



Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter



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ISO 45001 – Publication Date Set for Global Standard

A highly anticipated global standard aimed at creating safer workplaces everywhere will be published on March 12, according to the Switzerland-based International Organization for Standardization (ISO) that spearheaded the five-year development process with support from the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). Companies can purchase a hard copy of ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems from ASSE beginning the week of the standard's publication.

The voluntary consensus standard provides a framework that companies can use to increase employee safety, reduce workplace risks and improve business outcomes worldwide. Development began in 2013, with ASSE serving as the administrator of the U.S. technical advisory group (TAG) to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The multi-year process included input from more than 75 countries across six continents.

"ISO 45001 is one of the most significant developments in workplace safety over the past 50 years, presenting an opportunity to move the needle on reducing occupational safety and health risks," said TAG Chair Vic Toy, CSP, CIH. "The goal was to create a widely accepted standard that can produce a highly effective safety and health management system for an increasingly interconnected world, regardless of an organization's size, location, supply chains or nature of work."

The outcome over time will be safer and healthier workplaces around the world as companies adopt the groundbreaking standard to reduce injuries, illnesses and fatalities. Organizations looking to acquire the new global standard after it is published should visit ASSE's ISO 45001 web page.

ASSE has taken initial steps to pursue adoption of ISO 45001 as an American national standard. If that effort is successful this year, the document would be titled "ISO/ANSI/ASSE 45001-2018." ASSE is currently creating training and professional development materials in response to significant interest from occupational safety and health professionals.

"Better management of risk is needed by businesses in every industry to not only protect their human capital, but to achieve growth and sustainability objectives while improving their bottom line," said TAG Vice Chair Kathy A. Seabrook, CSP, CFIOSH, EurOSHM. "ISO 45001 is a tool to help organizations do just that."

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

For more information on the global standard visit ASSE's ISO 45001 webpage. [Click here](#) or visit <http://iso45001.asse.org/>

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Chapter Highlights

February Monthly Meeting

Thank you AIHA and Cheryl L. (Cheri) Marcham, Ph.D., CSP, CIH, CHMM for presenting on Electronic Cigarettes in the Indoor Environment. Members and visitors were able to network, enjoy lunch and hear a wonderful industrial hygiene topic! A huge thank you also to the San Jacinto College Central for letting us hold our February meeting at their facility!

Chapter Bylaw Changes for Upcoming Year

With the rollout of the new name change to American Society of Safety Professionals, the Gulf Coast Executive Committee has been diligently working on updating the current bylaws to reflect the upcoming changes. Along with the name change, additional changes have been proposed. The proposed changes to the bylaws include:

- Article I, Section I: Society name change-American Society of Safety Professionals
- Article V, Section I: Add Student Liaison Chair as 8th delegate
- Article V, Section VI: The term of the President and Treasurer shall be two (2) years, and all other elected positions shall be one (1) year, from July to June 30
- Article VI, Section V: Update Bylaws to reflect current Society requirements for Sections
- Article VII, Section V: The Chapter shall remit 30% of Chapter dues of Section members of section for its use at the beginning of each term year

Members will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed changes at the upcoming April meeting.

FREE Safety Trainings February - April 2018:

- Hearing Conservation
- Gender Culture & Communication
- Successfully Navigating Safety-Related Investigations and Legal Proceedings
- Regulations, Hierarchies, and Conditioning: The Three Levels of Hazard Controls
- Coaching for Managers and Leaders
- Fatigue Management

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

Upcoming Meeting and Events

ASSE & AIHA Gulf Coast General Chapter Meeting and Networking Event

Date Thursday, March 1st, 2018
Time 8 am- 10 am
Location Marriot Houston South Hobby Airport



Thanks to all of the great feedback we have been receiving from you, and the rest of our members, we have decided to MIX THINGS UP A BIT!

We will have a breakfast meeting instead of a lunch meeting, and will be hosting our 1st Speed Networking Event! If you have ever participated in one of these before, you already know how great they are. If you haven't, then you are in for a treat! Speed Networking is a fun way to meet other EHS professionals, share experiences, learn, grow, socialize, and spark innovation. We need everyone to attend to help make this a success – senior level, field, junior, college students, employed, unemployed, EHS curious, vendors, consultants, etc., so hope to see you there!

In addition, we will be trying out a new location that could possibly become our home in the future, so would love it if you can attend and share your feedback with us after.

Please register ahead of time so we can coordinate the event to be the HUGE success we hope it to be! Also, please bring your EHS friends and peers to enjoy in the event!

Breakfast will be provided to all that attend!

Register here: <https://gulfcoast.asse.org/events/networking-social/>

Interested in being a vendor at the Monthly Chapter Meeting?

