

GULF COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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2015/2016 Gulf Coast Chapter of ASSE Executive Committee Nominees Announcement

This is the time of year when we seek nominations of Gulf Coast Chapter members to run for the various leadership offices in our chapter.

All elected positions are open and they include:

- a) President / Delegate
- b) Sr. VP of Communications / Delegate
- c) Vice President of Member Services / Delegate
- d) Secretary / Delegate
- e) Treasurer / Delegate – *No nominees this year. This is a two year elected position.*
- f) Program Chair / Delegate
- g) Newsletter Chair / Delegate

If you are unsure about running for an elected position, please consider volunteering your time on the many committees that support bringing value to our chapter membership. As the largest chapter within ASSE, there are plenty of opportunities to strengthen our chapter by committing to volunteer to serve on a committee.

Qualifications to run are simple, you must be a chapter member in good standing and you must be an ASSE member for a year. So, if you know of some member that you would like to nominate to run for office or if you wish to nominate yourself, please [download and complete the candidate profile](#) and submit to: Luke J. Albrecht – Immediate Past President and Nominations & Elections Committee Chair at luke@sageenvironmental.com.

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Gulf Coast General Chapter Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2016

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Brady's Landing, 8505 Cypress Street, Houston, TX

Speakers: Paul Francis, Quality and Technical Manager of Thermoseal Inc., a Klinger Company

Topic: 5 Ways Leak Detection and Repair Can Improve Your Plant's Safety, Profitability and Sustainability

Throughout the history of the process industry, plants have been plagued by, loss of life, decreased safety and profit, as well as damage to the environment due to emissions related safety events. The bolted flange joint is often at the center of these events, and this presentation aims to inform the audience of ways to mitigate the risk of safety events due to emissions from bolted flange joints, by understanding the factors that must be controlled and the systems that are needed to maintain control.

Speaker Bio:

Paul Francis is the Quality and Technical Manager of Thermoseal Inc., a Klinger Company. He is a member of ASME Subcommittee G, which focuses on metallic and nonmetallic gaskets, and an Officer of the ASTM Committee on Gaskets. During his 7 years in this position, Paul has been committed to protecting the environment and human safety by reducing fugitive emissions from bolted flange joints. This work has led to innovation in the fields of Finite Element Analysis, leakage modeling and reduction and gasket material development. Paul holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology with specialization in mechanical design from Bowling Green State University.

Upcoming Seminars and Professional Development

- February 5-11 Seminar Fest (OSH Continuing Education and Training)
The Rio, Las Vegas
Cost & Registration: <http://www.asse.org>
- March 29-31 ASP Workshop
HASC NASA Annex, 1211 West NASA Parkway, Webster, Texas 77598
Cost: \$575.00
Registration link: <http://gulfcoast.asse.org>
- April 25-27 CSP Workshop
HASC NASA Annex, 1211 West NASA Parkway, Webster, Texas 77598
Cost: \$625.00
Registration link: <http://gulfcoast.asse.org>
- June 26-29 Safety 2016 – ASSE National Conference
Atlanta, Georgia
Cost & Registration: <http://www.asse.org>
- August 28-31 Region III Professional Development Conference (PDC)
<http://region3.asse.org/event/?ee=12>
San Antonio, Texas
Early registration ends 5/31
Cost: \$499.00
Registration link: <http://region3.asse.org/event/?ee=12>

Message from the Executive Committee

We would like to thank everyone that was able to come out to the Holiday Social Mixer that was held December 15, 2015. It was a great success and we look forward to having another one this year based on all the positive feedback.

Executive Committee



Why should we contribute to scholarships?

THIS IS WHY!

In 2015 I had the wonderful pleasure of working with the Edward C. Levy Company in Detroit, MI in presenting the Certificate in Safety Management seminars for ASSE. I'm scheduled to complete the series in February 2016. When one spends time with a group of safety and health professionals, stories emerge and we begin to share experiences and work histories we've all had.

During the time together, I mentioned the ASSE Gulf Coast Chapter and in general, the ASSE. A young professional by the name of Samantha Turner approached me during one of our breaks and said that when I mentioned the Gulf Coast Chapter, it seemed familiar. Then it dawned on her that during her college career, she had applied and received the Gulf Coast Chapter Past Presidents Foundation Scholarship through the ASSE Foundation who administers the fund. Samantha has quite a story in her career to date. Allow me to give you the highlights.

Samantha holds a Bachelor of Science in Safety Management degree with a Business Administration Minor from Slippery Rock University (SRU) receiving the scholarship in April 2013 and graduating in August 2013. She is presently working on her Master of Science in Safety Science degree from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) projected to be completed by December 2017.

Samantha also had the wonderful fortune to study abroad in Ireland through the University of Limerick and travel Europe for a semester allowing her to live in another country and be exposed to various cultures and communication challenges. She faced challenges and experiences that would certainly assist later in her career as a safety professional.

