



Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter

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OSHA administrative law judge rules that Massachusetts companies operated as single employer at worksite where 3 workers fell

by The Department of Labor

BOSTON – “An administrative law judge with the independent [Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission](#) has ruled that two Massachusetts contractors - A.C. Castle Construction Co. Inc. and Daryl Provencher, doing business as Provencher Home Improvements - were operating as a single employer at a Wenham worksite when three employees were injured in October 2014.

The employees were performing residential roofing work on a ladder jack scaffold when the wooden plank on which they were standing snapped, causing them to fall 20 feet to the ground. An investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor's [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) found that the wooden plank was not graded for scaffold use and its invoice made clear it was not for scaffold use. Other hazards included deficiencies with the scaffold's components and structure and lack of fall protection for the employees. OSHA cited A.C. Castle and Provencher as a single employer in April...”

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Chapter Highlights



Past April ASSE & AIHA Chapter Meeting

Thank you Sarah Anderson for an insightful talk on “Insightful Hygiene and Occupational Health Management.” The presentation covered tools for managing IH and Occupational Health programs, ensuring compliance and gaining management support. Gulf Coast members and visitors were able to network, enjoy lunch and hear three wonderful safety talks!

Member Highlights

Congratulations to all members celebrating 10 and 25 years of membership milestones! Thank you for your outstanding commitment to the Gulf Coast Chapter.

Robert	Fischer	25
Merlin	Hoiseth	25
Timothy	Manning	25
Michael	Stelzer	25
Stephanie	Alvarez	10
Rebecca	Brack	10
Roy	Jordan	10
Michael	Milligan	10
David	Rodriguez	10

**Congrats
and
Welcome**

Welcome the newest members of Gulf Coast Chapter!

Tasmeya	Ahmad
Scott	Anderson
Tristan	Arthur
Nathan	Boswell
Robynn	Brandt
Brittany	Brown
Ben	Brown
Crystal	Bustamante
Kim	Cameron
Joe	Cuellar
Brandon	Dominguez
Kent	Etienne
Stephanie	Farrell
Lisa	Gaugh
Menczel	Gogo
Ed	Harrington
Bianca	Heilman
Samuel	Hoskin
Stefan	Malhotra
Troy	Meinen
Manuel	Ramos
Thomas	Stenbeck
Richard	Sullivan
Candice	Williams
Scott	Grimes
David	Olson
David	Monson
Achilles	Soukis

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OSHA Updates continued

"...2015 due to the highly integrated nature of their work operations, including common worksites and common management and supervision. A.C. Castle and Provencher contested their citations and penalties to the review commission. A.C. Castle contended that, as general contractor, it was not responsible for the safety of the workers on the jobsite, asserting that they were employed by Provencher. A trial was held before Administrative Law Judge Sharon D. Calhoun in June 2016. Judge Calhoun ruled on Feb. 28, 2017, that A.C. Castle and Provencher were operating as a single employer at the time of the inspection. A.C. Castle sought review of the decision, which the commission declined. On April 17, 2017, Judge Calhoun's decision became a final order. A.C. Castle has 60 days from the date of that order to seek review in the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals...." **The entire article can be found at: www.osha.gov**

"OSHA administrative law judge rules that Massachusetts companies operated as single employer at worksite where 3 workers fell." U.S. Department of Labor. Occupational Safety & Health Administration, 26 Apr. 2017. Web. 24 Apr. 2017.

FREE Safety Trainings April-May 2017:

- Legal Aspects of Safety
- OSHA 10hr Construction
- Legal Aspects of Safety
- How to Use OSHA's Resources to Develop a Compliant and Effective Safety Program
- Fire in the Workplace

<http://www.com.edu/gcsi/free-training>

Interested in being a vendor at the Monthly Chapter Meeting?

Contact Program Chair, Doug Rush
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2016/2017 ASSE GCC Executive Committee Nominees



Nominee for President / Delegate #1 – Tabitha Laser

Tabitha is the Health and Safety Global Practice Leader for CH2M and has more than 23 years of operations and consulting leadership experience. She earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of Central Missouri, and is a Certified Safety Professional. Tabitha has served as Gulf Coast Chapter Energy Corridor Section Chair, ASSE CFL Ag Branch Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, ASSE St. Louis Chapter Membership Chair, and ASSE National Ag Practice Specialty Vice Chair.



