



CENTRAL Texas CHAPTER

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► PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The Art of War, by Sun Tzu contains many memorable passages. My most memorable passage is: *"Hence the saying: If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle."*

I believe that our most powerful enemy lives within us, and it takes many faces such as: complacency, anger, frustration, overconfidence, arrogance, impatience, condescension, fear, and others. These different faces of the enemy cause us to make bad decisions, to accept bad decisions of others, or just remain silent when we see a bad decision taking shape.

We must learn to recognize this enemy early. It manifests itself differently in various circumstances, and it can creep up in small increments. It hides in the people we deal with, and in the institutions we assume are immovable objects. In the right light it looks like dominoes lining up, and if we can see it, we can stop the toppling effect that will certainly follow.

We must know ourselves, and learn our vulnerabilities to the faces of this enemy. Our vulnerabilities, our frame of reference, can cause us to miss what is in front of us. They can cause us to ignore, or to justify the existence of the dominoes. Fear can cause us to freeze when an obvious line of dominoes is lining up right in front of us, and we can almost see the toppling effect.

Sun Tzu wrote this book about 500 BC, and it offered nothing about changing technology or changing times. (Continued on next page)...

IN THE NEWS

Chapter Elections results are in:

New Officer installation took place during the June monthly meeting.

2014-2015 Officers:

President: Pat Walsh

President-Elect: Paul Cradeur

Secretary: Carolina Modesto

Treasurer: Sara Martin

Past President: Joe Garza



Joe Garza, Pat Walsh, Carolina Modesto, Sara Martin



Del Tally installs Sara Martin, Pat Walsh, Pat Cradeur and Carolina Modesto (above) as new officers.

Great appreciation to 2013-2014 Officers for an excellent job done!



Jason Allgood, Joe Garza, Sharon Fisher, Pat Walsh.

- * Join us at the Region PDC in Galveston.
- * Monthly meetings resume in September 2014.

It was mostly about philosophy, logistics and dealing with effectively the people on different sides of important matters. For me, the parallels to current day business dealings are remarkable. My view is that the enemy within us is part of us as humans. Accidents, mishaps, calamities, or whatever, are the result of people failing to correctly deal with the enemy. The enemy can't be defeated, only temporarily subdued. Notice the words Sun Tzu used. This year I will attempt to discuss the enemy's presence, and what we might do about it.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

Pat Walsh, Chapter President

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:



Dariel Chavez, Student Leadership Chair and ASSE CTC Chapter Past-President, presents the **ASSE scholarship** award to Samuel Taiwo who is a student at Texas A&M for \$1,000.

Become a member of our Student Chapter and Check out our website for requirements:

<http://centraltexas.asse.org/news.php>

ASSE REGION III Professional Development Conference



Date

Sunday,
August 17th - 20th, 2014

Location

Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa and
Convention Center
Seven Hope Boulevard
Galveston, Texas 77554

Registration is now open for the Region III Professional Development Conference (PDC) and Tradeshow.

Registration Fees are as follows:

ASSE Member – \$550

Non-ASSE Member – \$700

Student Member – \$250

Single day registrations available.

Book your reservation now to receive our ASSE Room Block Rate of \$136 + tax effective thru 7/27.

Moody Gardens Hotel

Reservations:

Phone: (888) 388-8484

www.moodygardenshotel.com

To register visit the **Region 3 PDC website** or link:

<http://region3.asse.org/events/region-iii-safety-conf-expo/>



**See you at the conference
and let the Safe Times Roll!**

GO TO MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Join the Central Texas Chapter Meeting online.
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/472574769>
2. Use your microphone and speakers (VoIP) - a headset is recommended.
3. Or, call in using your telephone:
United States (toll-free): 1 888 999 0073
Canada (toll-free): 1 888 299 1889

Access Code: 472-574-769
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

MAY 2014

John Arnold
Morgan Corpening
Merina Dhakal
Hector Figueroa
Hunt Clinton
Mark Johnson
Kyle Kotzur
Guy Latimer
Jonathan McGraw
Abigail Moser

**WELCOME TO YOUR
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JUNE 2014

Tristan Landers
Brooke Tribley
Daniel Valadez

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ASSE MEMBERSHIP VALUE & BENEFITS

The more engaged a member is in any of the benefits and Society programs, the more a member gains from their membership.

- Advance your professional career and status as a safety professional.
- Improve your company's safety performance and advance the overall SH&E profession.
- Extensive information and top-notch professional development opportunities.
- And so much more... visit <http://www.ase.org/membership/benefits.php>

Local ASP/CSP Workshops

By Robert Hites, Independent Safety & Health Consultant

University of Texas here in Austin offers workshops to assist safety personnel achieve either the ASP or CSP certifications. Have you thought about becoming certified as a Safety Professional with the Board of Certified Safety Professionals? Have you looked into it and found it a little daunting... intimidating...maybe scary? If you are like me when I first looked into it, I thought I would never be able to gain the knowledge needed to achieve that level of recognition.

