

VC Spotlight

A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet



Valley Coastal ASSE Newsletter

March 2016

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President's Message

We had good participation at our January field trip meeting at National Technical Services, Inc. The company was a gracious host and guided us on a tour to look at their various testing systems from a huge centrifuge to environmental test environment that can simulate the transition from light to dark in a space environment.

We're excited about the upcoming meeting in March; where we will be hosting an official ASSE webinar: Auditing Skills. These webinars are normally \$95, but you can save over 50%. Please note the meeting date; see the meeting announcement for details.

We've reached the halfway mark for the chapter year. This starts the planning process for the coming 2016 – 2017 Chapter Year. In March, we will be opening up the nominations for elected positions and give you the opportunity to express an interest in any of the volunteer chair positions.



President's Message Continued

You will find several additional interesting items in the newsletter:

- The NAOSH week activities;
- The 2016 National Fall Prevention Stand-Down. Participation
- Invitation to the CSP study group
- Articles posted from our Government Affairs Chair
- How to earn rewards with the 2016 Referral Campaign for new members

We are now actively posting material to LinkedIn and monitoring this communication vehicle; reach out to us at Valley Coastal ASSE

Nominations for the 2016-2017 Chapter Board of Directors

As a Valley Coastal ASSE member in good standing, you are invited to nominate another member or yourself to be included on the slate of candidates for the 2016-2017 Chapter Board of Directors election ballot. Chapter Board members are elected for a one year term beginning July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017.

Each board position is listed in the survey below. Please note that the nominee must be aware of and willing to serve in the position for the entire calendar year, attend the majority of chapter meetings, and participate in the majority of monthly board meetings. Please make your nominations by Friday, March 11.

We are also looking for Volunteers for the Chapter Board of Directors. If you want to get involved, but do not necessarily have the time to commit to a board position, then volunteering would be a great start! Some of the volunteer areas include, membership, student outreach, chapter meeting development, meeting greeters and special projects. Please include your name and area of interest in the Volunteer box in the survey and you'll be contacted by one of the current board members.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2PSFK5R>

March Luncheon Meeting Improve Your Auditing Skills

March 24, 2016 11:30 – 1:30



Join us for our first ASSE Webinar Event. There is a clear, if early, international trend towards placing an emphasis on the competence, rather than education/training, of people who perform EHS audits. This session will present an overview of the current guidelines related to EHS auditor skills, along with a brief discussion of the emerging trends in competence evaluation. The bulk of the time will be spent highlighting a few of the critical skills/competencies that are significantly different from those that an EHS generalist might typically have.

At the end of this session

Attendees will have a general familiarity with the guidelines for EHS auditor competence under both ISO Standards and the IIA/AR/BEAC Competency Framework.

Attendees will receive concrete examples of some of the critical skills that auditors must have, above and beyond the skills of a good EHS generalist. At a minimum, this information will allow participants to better evaluate the auditors that they may use in their own jobs. The information will also be useful guidance for professionals who may want to add auditing competencies to their career path.

This presentation would normally cost an individual member \$95. You can save 50%, \$25 meeting dues and if you want the CEUs pay the additional \$20 CEU registration fee.

Meeting Location

The Zenith
21255 Califa St.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

RSVP to president@valleycoastal.asse.org



Earn Rewards with the Safety 2016 Referral Campaign

ASSE's Annual Professional Development Conference and Expo is the nation's leading event for safety professionals. We want to advance the industry by getting as many people to join as possible – and we're ready to reward you for your help:

- Every person you refer adds another entry for you into the raffle to win an **iPad mini**
- Each month, our top referrer receives a **\$25 Restaurant.com** gift card
- Referring two people earns you a **Safety 2016 t-shirt** and **\$15 coupon** for the ASSE store

For more information: <http://www.asse.org/membership/refer-a-friend-safety-2016>

CSP Study Group

The Valley Coastal Chapter ASSE is forming a Certified Safety Professional Study Group. The meeting location will be identified, hopefully central to all participants.

If you are interested please send an email to president@valleycoastal.asse.org or call Tom Logan President Valley Coastal Chapter ASSE at 805 223 1298. We will fill you in on the particulars in the near future.

Tom Logan
President
Valley Coastal Chapter
ASSE

2016 National Fall Prevention Stand-Down May 2-6, 2016

Last year's Stand-Down was a tremendous success, reaching more than 2.5 million workers. This year, OSHA's goal is to reach 5 million workers. If we meet this goal, we will have touched more than half of the construction workers in the country.

What is a Safety Stand-Down?