Nominee for Sr. Vice President of Communications / Delegate #2 – Jovan Lora

Jovan Lora is a Sr. EHS Specialist at BASF. Jovan has been in the EHS field for over 14 years, with experience in the military, consulting and chemical industries. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Columbia Southern University, and a Master of Engineering degree in Advanced Safety Engineering and Management from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and an Occupational Safety and Health Technologist (OHST). Jovan joined the ASSE in 2009 and has served on the Executive Committee as Program Chair and most recently as the VP of Member Services. He has also served as the Treasurer and Vice President for the West Florida Chapter of the ASSE.



Nominee for Vice President of Member Services / Delegate #3 – David Drake

David Drake is a longtime Houstonian, having moved to Houston from New Orleans in 1992. He is married with two teenage daughters, a high school junior and one that attends UT Dallas. He lives in Katy, TX and is an avid sports enthusiast and outdoorsman. David holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Loyola University of New Orleans and an Associate's degree in Graphic Design from Delgado Community College. He is also contemplating pursuing formal training in HSE. David is active with several professional organizations, including ASSE (two year member), where he currently serves as Director of Membership for the Energy Corridor Section within the Gulf Coast Chapter.



Nominee for Secretary/ Delegate #4 – Krystle Hodge

Krystle Hodge is a Contractor SSHE Coordinator for ExxonMobil in Houston, Texas. She received her MPH from The University of Texas School of Public Health after graduating from the University of Houston with

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her Bachelors in Biology in 2009. After graduation, Krystle went on to work in Rice University's Earth Science Research Department and the City of Houston's Environmental Public Health Department. She is currently the Content Coordinator for ASSE Blacks in Safety Engineering (BISE) and a member of ASSE Women in Safety Engineering (WISE). Krystle has served on the ASSE Gulf Coast Chapter Executive Committee for the past year as the Newsletter Chair.



Nominee for Treasurer/ Delegate #5 – James Charo

James has over 18 years specialized experience in the Health, Safety, Environment field. His experience includes both foreign and domestic assignments working for industry leading organizations. James has served on the ASSE Gulf Coast Chapter Executive Committee for the past 3 years as Secretary and Treasurer (2 year term).



Nominee for Program Chair / Delegate #6 – Dustin Hickey

Dustin Hickey is a Certified Safety Professional with fourteen years' experience in the general, maritime, and construction industries, and has spent the past eight years' working in the construction safety field. Dustin currently works as Division Safety Manager of Cajun Constructors, LLC's Texas Operations. In addition to holding the ASP and CSP designations, Dustin is an honors graduate of Columbia Southern University's Bachelor of Science degree program in Occupational Safety & Health, has been deemed a Construction Site Safety Master (CSSM) by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), and has successfully managed safety programs for large construction projects with global clients including but not limited to ExxonMobil, LyondellBasell, Dow Chemical, Shell, BP (British Petroleum), Tenaris, Formosa Plastics Corporation, Celanese, Flint Hills Resources, BASF Chemical, Enterprise Products, and Chevron Phillips. Dustin has been involved in ASSE since 2009. Dustin is a resident of Friendswood, TX, where he enjoys spending time with his wife, daughter, and son.



Nominee for Newsletter Chair / Delegate #7 – Jessica Good

Jessica Good is currently HSE Specialist for The Brock Group, a large specialty construction company with fourteen VPP Star sites. In her role she provides Industrial Hygiene support and she also assists in program development. Jessica has also worked with Solvay and LyondellBasell. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Hygiene and Safety from the University of Houston – Clear Lake, and the Graduate Safety Professional certification from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. Jessica previously served as ASSE Gulf Coast's Student Section President at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Upcoming Meeting and Events

ASSE & AIHA Gulf Coast General Chapter Meeting

Date Thursday, May 4, 2017
Time 11:00-1:00pm
Location Brady's Landing 8505 Cypress St Houston, Texas
Speaker Tim Grebe, TQS Consulting, LLC
Topic: Gauging Safety Culture in the Workplace

Energy Corridor Section Meeting

Date Thursday, May 11, 2017
Time 11:00-1:00pm
Location Spring Creek BBQ 2100 Katy Fwy; Katy, TX 77449
Speaker Tom Knode, Contek Solutions
Topic: What is Your Company Doing to Prevent Incidents on the Road?

North Section Meeting

Date Thursday, May 18, 2017
Time 11:30-1:00pm
Location 10000 Energy Drive Spring, Texas 77389
Speaker TBA
Topic: TBA

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