It's Official: ASSE to Become American Society of Safety Professionals

by The American Society of Safety Engineers

Following the outcome of a historic membership vote, ASSE will become the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) next year when it launches a redesigned website in conjunction with Safety 2018. ASSP's logo will undergo small adjustments to reflect the new ASSP acronym as well.

Over a 45-day period that ended Aug. 13, ASSE members cast votes on the proposed name, which was approved by the House of Delegates during its annual meeting in June. The final tally found 74% of members (3,651) in favor of the change. Fourteen percent of eligible members cast ballots, surpassing the minimum voting requirement of 1%.

“Our members have clearly voiced that the American Society of Safety Professionals better reflects our diverse membership,” says ASSE President Jim Smith, M.S., CSP. “Engineers made up our entire membership when we were formed, but today the occupational safety and health profession encompasses many disciplines.”

Research conducted in 2016 with ASSE members, customers and stakeholders across the globe indicated that an updated brand with a clearer vision would better reflect the organization’s current membership and position it for growth. The study also found that a new name would help eliminate confusion about who could join the Society. “Our members have always decided who we are and what we’re all about,” Smith said. “This latest vote was part of an objective process that has made us a strong organization for more than 100 years.”

ASSE’s logo will undergo small adjustments that correspond with its name change. The green shield will continue to display the organization’s acronym in gold letters within the four angles of a gold cross, but the “E” will be changed to “P.”

The organization will continue to be called ASSE until early June 2018 when it debuts a new website and makes the conversion to its new name in alignment with Safety 2018, slated for June 3-6 in San Antonio, TX.

“Workplace safety is constantly evolving, so our society must adjust as well to remain strong and relevant while growing our profession,” Smith says. “Our profession includes more occupations and industries than ever before. Our members are knowledgeable about everything from risk assessment and hazard control to workers’ compensation and organizational management, not to mention the more traditional aspects of safety management and engineering.”

This entire article can be found at: www.asse.gov

Chapter Highlights

August Monthly Meeting

Thank you Mark Farley and his team from Katten’s Environmental and Workplace Safety practice for the wonderful talk on “Major Incident Response: Managing the First 96 Hours”. The presentation covered how to manage response to a major incident from a legal perspective. Members and visitors were able to network, enjoy lunch and hear a wonderful safety talk!

Member Highlights

Congratulations to all members celebrating 10 and 40 years of membership milestones! Thank you for your outstanding commitment to the Gulf Coast Chapter.

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Welcome the newest members of the Gulf Coast Chapter!

| Kevin Koch   | Larry Morris |
| Bradley Vermillion | Nathan Dunlap |
| Tabitha Laser  | Todd Miller  |
| Scott Sipole   | Matthew Smith |
| William Walker  | Katerina Diaz |
| Sharon Wuthrich |       |
Upcoming Meeting and Events

ASSE & AIHA Gulf Coast General Chapter Meeting

DUE TO HURRICAN HARVEY THE MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA WEBINAR.

Date: September 7, 2017

REGISTER ONLINE: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8020663931419229697

Agenda
- 11:00 – 11:30 Chapter Updates
- 11:30 – 12:30 OSHA Updates
- 12:30 – 1:00 Hurricane Harvey Discussion

Speaker: James Shelton, M.S.; OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist

Topic: OSHA & Houston Update: Review of OSHA Initiatives & Areas of Emphasis with a Look at Houston Specific Incident Data

Speaker Bio:
James Shelton is the Compliance Assistance Specialist (CAS) at the OSHA Houston North Area Office. The CAS is a non-enforcement position within OSHA responsible for outreach, training, and assistance to employees, employers, and industry groups. Mr. Shelton has been with OSHA for 19 years: Eleven years as the CAS and eight years as an OSHA inspector conducting hundreds of worksite inspections and numerous fatality investigations. Mr. Shelton has a M.S. Degree in Safety Management and a B.S Degree in Industrial Safety and Industrial Security both from Central Missouri State University.

Energy Corridor Section Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 14th, 2017
Time: 11:00-1:00pm
NEW Location: Wood Group – Stallion Building: 17325 Park Row, Houston TX
Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Jensen
Topic: Practical Cybersecurity: Where You Fit into the Big Picture
Register for 2017 ASSE Region III Professional Development Conference

www.regionthreepdc.com

September 11-13
Hurst, TX

Have something exciting going on at your school and would like it broadcasted in the Gulf Coast Newsletter?

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Professional Development

2017 Region III ASSE Professional Development Conference
September 11-13, 2017
Hurst Conference Center
Hurst, Texas

Student Section

Future Safety Leaders Conference 2017

Come together with your peers, OSH professionals and top employers for a two-day conference focused on providing you the tools to begin a successful career in safety.

The Future Safety Leaders Conference offers unique opportunities to:

- Learn how to be an effective leader and communicator
- Engage in roundtable discussions with experienced OSH professionals
- Gain career advice from leaders and employers in the profession
- Hone resume writing and interview skills with resume critiques and mock interviews
- Explore options for advanced degrees, certifications, internships and employment

How can a student member apply to attend the 2017 Future Safety Leaders Conference?

All ASSE student members are invited to apply. Application materials and detailed information about the conference can be found at fslc.asse.org. Students should complete the Student Essay Worksheet and submit it to their Faculty Advisors (students not in a student section should email this document to a faculty member) NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 7, 2017. The Student Essay Worksheet will help the faculty member complete the student Attendee Selection Worksheet online form, which is due NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 14, 2017.