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Wednesday December 9	Holiday Social & Past Presidents' Dinner 6:30 PM, "Volunteer Service"	Crowne Plaza 14315 Midway Rd. Addison
January 11	Lunch Meeting Registration: @ 11:30 AM "EMR (experience modification rating): The Business Side of Safety"	National Council, Boy Scouts of America 1325 W. Walnut Hill Ln. Irving 75038
February 8	37th Annual Professional Development Conference	Scottish Rite Hospital 2222 Welborn Street Dallas 75219
March 8	Joint Meeting Southwest & Fort Worth Chapters Registration: 11:30 AM	National Council, Boy Scouts of America 1325 W. Walnut Hill Ln. Irving 75038
April 12	TBA	National Council, Boy Scouts of America 1325 W. Walnut Hill Ln. Irving 75038
May 10	TBA	National Council, Boy Scouts of America 1325 W. Walnut Hill Ln. Irving 75038
June 14	TBA	National Council, Boy Scouts of America 1325 W. Walnut Hill Ln. Irving 75038
<i>Meetings at Boy Scouts of America, except when stated otherwise. More centrally located and less expensive!</i>		

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Check out the website!
<http://www.sw-asse.org>



Invitation to A Special December Meeting

Wednesday December 9
Holiday Social & Past Presidents' Dinner
6:30 pm @ Crowne Plaza, Addison
\$25.00 per person

Three course dinner plus cash bar, open to members and their guests at our former meeting place in Addison. Guest speaker Kim Smith, Training Manager for Volunteer Center of North Texas, will talk about the rewards of volunteer service.

Past Presidents and their spouses/significant others will be the chapter's Guests of Honor.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy to benefit Scottish Rite Hospital

Reservations required by end-of-day Friday Dec 4.
[Click here to email your RSVP](#)

The Chapter must purchase all reserved meals, so be sure to attend if you RSVP!

Location: Crown Plaza
14315 Midway Road
Addison 75001

New meeting location

For those of you who have not joined us at the new meeting site, come on down! Our new venue at the National Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America, 1325 W. Walnut Hill Ln. Irving, is a great find. Thank you to Richard Bourlon for inviting us. Not only are the meetings much cheaper, \$12 with a reservation, but the space provides a great venue for networking. After each of our two meetings, groups of people have been staying to talk and get to know one another or renew acquaintances. Attendance has been great, so I don't think I am the only one who likes the new venue.

The meals have been more casual, but delicious. Our first meeting was a boxed lunch enjoyed by all, especially the tasty cookies. Last month we were treated to lasagna, salad and cobbler. All the pans were scraped to the bottom. I am sure something equally delicious will be on the menu for January.

Please be sure to make a reservation and to come if you do make a reservation. Our meetings are the second Monday of the month. We need to know if you are coming by midnight the Tuesday before that.

Russell Payton

was awarded his 25-year Membership Recognition from Chapter President Phil Bunker at the October meeting.
Congratulations Russell!

Way too go!



You can make a reservation by going to the website; www.sw-asse.org. There will be a link for reservations from there; or you can send an email to reservation@sw-asse.org.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Rebecca Pederson
V.P. - Communications

ASP Review

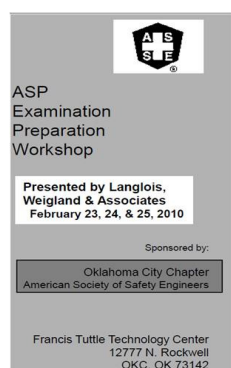
The Oklahoma City ASSE Chapter is hosting an ASP Review Class on February 23 - 25, 2010. This review class will be presented by Langlois, Weigand and Associates, same company that does the ASSE ASP Review Classes.

ASSE members can attend our three day review class for an Early Registration Fee of \$450 vs \$625 the Society charges for the exact same class. Check out the website for registration form. Proceeds from the class are used to complete our ASSE Foundation Scholarship.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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<http://www.sw-asse.org/ASP> 2010.pdf

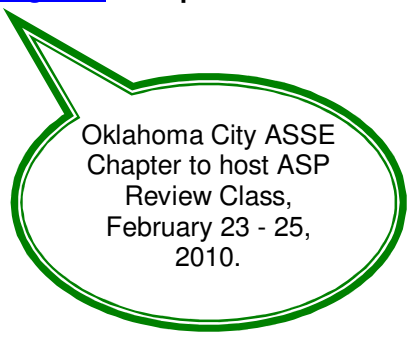


ASP
Examination
Preparation
Workshop

Presented by Langlois,
Weigand & Associates
February 23, 24, & 25, 2010

Sponsored by:
Oklahoma City Chapter
American Society of Safety Engineers

Francis Tuttle Technology Center
12777 N. Rockwell
OKC, OK 73142



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Chapter to host ASP
Review Class,
February 23 - 25,
2010.