Samantha began her safety professional career as an EHS intern with the Alcoa-Davenport Works organization. From intern, she was offered permanent employment with the organization as a Health and Safety Coordinator. Desiring to grow and be challenged in her new career, Samantha accepted a position with the Edward C. Levy Company as a Safety and Insurance Specialist. From there, she has progressed into a Steel Mill Services Safety Supervisor and as of December 2015, is the Safety Manager of Steel Mill Services. Here she is exposed to managing the safety process in a rational way to get the product out the backdoor in a quality, safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly fashion.

Samantha has not failed to support ASSE. During her college career, she served as president of the Slippery Rock University ASSE Student Chapter, earned acceptance to attend the ASSE Future Safety Leaders Conference, and is presently a supporting member of the ASSE Metro Detroit Chapter.

Why do I feel compelled to write this and introduce Samantha to you? By her own admission, she said that receiving the Gulf Coast Chapter Past Presidents Foundation Scholarship was that little bit that made the difference for her. She was most appreciative of the financial assistance it gave her in her last semester. I believe many of us contribute to scholarships realizing it's good for the student and profession, but most of the time we never see a face of the recipient and the impact it has on their profession and their careers. I was thrilled to actually meet a recipient of our scholarship.

This scholarship fund has been around for nearly 30 years. The past presidents first attempted to administer the scholarship themselves, and did for a good number of years, but the expertise to properly administer, promote, and grow it was truly beyond our knowledge and capabilities. The decision in 2002 to authorize the ASSE Foundation to administer and grow the fund to offer more scholarships was absolutely the right thing to do. The fund has grown from \$16,000 in 2002 to presently \$112,000 allowing the fund to be endowed and offer two, \$2,000 scholarships each year to worthy applicants. That's nearly a \$100,000 growth. This is wonderful success. But it can only continue to grow and offer more scholarships if we members of the Gulf Coast Chapter continue to support and contribute each year.

I find it refreshing and rewarding to work with young safety professionals as I travel across the country and internationally. They ask questions, they see things differently, and they challenge me to re-think or re-evaluate approaches in this ever evolving profession. I hope that I, in turn, can share my knowledge and experiences with them that may make them a more effective safety professional as they continue in their careers. Samantha, and those like her, gives me great hope for the profession.

This is a great success story. Now you see a face. They really do exist and contribute to the profession. Please consider making a contribution to the Gulf Coast Chapter Past Presidents Foundation Scholarship. You can easily make your contribution by clicking on <http://www.asse.org/donation/>. Please designate your contribution to the Gulf Coast Chapter Past Presidents Foundation Scholarship. If you do not, your contribution will default to the Safety Matters Fund. We'd like your contribution to be credited to the GCC Past Presidents Foundation Scholarship to continue to grow the fund.

Do it TODAY!!

Joel N. Tietjens, CSP, CSHM

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Center for Risk Management

2016 Spring Course Schedule

The Center for Risk Management safety training classes are offered FREE to the public through a generous grant from the Texas Mutual Insurance Company. All courses are scheduled from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on the dates listed. All dates are on Fridays during the calendar year. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and certificates will be awarded upon successful completion of each course. **All classes will be held at the Gulf Coast Safety Institute.***

You can visit www.com.edu/rmi for the registration form. For more information, call 409-933-8365 or email riskmanagement@com.edu.

OSHA RECORDKEEPING -8HRS

This course will cover a review of the requirements for recording injuries or illnesses on your OSHA Log 300 through case studies and a workshop where you'll get to improve your skills in identifying recordable incidents. Discussion of the latest updates to the OSHA standard and proposed changes will also be discussed.

SAFE-SYN-OSHT-1071-101CL	01/15/16	GCSI	Rm 112/114	C. Lewis
SAFE-SYS-OSHT-1071-102CL	01/22/16	GCSI	Rm 112/114	C. Lewis

FOCUS 4 CONSTRUCTION-8HRS

This course provides an introduction to the "Focus 4 Hazards in Construction" - electrocutions, fall from heights, caught in or between, and struck by hazards. This course will provide a variety of construction industry scenarios and workshops for students to learn and apply effective training techniques on the work site.

SAFE-SYN-OSHT-1071-103CL	02/05/16	GCSI	Rm 112/114	B. Smith
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HEARING CONSERVATION-8HRS

Come learn from a licensed Audiologist the practical approach to controlling noise and hearing conservation in the workplace. In this course we will discuss the principles of noise, noise measurement, engineering controls, in depth analysis of hearing protective devices, and noise measurement equipment. How to determine the average standard threshold shift and temporary and short term shift will also be discussed.

SAFE-SYN-OSHT-1071-104CL	02/19/16	GCSI	Rm 112/114	J. Sanders
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SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY-8HRS

Come learn from a Chief Meteorologist how to spot severe weather, including hail, damaging winds, and tornadoes, how to report this to the National Weather Service, and how to be “Stormready”. Participants will gain insight on how to spot severe weather and how to differentiate between severe and non-severe situations. The second portion of the course focuses on preparation for severe weather, safety procedures during severe weather events, and safety hazards during aftermath and recovery. Emphasis is placed on safety in the workplace as well as in the home. The course objective is to increase awareness and knowledge of severe weather in order to decrease the number of injuries and deaths, and where possible to decrease property damage.

SAFE-SYN-OSHT-1071-109CL

05/20/16

GCSI Rm 112/114

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