Finally, I decided to make it happen but knew I needed help. So, I went to a 'workshop' to see where I was lacking. Despite having years of safety experience, most of the material covered in the workshop was so far above my head (and knowledge) that the only thing the workshop did was convince me I would never achieve what I wanted—to become a CSP.

“This second workshop... laid out a study plan like a road map....”

Why am I telling you this story? Because, I continue to hear stories of safety people who have a story just like mine. So, if your story is similar, please read on. My story (and yours to, if you want) has a happy ending because I attended a different workshop and obtained my certification.

This second workshop not only covered the material, but also laid out a study plan like a road map to get me from where I was to where I needed to be to become certified. It showed me what my strengths and weaknesses were compared to the certification requirements. That allowed me for the first time to see clearly how it was possible to achieve my goal.

“...now I teach that same program here in Austin for UT...”

That was almost 15 years ago and now I facilitate that same material here in Austin for UT. As part of the Health and Safety Training Center at the University of Texas here in Austin, there are two workshops offered to provide participants the same level of understanding and clarity that I received so many years ago. These workshops are for the Associate Safety Professional (ASP) and the Certified Safety Professional (CSP). Each workshop is specifically tailored for its respective level of certification (ASP for fundamentals, CSP for comprehensive).

So, if you have always wanted to be certified but thought it was too high a summit to crest, I encourage you to attend a workshop. There will still be quite a bit of studying in your future, but you will come away with a clear way forward to making it happen!

Here are the online links for the course information. I look forward to seeing you there!

ASP: <http://www.utexas.edu/ce/txmshp/calendar/event/associate-safety-professional-exam-prep>

CSP: <http://www.utexas.edu/ce/txmshp/calendar/event/certified-safety-professional-exam-prep>

UPCOMING WEBINARS



[Too Old to Work? Too Sick to Work? Too Stressed to Work? A Look at the Latest Strategies for Optimizing the Intersection of Health and Work](#)

July 23, 2014 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CENTRAL

[The Transformational Leader: From Hands and Feet to Hearts and Minds](#)

July 30, 2014 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CENTRAL

[Disaster Psychology – The Myths of Panic](#)

August 13, 2014 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CENTRAL

[From Deep Lead to Deep Safe... where few have gone before](#)

August 27, 2014 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CENTRAL

[Leading Indicators: the Future for Great Safety Performance](#)

September 17, 2014 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CENTRAL

CTC ASSE and ASSE Webinars

The CTC has decided to provide Webinars to our members at no cost (with enough interest) in an effort to continue to provide professional and developmental opportunities to our chapter.

ASSE Webinars

ASSE Technical Webinars are designed to bring the latest SH&E information to increase your developmental needs in which you can expect to benefit from these events facilitated by leaders in the field. Use the information immediately to help increase the effectiveness of your safety programs and drive results.

Webinar Info:

Assist us in identifying which of the following ASSE webinars you'd like the Chapter to host.

Requirement: If we receive **5 responses** for a webinar, then the chapter will purchase and host the webinar for all. We ask that all responses be sent in the week prior to the webinar so we have time to purchase and prepare for the webinar. **A confirmation email will be sent out if and when we are hosting a webinar.**

Webinar Location:

We are currently hosting the webinars at the Applied Materials Spectrum Drive location (Northwest Austin area).

Webinar Address:

10000 Spectrum Drive; Austin, TX 78717-4557 ([Map link](#))



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Founded in 1911, ASSE is the world's oldest and largest professional safety organization. Its 33,000 plus members manage, supervise and consult on safety, health and environmental issues in industry, insurance, government and education. ASSE has 15 Practice Specialties and 150 chapters in the United States and abroad.

The Central Texas Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers includes over 300 safety professionals from various companies and industries in the surrounding area. At monthly meetings, we schedule knowledgeable presenters who speak on current safety, health and environmental issues. The monthly luncheon is a relaxing and enjoyable opportunity to network with other safety professionals and learn of developments in the industry. In addition to our monthly meetings, the Central Texas Chapter produces an informative newsletter, holds various training courses, hosts ASSE webinars calls and special events throughout the year.

The Central Texas Chapter of ASSE is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of chapter volunteers and operates under chapter bylaws approved by the ASSE. Chapter officers and board members are elected or appointed to one-year terms. All members are encouraged to volunteer for board or committee positions.

For information and volunteer opportunities for this chapter, please contact us:

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