

VC Spotlight

A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet



Valley Coastal ASSE Newsletter

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President's Message

I would like to thank the 2014/2015 Executive Board for their time and efforts to improve the chapter. We successfully updated our chapter bylaws, improved the content of our newsletter, began the process of updating our webpage and held a successful year of educational meetings. Their efforts have resulted in the chapter achieving Silver

Again, this year we successfully completed the 2015 member survey and thanks to you we increased the participation by 100%. In the coming year, you will see we have targeted a series of meetings aligned with your requests; check out the future meetings section in this newsletter.

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Presidents Message Continued

I would also like to welcome our new executive board. The new executive committee is made up of some familiar names and I'm pleased to announce several new additions to the board. The new members are excited to serve our membership. In the coming year you also see the results of our 2015 survey as we considering a seminar in early 2016 that should be educational and award CEU's.

We have sent out a "save the date reminder" listing the dates of our meetings for the 2015/2016 chapter year. Please update your calendar and we will let you know about the topic in our newsletters and on the Chapter Web page. The meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the odd months. The meetings will begin at 11:30 AM and should conclude by 1:30 PM. As in the past, lunch will be served and we have kept the meeting registration at \$25. To make the registration easier, we are looking into online registration and meeting payments by credit card.

On behalf of the executive board and myself I look forward to meeting you at one of our future meetings.

Tom

Let us know how we are doing:

- General issues or Feedback** Feedback@valleycoastal.asse.org
- Membership Assistance** Membershipchair@valleycoastal.asse.org
- Program Suggestions** Programs@valleycoastal.asse.org
- Newsletter Items Opinions** Newslettereditor@valleycoastal.asse.org
- Student Members Support** Studentmemberchair@valleycoastal.asse.org
- Post a Job Opening** Jobs@valleycoastal.asse.org

Chapter Survey Results

Want to thank all of you that participated in the chapter survey. We increased participation by 100% from last year!

The grand prize for participating in the survey was a \$25 gift card won by Jamie Brett. In addition John Bienkowask, Shakila Balkhi, and Chris Dellacqua each won a ticket for a free coupon to a chapter meeting.

The board has been reviewing the results of the survey. We will target several of our meetings to the topic provided in the survey. We are still reviewing the survey. Base on the survey we are considering holding a half day seminar in the spring offering CEU's and other ways to support our members.

Next Meeting: Behavioral Safety at Rubios September 15, 2015 11:30 a.m.

Poms & Associates Risk Services
5700 Canoga Avenue Suite 400
Woodland Hills, CA 91367



Description: Ever wonder how to incorporate behavioral principles into your safety program? The leaders of this session will present a Case Study of how Rubio's, the fast-casual chain of restaurants based in Carlsbad, CA, is successfully doing this right now. The presentation will include the project objectives, the principles Rubio's is conveying to its Team Members, the high level process steps, and some of the challenges Rubio's is facing.

Key Learning Objectives:

- Defining Organizational Objectives for Behavioral Safety
- Implementing the Process
- Dealing with Real-World Challenges to Acceptance and Implementation

Session Leaders:

Jaime Guzman, Corporate Safety Manager

Rubio's Restaurants, Inc.

Atis Zikmanis, Sr. Service Director, Risk Control

Liberty Mutual Insurance

Location: The offices of Poms & Associates Risk Services. Enter the parking entrance off of Canoga and park in the parking structure; the building is on the corner of Canoga and Burbank Blvd

Please RSVP by sending an email to president@valleycoastal.asse.org

Save the date and mark your calendar for the September 15 Chapter Meeting

Future Meetings

November 17, 2015:

Cal OSHA update addressing compliance priorities and new and emerging issues.

January 19, 2016:

Onsite visit to one of our member's facility including an overview of their safety program and a tour of their various testing pads, a premier testing facility for NASA, Military and Aerospace Industries.

March 15, 2016:

Topic Pending

May 17, 2016:

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The Valley Coastal Chapter serves around 200 active ASSE members from the Central Coast, San Luis Obispo County, through Ventura County, the San Fernando Valley and out to the Palmdale area.

Certified Safety Professional Study Group



Valley Coastal ASSE is currently exploring the possibility of forming a formal study group for safety professionals interested in sitting for the Associate Safety Professional (ASP), and the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) designations. If you are interested in attending, please contact Timothy Karcz at tim.karcz@gmail.com.

Location, dates, and times for the study group will be determined as soon as we have an understanding of who is interested in participating.

Certified Safety Professionals (CSP) are persons who perform at least 50% of professional level safety duties, including making worksite assessments to determine risks, assessing potential hazards and controls, evaluating risks and hazard control measures, investigating incidents, maintaining and evaluating incident and loss records, and preparing emergency response plans. Other duties could include hazard recognition, fire protection, regulatory compliance, health hazard control, ergonomics, hazardous materials management, environmental protection, training, accident and incident, investigations, advising management, record keeping, emergency response, managing safety programs, product safety and/or security.

