



President's Message:

Can anyone tell me where 2015 went? It seems like just yesterday I was watching a colorful fireworks spectacle for the Fourth of July! The holidays are so festive with Santa's, trees, decorations, lights and music, too. We turn to New Years as an opportunity to turn a new leaf and maybe do things differently, both in personal and professional endeavors.

It's that exciting time of year where many of us take a deep cleansing breath, refresh our perspectives and consider changes to improve our lives. Some of us will commit to exercising and maybe choosing healthier foods. We may promise to change our finances, pay off a loan or lower debts.

Having internal goals for self-improvement is admirable. In our world of workplace safety, we see workers doing lots of fantastic things and striving to work safely. However, we also witness careless behaviors in aspects of our business. So, I offer some safety resolutions for the New Year that will positively affect you and your coworkers.

- ✚ The biggest resolution you can make is to resolve to **think**. Think about what you are going to do, how you are going to do it, where you are putting your hands and feet and how you could possibly get hurt. We often take shortcuts and rush to our own detriment.
- ✚ **Speak up!** Everyone can coach a co-worker, escalate a safety hazard or prevent an incident. We can all be Chief Safety Officers.
- ✚ Resolve to wear personal protective equipment as prescribed. Being able to see your family and watch them grow is worth the extra seconds it takes to put on safety glasses or other required gear.
- ✚ Look out for fellow associates and promote teamwork; assist with a heavy or awkward load or in a tight area.
- ✚ Thoroughly inspect vehicles and equipment; never assume it is working correctly. Act to resolve defects...the injury you prevent may be your own, a co-worker, a customer, a visitor.
- ✚ Follow your company's safety rules. They represent key opportunities to prevent serious incidents. Everyone deserves to go home from work in the same condition as they arrived.

Our One-Day Professional Development Conference entitled "*Improving your Return to Work Program*" was a HUGE success! Many thanks to Mark Gasskamp and the planning team, volunteers, speakers, vendors and participants! If you weren't able to join us, the presentations will be available online (if not already) so you too can pick 10 'nuggets' of wisdom to leverage and improve your RTW program.

Being the end of the year, I urge you to make a tax-deductible donation to the **ASSE Foundation** and perpetuate the research and scholarship arm of our National organization. Point your computer, tablet or smartphone to www.asse.org/donation to make your tax-deductible contribution in advance of the 2015 tax season. Easy peasy! Currently, our beloved Region III is 2nd place in Foundation fundraising. Let's raise the bar and earn that TOP spot! We have proud member recipients who have benefitted from the Foundation distributions. I hope you'll consider making a donation and give back to our Society.

I wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season! Let yourself ease up on work and enjoy your family and friends. Cherish the time. You'll find your work right where you left it. Soak in the warmth of the season and share it with others. Best wishes to you for all you do to keep our employees safe!

See you on Monday, January 18th at DPR for our January meeting! Resolve to bring a friend to the meeting.

See you soon!
Steven Jablon, CSP

Monthly Topic

Topic: The University of Texas At Arlington – Why UTA?
Date: Monday, January 18, 2016
Location: DPR Construction, 9606 North Mopac, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78759.
Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm

Please RSVP by Thursday, for accurate lunch count.

Topic Overview:

The UTA Environmental, Safety and Health Training Opportunities (Region VI OSHA Education Center Certifications). Come visit with Speaker Robert Braun and see

what wonderful opportunities exist in the training and certifications you can receive at the UTA. He will also cover the training on UT Systems requirements.

Speaker Robert Braun

As Director for Safety and Health for UT Arlington’s Division for Enterprise Development, he has provided safety and engineering expertise.

His experience is all-encompassing serving as the Director of the Military Service Center and as an instructor for the Region VI OSHA Education Center, and as a Senior Safety and Health consultant. More than 20 years of service in the United States Army in Europe and Seventh Army as a Director of Safety and Occupational Health.

