Greater Boston Chapter has its own LinkedIn group and Facebook fan page. These online networking opportunities provide you the opportunity to leverage the talents of professionals in our Society and Chapter. We believe that the value of a strong network of professional contacts can make a difference in your success as a safety professional and can add value to your organization. Through your contributions to these online groups, GBC hopes to be able to utilize these platforms to take our communication and engagement to a different level. Please join us!

On LinkedIn, search for us by our group name - "American Society of Safety Engineers, Greater Boston Chapter". On Facebook, you can find us at "ASSE Greater Boston Chapter".
ASSE GBC
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