**Contributions to the newsletter are
encouraged and welcome.**
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Southwest Chapter at National Leadership Conference

Two Southwest Chapter members attended ASSE's Leadership Conference October 1-3 in Lombard, IL. Michael Pierce, chapter Secretary, and Jachin Howard, previously Chair for Awards & Honors, interacted with ASSE leadership and participated in roundtable meetings, workshops and networking sessions. Both men also appreciated the opportunity to meet and hear from all of ASSE's current national leadership team and to network with nearly 200 safety leaders from around the world.

Jachin is shown in the members at the October meeting that information learned during the conference will have dual benefits for their future ASSE volunteer experience as well as for their professional careers.



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The annual conference aims to bolster leadership skills of all Society volunteers and provide an avenue for officers to meet and interact with peers, share ideas for solving challenges that others may also face and to discuss SH&E updates and issues. The national tradition started in 1989 and was originally limited to incoming Chapter officers. In later years, participation was opened to all ASSE volunteers. Southwest Chapter annually underwrites the travel costs for at least one officer and/or Member. Conference registration is free for Society members.

Government Affairs

Tales from the Front: ASSE GAC Capitol Hill Visits

Thursday, November 12th

ASSE's Government Affairs Committee each year holds one of its two face-to-face meetings in Washington, DC, so that, in addition to a one-day meeting, the Committee members can take a second day to meet with key decision-makers in both the Administration and on Capitol Hill who impact occupational safety and health regulation and

legislation. This year's meeting and visits were held November 2 and 3. This year, the Committee met with:

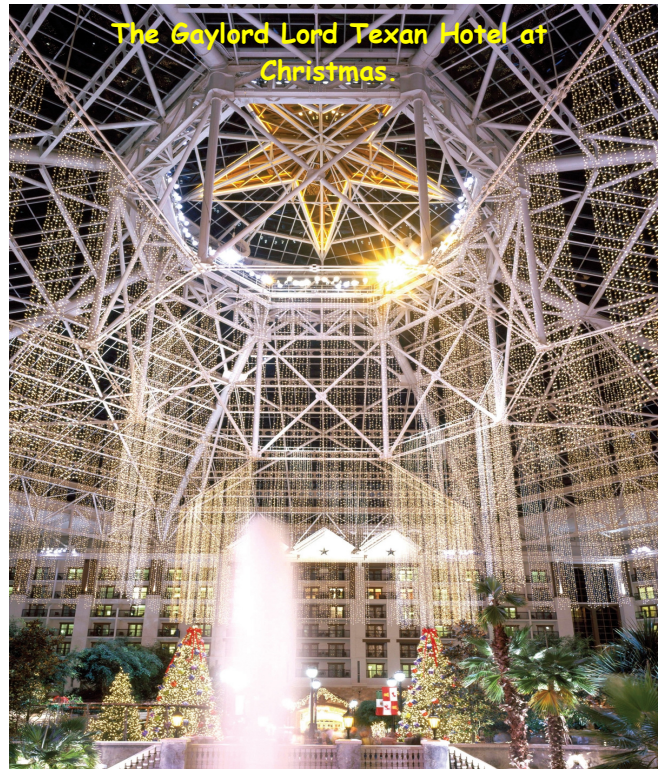
- Both Democratic and Republican staff leaders responsible for occupational safety and health issues in the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee, including Richard Miller who replaced Jordan Barab as the lead House Democratic staffer on OSH issues in the House. The Committee continued ASSE's discussion about the Protecting America's Workers Act (PAWA), urging changes to the current bill that would better ensure that responsibility for criminal penalties lies with those at the top of an organization ultimately responsible for determining an organization's safety culture. ASSE's support for provisions ensuring OSH coverage for all public sector workers was also discussed, among various issues. A redrafting of PAWA is now being conducted after earlier conversations with various stakeholders, including ASSE. Also discussed was House Democratic interest in pursuing legislation to address combustible dust risks even though OSHA rulemaking on the issue has begun.

