



Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter

October 23, 2014

Letter from the ASSE Gulf Coast Chapter President

By: Luke Albrecht, CSP

This year marks our 75th year since being chartered as the Gulf Coast Chapter (GCC) of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). I am honored to step in to my new role as President of our Chapter during this Diamond Jubilee year! Our Chapter stands strong as the largest in Society with over 1,900 members. We kicked off the celebration of our Diamond Jubilee year with a \$22,000 donation to the ASSE Foundation which funded both our GCC Past President's Scholarship and the Professional Education Grant at a higher level! Our Past President's of the Gulf Coast Chapter, many of whom have mentored me at some point in my career, have done an exceptional job leading selflessly in our profession and within our Society. With your support, I am excited to serve our Chapter this year! I began my career as a Firefighter in the U.S. Air Force and spent seven years in the fire service before moving into a full time HSE role with KBR in 2003. I joined ASSE in 2006 and have held various committee level positions in our Chapter over the past four years. We have a solid Executive Committee in place to guide our Chapter forward through this next year and we are all excited to serve you.

Each of us has made the decision to be a part of this great organization. I have benefitted greatly on a personal and professional level from my involvement in the Gulf Coast Chapter as well as Society. My goal is to serve in a way that helps you realize the maximum benefits of your membership.

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Announcement

We have started to work on our Chapter Professional Development Conference. A Committee has been formed and they are looking into dates and possible locations. If you have a location suggestion please let Cameron know.

Letter from the ASSE Gulf Coast Chapter President Continued

As we begin to plan our activities for the next year, I would like to extend a challenge to each of you to become more involved in our Chapter. What can you contribute to our membership or the community? What types of activities can you participate with ASSE or what do you think we should be doing that hasn't been done in the past? There are three key areas of focus for our Executive Committee as we move through this Chapter year, Service to our membership and our community, Leadership, and Training. I look forward to serving you as we work together with the leaders in our businesses and our community to achieve the ultimate goal, an incident free workplace.



The ASSE Foundation's 2015 Scholarship and Professional Education Grant program is now available to students pursuing degrees in occupational safety & health and to safety professionals working to advance their professional credentials. The Foundation will award more than \$250,000 to students and professionals in 2015.

New this year are several awards including the Nick D. Yin Scholarship, the first global-oriented scholarship intended for students from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, or Macau studying in the United States. In addition, SafeStart and UL join the Foundation's program lineup with generous awards for students. Texas Safety Foundation has increased their funding to add a new scholarship and two new professional education grants are available from the ASSE Greater Boston and Oklahoma City chapters.

The Foundation is introducing a new category of awards titled Impact Scholarships. These awards range from \$10,000 – \$15,000 and are designed to cover a substantial portion of a student's tuition, offering significant support during their education. The Foundation thanks Applications International Corporation for being the first to fund these special awards.

To apply visit 1assescholars.communityforce.com between September 1, 2014 and December 1, 2014. Award recipients will be notified and announced on the Foundation's website on April 1, 2015. Before submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to review the Frequently Asked Questions to be sure they qualify.

Mary Goranson
Foundation Manager

Upcoming Free Classes/Courses



Just Announced! The Spring 2015 Risk Management Schedule ([Here](#))

Center for Risk Management
Upcoming, No-Cost, Safety Classes

The 8 Attributes of Character Defined In Great Leaders

Friday, November 7, 2014

Your ability to lead people is critical to your success! There are common attributes that define “Character” required to be a great leader. These attributes are critical for the success of any EHS Professional. Your ability to develop these attributes and actively utilize them in various situations will help ensure your success. This course discusses each attribute, the application in the workplace supported by real life stories and examples. By actively building on these attributes, you can develop into a stronger leader and ultimately have success personally and professionally. This class will be taught by Denis Baker.

Denis Baker currently serves as the Vice President, Health, Safety and Environmental for Flogistix LP. He has over 25 years of experience in HS&E. Prior to Flogistix, Mr. Baker held the position of Chemical Business Group Team Leader, Health and Safety for The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. He has extensive experience in the development and implementation of world-class HS&E programs. He has worked in multiple industries including manufacturing, chemical, construction and oil and gas.

Medical Surveillance

Friday, November 21, 2014

Occupational medical surveillance is required under many of the OSHA chemical specific regulations. This course will cover the aspects of how to develop a basic medical surveillance program for routine testing and monitoring using hazard analysis and industrial hygiene monitoring results. We’ll discuss pre employment exams, routine testing, medical recordkeeping, post exposure testing and NIOSH recommendations for other medical surveillance not specifically covered by OSHA standards. Additional topics may include the development of company related occupational exposure limits. This class will be taught by Cindy L. Lewis.

All classes are presented at the Gulf Coast Safety Institute located at 320 Delany Road, La Marque TX 77568. Classes are scheduled from 8 am - 5 pm. Student check-in will begin at 7:30 am.