A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. This Stand-Down focuses on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention".

Who Can Participate?

Anyone who wants to prevent falls in the workplace can participate in the Stand-Down

How to Conduct a Safety Stand-Down and [FAQ's](#)

Companies can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, or discussing job specific hazards.

Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace anytime during the May 2-6, 2016. See [Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful "Stand-Down"](#) and [Highlights from the Previous Stand-Downs](#).



Certificate of Participation

Employers will be able to provide feedback about their Stand-Down and download a Certificate of Participation signed by Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez following the Stand-Down.

Let us Know if you are going to "Participate" this year

The Valley Coastal Chapter would like to recognize your efforts to protect your employees in our newsletter and send your company a Certificate of recognition for their efforts. Send an email to President@valleycoastal.asse.org and just say we will stand down and include: Company name and the email address of the recipient.



2016 NAOSH Week May 1-7

The North American Occupational Safety and Health Week or NAOSH Week occurs every year during the first full week of May. Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day (OSHP) falls on the Wednesday of that week.

ASSE urges everyone to get involved in NAOSH Week in an effort to better educate the public about the positive benefits a safe workplace provides not only for workers, but for their families, friends, businesses, their local communities and the global community.

If you're an employer, NAOSH Week provides an excellent opportunity to focus, reinforce, and strengthen your organization's commitment to occupational health and safety. Your NAOSH Week theme for 2016 is Safety & Health: Make Safety a Habit.

How to participate

[Register your company](#) in 2016 NAOSH Week B.C. and be entered into a draw to win an Apple Ipad!

- [Organize an activity](#) at your organization during NAOSH Week that reinforces the "Make Safety a Habit" theme
- [Order NAOSH Week B.C. caps, t-shirts, banners and more](#)
- [Sponsor the 2016 NAOSH Week B.C.](#)
- [Sign up](#) for the NAOSH Week B.C. e-newsletter

[Safety & Health \(NAOSH\) Week Video - "Get Involved!"](#)

Annual B.C. launch event

Every year, NAOSH Week B.C. kicks off with a provincial event during the first week of May. In 2015, the committee launched the province's own week-long celebration at an event at BCIT Great Hall from 10 a.m. to noon, featuring guest speakers, booth exhibitions, and interactive demonstrations. Attend the NAOSH Week B.C. launch event on May 2, 2016. Save the date and stay tuned for more information.

Other resources

- [NAOSH Week B.C. Steering Committee](#)
- [Safety & Health \(NAOSH\) Week - Proclamation Video](#)
- [Safety & Health \(NAOSH\) Week Video - Making It Work](#)

For more information on NAOSH Week, visit www.naosh.ca or email NAOSHBC@gmail.com.

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ASSE Newsroom

OSHA 300 Log's Must Be Posted

Tis the season for posting the summary page for workplace injuries. The information must be posted in a prominent common space during the months of February, March and April. Several exemptions exist for various industries and employers with fewer than 10 employees. However, the log can be used to determine specific loss trends and target corrective measures in a meaningful way. Many contractors require the logs despite the exemption rules.

Regulations also require affected employers to maintain documentation of these summaries for the prior five years. For information on these and other recordkeeping issues, please explore the OSHA informational page at this address: [Recordkeeping Rule webpage](#)

Scissor Lift Safety

Scissor lifts are an effective way to reduce the risks of falls in a variety of settings. They can be easy to use and allow for the placement of platforms exactly where they are needed. However, they also present the opportunity to be misused with tragic results. OSHA has issued a new bulletin regarding safety on scissor lifts in an effort to make an immediate impact and increase awareness.

According to the bulletin, a college student filming a university football practice raised a lift to 39 feet. The student appeared to be inadequately trained. The wind began to gust up to 50 mph, ultimately tipping the lift and ejecting the student.

The new bulletin seeks to enhance operator understanding in three key areas: fall protection, stabilization, and positioning. Operators must know the hazards for both the lift and the environment. Pre-task inspections, selection of location for operation, stability, placement of railings and emergency response are critical to successful scissor lift usage.

To review the bulletin, follow this link: [OSHA Scissor Lift Bulletin pdf](#)

Zika Virus Update-United States

In 2014, an outbreak of Ebola dominated the news. The virus threatened to become a global pandemic before aggressive controls were implemented. Only recently, the outbreak was considered contained in many countries.

Today, a new outbreak has emerged as a serious concern for people traveling to affected areas-Zika. If you have employees who travel for business into areas impacted by Zika outbreaks, please consider exploring the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at this address:

For more information, click here: [CDC Zika 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