- Acting Assistant Secretary for OSHA Jordan Barab, Director of Standards Dorothy Dougherty, Director of Enforcement Rich Fairfax; Director of Cooperative and State Programs Steve Witt and other OSHA leaders and talked about various issues including ASSE's interest in a safety and health program rule, the recordkeeping NEP, upcoming standards and the standards-setting process, and further ways to advance the Alliance between OSHA and ASSE.

- Director of NIOSH John Howard and a wide-ranging discussion about Dr. Howard's goals for NIOSH under the new Administration, advancing the safety profession, issues surrounding H1N1 risks, and other issues.

- Board member Gary Visscher and key staff members of the US Chemical Safety and Hazards Investigation Board (CSB) who updated the Committee on CSB's current investigations. We also talked about both ASSE and CSB's interest in seeing a solution to Florida's lack of coverage for it state and municipal workers, something CSB identified as a key cause of a 2006 explosion at Daytona Beach's municipal water treatment plant.

Bill Propes, P.E., CSP
ARVP, CoPA
Region 3 ASSE



ASSE Leaders:

We are preparing the tools for the May 2-8, 2010 **North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH)** and **Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day** to be held May 5 and also for a special "Business Case for SH&E" tool kit for our members. The goal of our efforts is to drive industry recognition and growth by helping professionals in the SH&E field educate key audiences about SH&E's roles and outcomes, demonstrate its strategic value and continue to enhance its reputation. We will also be using the information for the ASSE 100th celebration. The ASSE Public Relations Committee will be helping us put this together as they did with the extremely popular "Safety Suitcase", a tool members can use to educate young students. Go to www.asse.org/newsroom for information on the "Safety Suitcase".

If you have time, please send us any "success stories", "best practices" or "case studies" we can highlight. These would entail any work stories or experiences you have had in your role as an SH&E professional or results. Or any information that you find to be helpful, such as why you're in the profession – nothing is too small or too big. We'd also like to include photos.

The deadline is December 31, 2009, and they should be sent to Dhurns@asse.org. They will be used on our web site and in news releases and hand outs. If you have any questions, just give me a call at 847-768-3413 or Dhurns@asse.org. We know that you

are extremely busy, but if you can also help us get the word out to members that would be great to. All the best to you and thanks again for all that you do.

Future Safety Leaders Conference

Southwest Chapter underwrote the air fare to the **Future Safety Leaders Conference (FSLC)** in Indianapolis, IN, for one of our Student Section representatives. Photo shows Gregg Cart (right), Vice President of the Student Section at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, receiving a check from Dr. Wayne Jones, Chair of SOSU's Dept of Occupational Safety and Health.

National ASSE is the 5th annual FSLC at the Hyatt Regency in November. The conference was for ASSE student members and prepares them for the transition from student life to employment as safety professionals.



Diane Hurns, ASSE PR Manger

Be sure and check current Society news in the:

e-News from the American Society of Safety Engineers

SocietyUpdate

If you have something that needs to be mailed to the chapter, send to:
SW-ASSE
 6505 W. Park Blvd., Ste. 306 #115
 Plano, TX 75093

2010 ASHCA-NIOSH Joint Conference

January 27-28, 2010

Dallas/Fort Worth Airport



Parkland Hospital



participated in a

summer internship with Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SE). Dodd Day, Parkland Hospital Director of Public Safety, and Dr. Wayne Jones, SE's Occupational Safety & Health Department Chair, facilitated the internship.

Dodd's goal was to expose the student to the rigors and daily challenges of managing a hospital safety program encompassing a facility of almost 2 million square feet and almost 9,000 employees.

The SE safety intern saw the unique regulatory requirements of a healthcare safety program as well as application of the lessons learned while in the SE classroom. Michael Pierce and Sharon Tyrrell, Parkland's Safety Coordinators, got to share a lot of time with the intern during the summer as well. The intern spent time with the Facility Department in an attempt to help draft a revised Arc Flash policy in accordance with NFPA 70E. The student also participated in the annual Parkland Culture of Safety Fair and the monthly Department Safety Liason (DSL) meeting, actually presenting the employee safety group with "Back To School Safety" information for school children.

I would definitely recommend this program to any ASSE safety professional who wants to help further the safety profession and help mentor a student.

Dodd M. Day, MAS,CSP,CHSP,CHS-III
 Director, Department of Public Safety
Parkland Hospital