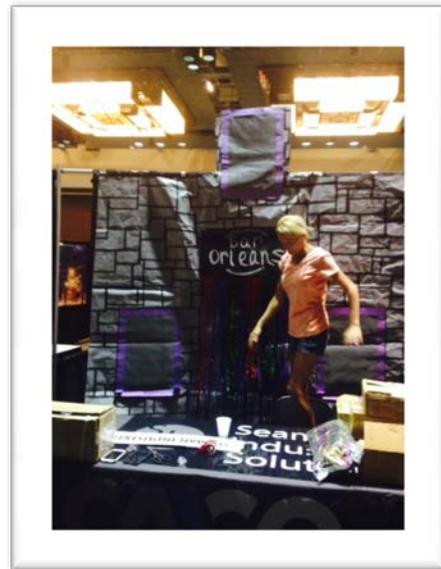
To register:

1) Contact SeAlice Hemphill at 409-933-8365 or email at riskmanagement@com.edu.

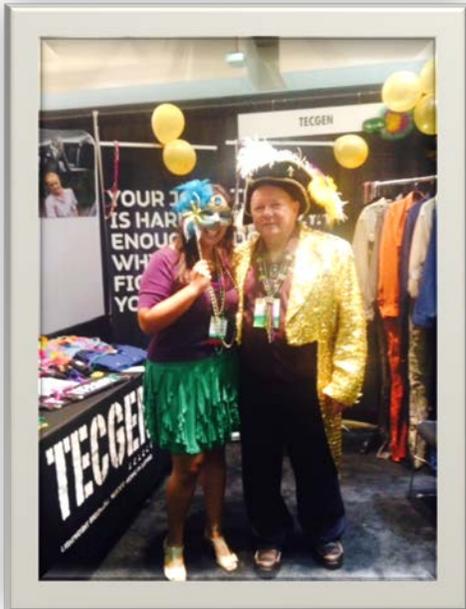
ASSE Photo Memories



"2014 Best of Show" The Gulf Coast Safety Institute was the winning exhibitor at Region III PDC in Galveston.



"2nd Place" went to Seaman Industrial Solution at Region III PDC in Galveston



"Honorable Mention" went to TECGEN at Region III PDC in Galveston.



Carrie Atkins (left) accepting the Gulf Coast Chapter Gold award at Chapter Recognition Luncheon during Safety 2014. Allen Brown (left) and representatives from the Sabine Neches, Oklahoma City and Southwest Chapters are pictured in the middle accepting their Chapter awards.



Upcoming General and Section Meetings

Gulf Coast General Chapter Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2014
Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Location: Brady's Landing, 8505 Cypress Street, Houston, TX
Speakers: Gena Fendley – *Pentagon Freight Services*
Tracy Donahoo, CSP – *Sumutomo's Tubular Products*
Topic: **Pipe Handling Safety: Loading/Unloading Operations**
Cost: \$22 (for buffet lunch)

Description: Pipe Handling Safety aims to increase awareness of the catastrophic potential of pipe related accidents and to better equip the prevention of pipe handling incidents especially in regards to flatbed trucks and loading/unloading pipe. Extensive research of pipe related fatalities highlighted the magnitude of the exposure as well as common factors involved in most fatalities, what are the critical tasks and who is most at risk. Pipe is distributed throughout the world. The supply chain from manufacturer to end user typically includes several value-added services. Pipe products are very heavy and errors in handling can result in fatal accidents. This presentation looks at the systems involved in safe pipe handling with loading and unloading trucks as the weakest link in the system, and discusses common mistakes leading to fatalities. The presentation then distills the lessons learned into an easy to remember process for safety: Communication, Securement, Positioning.

Energy Corridor Section

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2014
Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Location: 17420 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX
Speaker: Britt Howard, MS, CSP, CRSP
Topic: **The 3 Big E's in Safety Leadership**
Cost: \$10.00 (Includes Lunch)

Speaker Bio: Britt Howard, is an inspired master at developing HSE (Health, Safety, & Environmental) professionals. He routinely speaks at industry conferences, has been quoted in industrial magazines, and was an instructor at various colleges for 7 years. His experience in HSE management / leadership – from HSE specialist to firefighter to Corporate Safety Officer – offers those he instructs and serves thoughtful insight on the importance of safety. He is a sought after inspirational speaker and shares his stories of lessons learned and personal philosophies from his HSE adventures spanning 29 states, eight countries and two continents. Britt imparts some of his personal and process safety philosophies in his book *The Ten E's in Safety Leadership*, published in the spring of 2011. He is currently the Global Director of HSE for the CH2M-Hill Energy Market and is based in Houston, TX. Britt earned a BS in Criminal Justice from West Virginia State University, a MS in Safety Management from Marshall University, he is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP), and a Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP).

