

VC Spotlight

A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet



Valley Coastal ASSE Newsletter

October 2017

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President's Message

I would like to congratulate the Valley Chapter members for again achieving Gold level recognition from ASSE for the past term year. We are again targeting this recognition level and need your input to be successful. Feel free to reach out to any board or Committee head to give us your input and how we can provide more benefit to our members. Our November technical meeting is on Nov. 17 and we will again have the honor to bring you Dan Leiner with CalOSHA Consultation who has been very insightful in identifying key CalOSHA compliance issues in the works.

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As another upcoming benefit to our members, we are working diligently to bring you great speakers for our April 18 PDC. If you would like to have the opportunity to speak, please fill out a speaker presentation form and submit it to PDC Speaking Committee Chair, Vanessa de La Torre. You can email her at govtaffairs@valleycoastal.asse.org.

If you have any comments or ideas you would like to share with the Board or the Chapter, send me an email at President@Valleychapter.asse.org.

Regards,

John McCabe

VCASSE Chapter President 2017/18





Next Meeting

November 12, 2017

Cal/OSHA Update

Dan Leiner, Cal/OSHA Consultation



Topic:

Cal/OSHA Update - Priorities, new standards and other topics to help you stay in compliance.

Speaker:

Dan Leiner, Cal/OSHA Consultation

Time:

11:30 to 1:15

Lunch Dues \$25

Location:

Encino Municipal Golf Course

Restaurant/Bar at the Monterey at Encino

16821 Burbank Blvd.

Encino, CA 91436

RSVP – president@valleycoastal.asse.org



The 2018 Valley Coastal ASSE Professional Development Conference Mark your Calendar!

The ASSE Valley Coastal Chapter proudly announces the 2018 PDC on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at the Airtel Plaza Hotel located at 7277 Valjean Avenue, in Van Nuys California

This annual event provides the areas one of the most sought after opportunities for attendees to learn from fellow safety professionals addressing the pressing EH&S issues of the day and providing educational topics to improve your professional skills and effectiveness. The PDC Committee is working hard to bring you timely topic addressing topics of interest, Best Practices and professional development skills.

Attendees will receive 0.5* CEU credits for attending the PDC (*pending approval).

Be sure to include in your 2018 Professional Development Budget or use any left over 2017 Budget funds and preregister this year

[To register by mail or fax, download a PDF Registration Form - Click Here](#)

Additional discounts are available for Groups of 4+ attendees, Save \$100, e-mail pdcc@vcpdc.com for more details.

If you need immediate assistance, you can contact Erika May at 661-472-6591 or e-mail us at pdcc@vcpdc.com.

If you would like to be considered as a presenter/speaker at the 2018 PDC complete and submit the 2018 [Speaker Proposal form](#)



Job Opportunity Highlight:

Shutters on the Beach and Hotel Casa del Mar are seeking a Safety Manager to join our luxury hospitality group. The primary duty is to manage the safety initiatives of the company to provide a safe environment to our guests and employees.

This position will be responsible for overseeing the planning, budgeting and directing of all safety training for both hotels. Conduct safety audits on personnel, equipment and materials. Evaluate, assess and alter safety procedures and policies to fully comply with legal regulations and company's goals. Prepare safety training/presentations and organize and execute presentations for hotel wide population. Be an advocate for safety measures using innovative and motivating measures. Attend Quarterly Claims reviews. Ensure current compliance on all training documentation for CAL/OSH inspections, GHS Programs and SDS monitoring.

Qualifications: Preferred two-four year college or university degree, with a minimum of 3 years' experience in a safety leadership role. Formal OSHA 501 or related education for General Industry preferred. Experience in a luxury hospitality environment highly preferred. Superb verbal and written communication skills. Individual must have a great deal of schedule flexibility due to business demands. Must be hands on, organized and detail oriented. Bilingual English/Spanish speaking preferred.

Excellent benefit package and salary commensurate with applicant's experience.

The Edward Thomas Collection is an equal opportunity employer to race, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other classification protected by law. Interested candidates should forward resume to: LoriAnn Rangel, Recruitment Manager at lrangel@shuttersonthebeach.com.

For more job opportunities, visit: jobs.asse.org



Congratulations to the 2017-18 Valley Coastal Chapter Officers

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Future Chapter Events - Save the Dates

- November 12, 2017 – Cal OSHA Update
- January 23, 2018 – Silica Exposure and Standard Requirements
- March 20, 2018 – TBD
- April 18, 2018 – Valley Coastal PDC
- May 15, 2018 – TBD

Upcoming Safety Events

Mark Your Calendar and Stay Safe

- October 2-4 | [Utility Safety Conference and Expo](#)
- October 5 | [Measure Your Safety Culture Webinar](#)
- October 25 | [Electrical Safety in Construction Workshop \(NAC/IEEE\)](#)
- October 26-28 | [2017 NAC Annual Meeting \(The National Academy of Construction\)](#)
- November 28-30 | [EHS Today's Safety Leadership Council](#)
- March 2018 | [National Ladder Safety Month](#)



Newsroom

By wide margin, members approve switch to American Society of Safety Professionals

PARK RIDGE, Illinois — The world's oldest professional safety society, founded more than 100 years ago, will adopt a new name following a historic membership vote that was overwhelmingly in favor of the change. The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) will become the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) next year when it unveils a redesigned website in conjunction with Safety 2018 in San Antonio. The switch was approved by 74 percent of voting members.