Sponsorship (Single Vendor Exclusive) Vendor

- \$1,000 Exclusive Sponsorship (First Come First Serve Basis)
- Provide Drawing Prizes

Benefits

- Recognition during the Meeting "Kick Off"
- 5 min presentation on your services/products
- 2 table spaces in the meeting room
- Display logo on Signage

Sponsorship (Multiple Vendors)

- \$500 Sponsorship/Vendor
- Provide Drawing Prizes

Benefits

- Limited to first 3 Vendors
- Recognition during the Meeting "Kick Off"
- 1 table space in the meeting room per vendor
- Display logo

Register for Safety 2018

<https://safety.asse.org/registration/>

**June 3-6, 2018
San Antonio, TX**

Energy Corridor Section Meeting

Date Thursday, March 8th, 2018
Time 11:00-1:00pm
Location Wood Group – Stallion Building: 17325 Park Row, Houston TX

“Making Effective Presentations” – R McCain

Rod McCain has been a Safety Professional since 1996 when he received his OHST Certification. He has been a Project Safety Manager since 1996 and has been involved with many large projects, including the Chicago Project (13 Natural Gas Compressor Stations), ExxonMobil Co-Gen Project, ExxonMobil North American Growth, Chevron Jack and St. Malo, just to name a few.

Rod has been a member of ASSE since 1998 and helped found the Energy Corridor Section of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the ASSE where he served as Section Chair. For his work with ASSE, Rod was named ASSE Safety Professional of the Year (SPY).

Rod currently works for WOOD. as a Project Safety Manager. He is the President of the Wood Group Innovators Toastmaster’s Club and had been involved with Toastmasters for over 25 years. He has been married for 32 years to his wonderful wife Kathy and has three grown children.

“Fitness for Duty and Human Error: Breaking the Link” – N Ritchie

Norman Ritchie has worked in oil and gas for over 30 years. Educated as a Mechanical Engineer at the University of Glasgow in Scotland, he has gained broad expertise through engineering and management positions in exploration, production and capital projects. Ritchie’s experience covers the full hydrocarbon development life cycle from conceptual design to decommissioning.

Since 1997, Ritchie has consulted in project management and enterprise risk management. As a Director of vPSI group, LLC, which he co-founded in 2003, Ritchie provides consulting and training in performance measurement and improvement, principally in the areas of risk, loss prevention, safety, problem solving and human factors.

Ritchie holds a broad US patent for online JSA Systems and currently serves as Program Chair for the Energy Corridor Section of the ASSE’s Gulf Coast Chapter.

More details here: <https://gulfcoast.asse.org/events/energy-corridor-section-meeting-19/>

Professional Development

SAFETY 2018 (June 3-6th, 2018)

Safety professionals are expected to have expertise in risk management, ergonomics, industrial hygiene, product safety, environmental management, Workers' Compensation, standards and organizational management, in addition to the more traditional aspects of safety management. The annual conference encompasses all this and so much more.

For three days, engross yourself in almost 20 hours of IACET accredited education formatted as concurrent sessions, flash sessions, key issue collaboration sessions, and panels on the topics relevant to your company's situation.

Over 5,000 OSH professionals will come together to learn about best practices, case studies, the latest technology and how to advance their safety efforts.



To register and get more details on Safety 2018, visit safety.asse.org!

Student Section

Spring 2018 Student Membership Drive

The Spring 2018 Student Membership Drive is underway! Recruit new members during the Beast of Safety Student Membership Drive and your student section will be eligible for prizes (\$200 for the winning student section, complimentary dues renewal for the winning student section Faculty Advisor, and ten \$25 Restaurant.com gift cards).

To join in on the fun, ask new student members to enter the promo code 18STUREF on their application. And that's it! Your student section will be entered into a drawing for every new member who joins using this code. Make sure new members chose a free practice specialty on their application or the promo code will not work.

[Visit our website for more information!](#)

The deadline for the Spring 2018 Membership Drive is March 16, 2018.

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

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Register Early for Safety 2018

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On or before February 18: \$105
March 1- April 13: \$165
April 14- May 31: \$195
June 1-June 6: \$225

There's much to take advantage of at Safety 2018:

Student Roundtable Discussions: Tuesday, June 5 | 2:30-4:00PM, OSH professionals from various industries and backgrounds will share their career experiences, discuss communication skills, professional development and other relevant topics. Get a broader perspective on what it is like to be an OSH professional to prepare for your career.

Career Center: Stop by and view internships and entry-level job opportunities provided by companies from across the country. Visit company tabletop booths to learn more about potential employers and connect with reps from top companies.

Young Professionals Networking Reception: Sunday, June 3 | 7:00-9:00PM, \$10 registration

Click [here](#) to view all of the Networking Events; and here to register for Safety 2018 and any of the events planned. We hope to see you in San Antonio!

Click on the video below for a testimonial to ASSE's PDC & Exposition:
<https://youtu.be/IntS4orLQWY>

OSSA Applications Due April 1

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Please visit <http://www.asse.org/membership/ossa/> for the annual reward requirements, the application, and to see past winning applications.