Section Website: <http://gulfoast.asse.org/energy-corridor-events/>

Student Section

Section: Gulf Coast – College of Mainland
Dates and Times: 1st Meeting: First Saturday of every month at 10:00 AM
2nd Meeting: Second Thursday of every month 12:30 AM
Location: Gulf Coast Safety Institute, 320 Delay Road, La Marque, TX 77561
Questions: Email Zach Garthwaite at ZHGarth@gmail.com

*Section Meetings, like the General Chapter Meeting, are open to anyone.
Members are encouraged to bring co-workers, management, vendors, and other guests.*

Please contact Cristal Shie to add your ASSE meeting here.

Chapter Information

Please Welcome the 2014-2015 Executive Committee Members



Past President – Carrie Atkins: Currently Carrie serves as the Immediate Past President for the Gulf Coast Chapter of ASSE and Chair for the 2015 Region III PDC Committee. Carrie works for the Houston Area Safety Council as Manager of NASA Annex Operations. Carrie is a 23+ year veteran of Occupational Health Services and is a Certified Occupational Hearing Conservationist. In October 2001 Carrie assisted with medical clearance and respirator fit testing for workers at the site of the former World Trade Center. Her specialties are Respirator Fit Testing, Pulmonary Function Testing, and Certified Occupational Hearing Conservation. She has been a proud member of the Gulf Coast Chapter of ASSE since 2008 and has served as a volunteer for ASSE ever since. She has held the following positions within the Gulf Coast Chapter of ASSE: Governmental Affairs Chair, VP/Communications, President – Elect and President. On a Regional level Carrie served as the Region III Deputy VP 2013-2014.



President – Luke Albrecht, CSP: Luke is a Health & Safety Director with Sage Environmental and has 18 years' experience in the HSE field with deep experience developing and managing all aspects of Health, Safety, and Environmental (HSE) programs in the petrochemical and construction services industries. He specializes in safety program management, safety program audits, root cause analysis, emergency response planning, and training. Luke has a BS degree in Occupational Safety and Health/ Fire Science from Columbia Southern University and he previously served as President Elect, Sr. Vice President and Parliamentarian for the Gulf Coast Chapter.

Senior Vice President of Communications – Gena Fendley: Gena is currently the HSE Manager at Pentagon Freight Services and has seven years of experience in the HSE field. She has previously served as Senior Vice President, and Programs Chair.

Vice President of Member Services – William Gonzales, OHST: William is the EHS Director for The Brock Group and has 17 years of HSE experience. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from UH – Clear Lake and has served as various capacities for the Chapter including as a delegate, historian, and organizing the ASP/CSP preparation course.

Secretary – James Charo: James has over 16 years specialized experience in the Health, Safety, Environment field. His experience includes both foreign and domestic assignments working for industry leading organizations.

Treasurer – Paul Hernandez, CSP: Paul Hernandez is a Certified Safety Professional that currently works at Shell Deer Park. He graduated from the University of Houston Clear Lake with his Bachelors in Environmental Science with a Specialization in Industrial Hygiene and Safety. He worked at Texas Petrochemicals as the Safety Coordinator, Lyondell Bassell as an Industrial Hygienist and now Shell as a Health and Safety Specialist. He previously served as Treasurer and will continue to serve in this capacity in accordance with the Chapter bylaws.



Program Chair – Cameron Isaacs, CSP: Cameron (Cam) Isaacs has been working in the Safety, Health, & Environmental Profession for 18 years, primarily within petro/chemical manufacturing and large-scale construction projects. His positions have ranged from technical safety/occupational health to leadership roles. His primary interests involve strengthening safety management systems, developing incident prevention strategies, & enhancing behavior-based safety cultures. Cam had the opportunity to work for Lyondell Bassell Industries for nearly 10 years and is currently approaching his 6th year with ExxonMobil. Cam has an Undergraduate Degree in Biology/Chemistry and a Master's Degree in Environmental Science with emphasis in Industrial Health from Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi.

Newsletter Chair – Cristal Shie: Cristal is currently an Environmental, Health and Safety Specialist at Spectra Energy. She has four years of experience in the Oil and Gas industry. Cristal has previously served as the Newsletter Chair for the ASSE Gulf Coast Chapter and Speaker Chair for the Region III PDC.

Contact List for GCC ASSE Executive Committee and Chairs for 2014- 2015



Do you want to get involved in the Chapter? We have open non-elected positions that you can help with or you can help in other ways. Please contact our Chapter President, Luke Albrecht, CSP if you want to get involved.



Do you have a question about the Chapter or are new and need advice? Feel free to contact any of our Committee members or Chairs for help.

GCC ASSE Executive Committee and Chairs for 2014- 2015

Position	Name	Email
Delegate/President	Luke J. Albrecht, CSP	luke@sageenvironmental.com
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