



Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter



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



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**. ASSE'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

"It's Official: ASSE to Become American Society of Safety Professionals." ASSE, American Society of Safety Professionals, 21 Aug. 2017, www.asse.org/its-official-asse-to-become-american-society-of-safety-professionals/.

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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.

		Member Years
Robert	Swint	35
Todd	Miller	30
S.	Billter	25
Alan	Williams	25
David	McIntosh	20
Darren	Swisher	20
Stephen	Heller	15
Randall	Pittman	15
Brett	Richardson	15
Mark	Yankosky	10
Robert	Logan	10
David	Matheny	5
Edward	Powers	5
Cristal	Shie	5
Scott	Thomas	5
Stephen	Trujillo	5

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		

FREE Safety Trainings August-October 2017:

- Bloodborne Pathogens: Disease Transmission Prevention
- OSHA 10hr General Industry
- OSHA 10hr Construction
- Improving Your Respiratory Protection Program
- Severe Weather Safety
- OSHA's Safety and Health Management Guidelines
- Accident Investigation
- Nuts & Bolt of Industrial Hygiene

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

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**

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going on at your school
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Professional Development



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**.