For more information, contact tim.karcz@gmail.com.



ASSE Newsroom

ASSE to Host Construction Safety Symposium in New Orleans This Fall

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is hosting a two-day Construction Safety Symposium featuring industry experts discussing the latest safety practices, innovation and risk management thinking from November 12-13, 2015 in New Orleans.

“We’ve assembled a top-notch group of speakers to share their expertise on fall prevention, OSHA’s new confined spaces standard, risk assessment and prevention through design,” said Trudy Goldman, ASSE Manager of Education and Program Development. “We want participants to gain important knowledge they can apply and share with their colleagues.”

Registration for the symposium is available at <http://symposia.asse.org/>

The symposium’s keynote presentation will be given by members of the BlackOps U.S. Navy SEALs entitled, “Flawless Execution: Always the Goal!” Other presenters include:

- Thomas Kramer, P.E., CSP, will share powerful solutions on fall prevention
- Gary Lopez, CSP, will discuss the new confined space standard
- NIOSH’s Michael Flynn, MA, will present a model of loss reduction for at-risk work groups
- NIOSH’s Dr. Christine Branche will offer how to develop a successful Safety Stand-Down

A host of experts, including Deborah Grubbe, PE, CEng, Co-Chair, NAC Safety Committee/President will provide expertise on the most critical topics in construction safety management including risk assessment and prevention through design

The symposium also offers participant a chance to earn 1.3 continuing education credits.

“With all the changes taking place in the construction industry, we wanted this symposium to give anyone affiliated in this field a chance to learn the best practices around these timely subjects,” Goldman said.

To Read More from ASSE’s Newsroom

<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/>

Upcoming Live Webinars



Safety Consultants Virtual Symposium: Business Skills For Internal and External Consultants

Live Event on 08/12/2015 at 12:00 PM (EDT)

Whether you are an internal or external safety consultant, the skills learned in this virtual event will make you stronger!

Episode 1: How great organizations lead with safety

Live Event on 08/19/2015 at 12:00 PM (EDT)

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Guidelines to Prepare an Energy Management System (ISO 50001:2011) Implementation Plan

Live Event on 08/28/2015 at 12:00 PM (EDT)

This webinar describes the requirements for establishing, implementing, maintaining and improving an energy management system. After participating in this online event, you'll understand how to prepare an Energy Management System (EnMS) Implementation Plan for your organization.

Just Culture and Safety Methodologies

Live Event on 09/16/2015 at 12:00 PM (EDT)

Using case studies and practical examples this webinar will cover the application of James Reason's "Just Culture" model.

For more information on the above learning opportunities

<https://learn.asse.org/live-webcasts>



On Demand Offerings

[Actively Caring For People - A Special Session By Dr. E. Scott Geller](#)

[ANSI/AIHA/ASSE Z10-2012 - Standard for Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems](#)

[Best Practices in Industrial Hygiene](#)

[Changing Behaviors – Balancing the Elements for Effective Safety Management Systems](#)

[Global Safety Experience](#)

[Improving Safety Through Mobile Technology](#)

[International Society for Fall Protection Symposium](#)

[Law for the Safety Professional](#)

[Loss Control Virtual Event](#)

[Making Metrics Matter](#)

[Overcoming the Top 10 Safety Leadership Mistakes](#)

[Prevention Through Design Virtual Symposium](#)

[Recordings From ASSE's Fatality and Severe Loss Symposium](#)

[Risk Management for the SH&E Professional](#)

[Safety Issues in the Upstream Oil and Gas Sector](#)

[Slips, Trips and Falls: Best Practices and Standards](#)

[We Have to Do What? Learn the Good and Bad Practical Results of Recent Legal Developments from an OSHA Lawyer](#)

Visit <http://www.asse.org/education/virtualclassroom.php> for more information.

Would you like to present at a future VCASSE Meeting?

Valley Coastal ASSE invites those interested in presenting at one of its Professional Development Meetings to submit a proposal to programs@valleycoastal.asse.org. Valley Coastal ASSE endeavors to provide a forum for attendees to learn the profession's best practices and to:

- Identify key issues facing SH&E professionals
- Expand their knowledge to improve their professional skills
- Prepare for the challenges in the SH&E fields
- Engage in the discourse concerning the profession
- Identify emerging issues relevant to the profession



Visit the ASSE Region 1 Website!

The ASSE Region 1 is made up of 20 Chapter. Visit <http://region1.asse.org/> for more information. You will find links to other member chapters, Regional and National news updates along with links to ASSE Industry & Interest Groups - Enjoy networking, service and leadership opportunities, technical and educational resources, publication opportunities and access to leadership guidance and advice and Government Affairs Resources – Keep up with Safety legislation, ASSE is committed to ensuring that any decision by federal or state government impacting the safety health and environment of the workplace is based on good science and sound technology