

ASSE Gulf Coast Chapter Energy Corridor Section (ECS)

February 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Secretary – Elizabeth Cunningham

Registration, Lunch, and Networking – Thirty-three members and guests attended the February ECS meeting held at Spring Creek BBQ. Thanks to all who came and participated in the meeting!

Meeting Opening and Building Safety – Tabitha Laser, ECS Chairperson, welcomed attendees to the meeting. Tabitha also briefed the meeting attendees as to the emergency procedures for the room/building.

Pledge of Allegiance – Attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Self-introductions

- Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and to identify if they were searching for jobs or had job vacancies they planned to fill. Prospective members were provided with ASSE welcome/registration packages by David Drake, Membership Chairperson.
- Tabitha reminded attendees to send job leads or resumes to her if interested in having them posted to the ECS web site.
- To help colleagues during a transition to new companies and/or job positions, an Energy Corridor section member has provided a list of “Between Jobs Ministry” organizations throughout the Houston area. See the ECS web page.

ECS Lessons Learned

- Zulfiya Samedova presented lessons learned from a working at heights (ladders) incident.
- To submit a case for presentation or to volunteer to present, please contact one of the Lessons Learned Committee members: Norman Ritchie (chair), Zulfiya Samedova, Michael T Maisey, Martin Robb.
- Presentations can be found on the ECS web site. Subjects for future meetings will be:
 - March: Dropped Objects
 - April: Electrical Safety
 - May: Energy Isolations
 - June: Layers of protection (design)
 - July: Loss of Containment
 - August: Fire Safety
 - September: Lifting Operations
 - October: Permit-to-Work

Presentation

Technical Topic: Implementing Occupational Health Programs in General Industry.

Speaker: Fernando Barboza, CSP of BLCS

Section Business

1. Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the January meeting were approved.
2. Membership Report: 282 E CS members.
3. ECS Newsletter: Please send any articles to Manuel “Manny” Gonzales.
4. Open ECS positions: Vice-chair; WISE representative; BISE representative; Student Member Representative. Please contact Tabitha if interested in serving in any of these roles until June elections or if you would like to run for any office (including Chairperson).
5. ECS Future Meetings:
 - March 9, 2017 - Speaker: Yaneira E Saud of ERM. Topic: Fit for Purpose – Any Industry-specific Assessment. Location: Spring Creek BBQ, 21000 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77449.
 - April 13, 2017 – Speaker: Ken Wells (Lifeline Strategies). Technical Topic: Operating Procedures: Underused Tool for Safety and Quality? Location: Spring Creek BBQ, 21000 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX

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- May 11, 2017 - Speaker: Tom Knode (Contek Solutions). Technical Topic: What is Your Company Doing to Prevent Incidents on the Road? Location: Spring Creek BBQ, 21000 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77449.

6. Other Meetings

- April 3-5, 2017 – BLR Safety Summit; Austin, TX
- May 17-18 – AFPM National Occupational & Process Safety Conference; New Orleans, LA
- June 4-7, 2017 – American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exposition (AIHCe) 2017; Seattle, Washington.
- June 19-22, 2017 – ASSE Safety 2017 Professional Development Conference & Exposition. Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado.
- August 1-7, 2017 – NAEM Corporate Sustainability Management Conference; Chicago, IL
- September 3-6, 2017 – Annual Worker S&H XXI World Congress; Singapore
- September 23-29, 2017 – NSC Congress & Expo; Indianapolis, IN
- October 25-27, 2017 – NAEM EHS Management Forum; Fort Lauderdale, FL

7. Opportunities (See ECS web page)

- TEEX Certified Safety & Health Official (CSHO) in Construction Industry or General Industry
- Katy Area Manufacturing Industry Training Service Project - Free information and training workshops for local manufacturers, distributors, industries, service based businesses and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs).
- ASSE's Member-Get-A-Member Campaign – prizes awarded
- Women in Safety Engineering (WISE) - WISE Mentoring program connects women mentors with rising and aspiring mentees.

8. Links to ECS web sites:

- ECS linked-in group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/65589999>
- ECS Lessons Learned topics, presentations, and template: <http://gulfcoast.asse.org/energy-corridor/energy-corridor-lessons-learned/>
- ECS jobs web site: <http://gulfcoast.asse.org/energy-corridor/energy-corridor-resumes-jobs/>

9. Cory Worden (former ECS program/newsletter chairperson) and his son are facing medical challenges at this time. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Closing - ECS Chair thanked everyone for attendance and wished everyone a great day! Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

2016-2017 ECS Executive Officer Attendance

- + Tabitha Laser, Chairperson
- x Vice Chairperson (open position)
- + Elizabeth Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer
- + David Drake, Membership Chairperson
- x Norman Ritchie, Program Chairperson