Mr. Braun’s broad and varied expertise in safety, occupational health, and engineering issues has been used by the Department of Defense (DOD) in developing DoD Joint Policy as well as international policy such as NATO. His experience as a consultant includes representing the U.S. Army in their Partnership with OSHA and providing safety and health solutions to clients in the OSHA Voluntary Protection Programs as part of the DOD VPP Center for Excellence.

Bob received his Master’s in Industrial and Safety Engineering from Texas A&M University, a Baccalaureate in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. In 1984, Bob was awarded a Master’s in Business Administration from Boston University. In December 2008, Bob received his certificates as a Trainer in OSHA Standards for General Industry and Construction and is a Certified Safety and Health Official. He has presented at numerous state, regional, national, and international conferences on a variety of technical and leadership topics.

If you are unable to attend this meeting you can always join the meeting online at:

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**Recognizing Our New Members
November/December 2015**

New Members

Robert Box Justin Murray Woody Hill

New Student Members

Kimberly Williams Justin Lagos Lucia Ejoh
Kellie Turner



“Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall 2015 Student Membership Drive! Your efforts helped recruit over 244 new student members to ASSE and continue to strengthen and raise awareness for the OSH Profession.

Congratulations to the Texas State Technical College – Waco, part of the Central Texas Chapter, for winning the 2015 Student Membership Drive Drawing! They will receive \$200.00 to go towards an upcoming Student Section meeting”

Susan Clark, ASSE Member/Student Services Coordinator

Webinars:

Evaluating Risks – the Significance of the Hierarchy of Controls – Defining a Semi Quantitative Approach to Residual Risk Calculations
12/10/2015 at 12:00 PM (EST)

Speaker: Paul A. Esposito, CIH, CSP President STAR

Overview: Of the three steps in risk assessment - Identification, assessment and evaluation, the evaluation step: determining residual risk based on the application of the hierarchy of controls is often one of the least defined or understood methodology. Based on ANSI B11.0, Safety of Machinery – General Requirements and Risk Assessment, Table 3 “the Hazard Control Hierarchy”, the control hierarchy is applicable to any risk assessment, not just machinery. Learn first-hand a methodology to semi-quantify the risk reduction or mitigation process, to minimize residual risk subjectivity and provide a more consistent end point

determination; will also address the potential additive effect of multiple controls on residual risk determination.

Cost: Member Price: \$95.00
List Price: \$115.00

Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals - A Discussion on OSHA's PSM Standard
01/13/2016 at 12:00 PM (EST)

Speaker: President Mike Serpe of Safety First NA, CSP, BSEM

Overview: Unexpected releases of toxic, reactive, or flammable liquids and gases in processes involving highly hazardous chemicals have been reported for many years, in various industries using chemicals with such properties. Regardless of the industry, using highly hazardous chemicals, there is a potential for an accidental release any time they are not properly controlled, creating the possibility of disaster.

To help ensure safe and healthy workplaces, OSHA has issued the Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals standard (29 CFR 1910.119), which contains requirements for the management of hazards associated with processes using highly hazardous chemicals. Process safety management (PSM) is addressed in specific standards for the general and construction industries. Session will:

- Provide an Overview of the OSHA PSM Standard.
- Discuss practical issues related to compliance.
- Provide an update on OSHA's current PSM Enforcement Emphasis Programs.
- Highlight events leading up to and emphasizing the need for this important regulation.

Cost: ASSE Member Price: \$95
Non-Member Price: \$115

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Go to <http://www.asse.org/> Under "Membership" select "Member Tools" to the right of the screen. Click on: "Update Your Membership Information".

Employment Opportunities:

Title of Position: Field Safety Coordinator

Immediate Supervisor: Safety/Compliance Director

FLSA: Exempt

ADB Utility Contractors is seeking a Field Safety Coordinator that will help us reach our goal of being the safest utility contractor in the industry. We are growing and this demands a greater focus on safe work practices.

Interested candidates should contact:

Ray Sharma at (314) 426-5200 ext. 1018 or email at rsharma@adb-us.com

Featured:

For a complete list of ALL available jobs:

http://jobs.asse.org/home/index.cfm?site_id=15777

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Looking forward to

New Year "2016"



Happy and Productive