

## **ASSE Gulf Coast Chapter Energy Corridor Section (ECS)**

### **April 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Secretary – Elizabeth Cunningham

**Registration, Lunch, and Networking** – Twenty-eight (28) members and guests attended the April ECS meeting held at Spring Creek BBQ. Thanks to all who came and participated in the meeting!

**Meeting Opening and Building Safety** – David Drake, ECS Membership Chairperson, chaired the meeting and welcomed attendees to the meeting. David 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. (Note: send job leads or resumes to Tabitha if interested in having them posted to the ECS web site.)

#### **ECS Lessons Learned**

- Gene Sittig presented lessons learned from a dropped object incident while welding on a pipeline. Thanks for a great presentation, Gene!
- Volunteers were requested to present upcoming lessons learned topics.
- Past presentations can be found on the ECS web site. Subjects for future meetings are:
  - 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: "Effective Procedures under SEMS"  
Speaker: Ken Wells of Lifeline Strategies

#### **Section Business**

1. ECS elections – Contact Tabitha if you are interested in holding one of the ECS Board positions (Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Membership Chair) or in serving as a vice-chair or representative to other groups (e.g., WISE, BISE, students).
2. Gulf Coast Chapter (GCC) elections – GCC will hold chapter elections at its May 4 meeting. Both Tabitha Laser and David Drake of ECS are on the ballot for Chapter offices. Location: Brady's Landing, 8505 Cypress St, Houston, TX 77012. Agenda: 11-12:00 Check-in, networking, lunch (food is served at 11:30); 12-1 pm Self-introductions, presentation.
3. Reminders
  - Lessons Learned: To submit a case for presentation or to volunteer to present, please contact the Lessons Learned Committee: Norman Ritchie (chair), Zulfiya Samedova, and Michael T Maisey.
  - Technical Topics: Contact Norman Ritchie, Programs Chair, if interested in presenting a technical topic at an ECS meeting.
  - ECS Newsletter: Please send any articles to Cory Worden.

4. Safety Moments:
  - Fall from heights: 4' fall from ladder resulted in death of an individual who developed 'wet gangrene' from internal bruising. Fall from heights is a top OSHA priority.
  - Pay It Forward During the Downturn: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/pay-it-forward-networking-tours-mission-history-carlos-a-pineda> ; <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/pay-it-forward-networking-programs-11817341365>
5. Meeting Improvements: ECS began collecting suggestions at our meetings with the intent to improve the meetings. This are simple forms that ask for the aspect of the meeting that you would keep and the aspect that you would like us to change. We hope this will improve the quality of our meetings so that we can continue to provide value to you!
6. Future ECS Meetings:
  - May 11, 2017 - Location: Spring Creek BBQ, 21000 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77449.
  - June 8, 2017 – Location: Spring Creek BBQ, 21000 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77449.
  - July 13, 2017 – Location: Spring Creek BBQ, 21000 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77449.
6. Other Meetings
  - April 20, 2017 - Joint ASSE GCC/ HASC Professional Development Conference; HASC Pasadena Campus 5213 Center Street, Pasadena, TX 77505; Sessions 1-3 pm; Cocktail Networking Reception 3-5 pm. *SPACE IS LIMITED – R.S.V.P. REQUIRED. R.S.V.P. to [www.hasc.com/Safety-Day](http://www.hasc.com/Safety-Day)*
  - 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. 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/>

**Closing** - David thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a great day! Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

#### **2016-2017 ECS Executive Officer Attendance**

- x Tabitha Laser, Chairperson
- + Elizabeth Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer
- + David Drake, Membership Chairperson
- + Norman Ritchie, Program Chairperson