Over a 45-day period that ended August 13, ASSE members around the world cast electronic votes on the new name. The final tally was 3,651 in favor and 1,267 opposed, easily reaching a majority decision. It also was no problem obtaining the minimum voting requirement of 1 percent of ASSE's eligible members as 14 percent cast ballots. The new name had been unanimously recommended by the ASSE Board of Directors in January and was supported by its House of Delegates in June at Safety 2017 in Denver.

"Our members have clearly voiced that the American Society of Safety Professionals better reflects our diverse membership," said ASSE President Jim Smith, M.S., CSP. "Engineers made up our entire membership when we were formed, but today the occupational safety and health profession encompasses many disciplines."

The organization was founded as the United Association of Casualty Inspectors in 1911 as a result of a tragic factory fire that killed 146 garment workers in lower Manhattan. It was the deadliest industrial disaster in New York City history, and led to reforms that improved workplace safety. The Society's name shifted in 1914 to the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Research conducted in 2016 with ASSE members, customers and stakeholders across the globe indicated that an updated brand with a clearer vision would better reflect the organization's current membership and position it for growth. The study also found that a new name would help eliminate confusion about who could join the Society.

"Our members have always decided who we are and what we're all about," Smith said. "This latest vote was part of an objective process that has made us a strong organization for more than 100 years."

ASSE's logo will undergo small adjustments that correspond with its name change. The green shield will continue to display the organization's acronym in gold letters within the four angles of a gold cross, but the "E" will be changed to "P."

The organization will continue to be called the American Society of Safety Engineers until early June when it debuts a new website and makes the conversion to its new name in alignment with the Safety 2018 Professional Development Conference and Exposition. ASSE advances its members and the safety profession through education, advocacy, standards development and a vibrant professional community. Its members work in every industry, developing and implementing occupational safety and health programs that protect people and property while improving business outcomes.

"Workplace safety is constantly evolving, so our society must adjust as well to remain strong and relevant while growing our profession," Smith said. "Our profession includes more occupations and industries than ever before. Our members are knowledgeable about everything from risk assessment and hazard control to workers' compensation and organizational management, not to mention the more traditional aspects of safety management and engineering



OSH Pros' Feedback Sought on Corporate Sustainability Standard

"The GRI 403 standard provides a lever for change in corporate reporting practices on OHS globally," said Kathy A. Seabrook, chair of the CSHS Board of Directors. "Safety and health professionals need to step up, participate, and influence the final standard through this public consultation period. It's a significant development in our profession."

ASSE's Center for Safety and Health Sustainability (CSHS) is asking safety and health professionals around the world to let their voices be heard about a key international standard connected to corporate sustainability. The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is seeking feedback on proposed updates to [GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety](#), with a comment period open through Oct. 9.

GRI 403, part of the first global standards for sustainability reporting, details reporting practices related to occupational health and safety that any organization wanting to fully report its sustainability impacts can use. GRI reports the standard is being revised to reflect internationally supported best practices and to align it with recent developments in OHS management, including the upcoming ISO 45001 standard. "Improvements include greater emphasis on hazards and the application of the hierarchy of controls. Also proposed are better methodologies for calculating injury and illness data, and new leading indicators based on how workers are covered by management systems and have access to occupational health services," according to ASSE's announcement.

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CSHS, whose member organizations represent more than 100,000 OHS professionals around the world, was a key influence behind GRI's creation of a working group to examine OSH performance indicators. For more information, visit www.centershhs.org.



NSC Introduces Women in Safety Scholarship Program

Applications for the new award will open Nov. 1.

INDIANAPOLIS -- The National Safety Council has launched a new scholarship program for women pursuing safety as a career. Nominations for the scholarships will open Nov. 1, the council announced during the 2017 National Safety Congress & Expo here.

The council also will accept nominations for its second year of the Student Member Congress & Expo Program, which provides selected study members who are interested in safety the opportunity to attend this conference at no cost. (The 2018 conference will take place Oct. 20-26 at Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center.

"Safety is more than a profession -- it is a calling," said NSC President and CEO Deborah A.P. Hersman. "We need to cultivate and encourage dedicated women professionals to pick up the mantle as 25 percent of safety specialists today consider retirement. This scholarship will create an opportunity for outstanding candidates to pursue their education and dedicate their careers to keeping each other safe."

The Women in Safety Scholarship is for women studying safety in an accredited associate or undergraduate program. It is renewable annually for a maximum of four years, and the number given out will vary from year to year.

The application period for both scholarships will close in mid-January. For more information, visit nsc.org/scholarship.

OSHA has created New Web Pages

[OSHA launches webpage on HAZWOPER](#)

[OSHA launches construction safety webpage for women](#)

[OSHA revises webpage on worker rights](#)

[OSHA launches webpage on preventing workplace violence in health care](#)

[OSHA creates webpage on restroom sanitation obligations](#)



BCSP Recertification Quiz Program

The BCSP Recertification Quiz Program provides you the opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge in particular areas of the safety profession.

If you hold one or more BCSP certifications, you can earn 0.1 recertification points by passing an online quiz. The quizzes are based on the technical contents of well-circulated membership organization journals, NSC's *Safety + Health*, and ASSE's *Professional Safety*.

If you do not hold one of BCSP's certifications, you may still take these quizzes, but you will not earn recertification points, meet any requirement for earning a BCSP credential, or otherwise have any status with BCSP.

Click the following link for further information [earn recertification points](#)



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

