

# NEWSLETTER



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December 8, 2008 - Monday	7pm -9pm Chapter Social & Toy Drive, Outdoor World, Grapevine, Tx
January 12, 2009 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting, Location Pending
February 9, 2009 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting, Location Pending
March 9, 2009 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting, Dr. Wayne D. Jones, Southeast Oklahoma State University, Location Pending
April 2-3, 2009- Thursday-Friday	PDC, Location Pending
May 11, 2009 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting, Location Pending
June 9 - Monday	11:30 am Lunch Meeting, Installation of 2009-2010 Chapter Officers

All meetings (except QUOIN) are located at the Crowne Plaza Hotel – 14315 Midway Rd, Addison except when stated otherwise.  
December meeting is in Grapevine, see above.

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## From the Desk of the President

- Vice President Lori Siegelman attended the ASSE Leadership Conference October 2 - 4, 2008, in Chicago area.
- Planning is underway for the 2009 Southwest Professional Development Conference. Preliminary info - Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at the new Omni in Ft. Worth, TX, in conjunction with ISNetwork. Lori Siegelman and a "yet to be named" committee will continue planning.
- On October 7, 2008, Southwest Chapter with Fort Worth Chapter and the North Texas Section-AIHA, hosted the 2008 OSHA Regulatory Update Seminar in Grand Prairie. There were 105 attendees. ASSE members were awarded .6 CEUs.
- The Student Chapter at Southeastern Oklahoma State University is doing great. I attended a Student Chapter meeting on October 14 & there were 51 students. Eleven students from SOSU attended the ASSE Future Safety Leader Conference in Louisville, KY, November 6-8, 2008. The Southwest Chapter donated \$1,000 to the students to help defray costs. (I received a "Thank You" letter from the students).
- The Southwest Chapter received Articles of Incorporation from Illinois Secretary of State. This was a Society initiative and includes all chapters.
- On Saturday, November 1, 2008, I attended the Region III Regional Operating Committee meeting in Austin; 9 chapters were represented. Items discussed included:
- Student Leadership Conference, March 28-29, 2009, at Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Tahlequah, OK with a goal of 100 students.



- Region III scholarship fund - \$7,100. Region III is hoping to sponsor a Texas Hold Em poker tournament at the ASSE Safety 2009 PDC in San Antonio, June 29-July 1, 2009, to promote ASSE Foundation & the scholarship fund.
- Central Texas Chapter (Austin) is planning a PDC on Crane Safety on Wednesday, December 17, 2009 in Austin.
- ASSE Service recognition to:
  - ❖ 25 years - Ross Lind, Mark Pinson, John Dowell, Charles Tucker
  - ❖ 40 years - William Propes
- ASSE is pleased to announce the opening of the ASSE Award Store. ASSE has teamed up with Safety Promo to bring you this new and exciting benefit designed to improve visibility, generate revenue and meet the need for specific customer imprinted safety and service awards for your chapter, region or company. The Award Store also features products online at: [www.asseawardstore.com](http://www.asseawardstore.com) <<http://www.asseawardstore.com/>> . If you need additional product ideas please call the award store, operated by Safety Promo directly at 1-877-292-7302 or email them at: [customerservice@asseawardstore.com](mailto:customerservice@asseawardstore.com) and one of the Safety Promo customer service representatives would be happy to help you.
- December 8 meeting --- Tentative plans have been made by Treasurer Brady Steele for the "social meeting" at Outdoor World in Grapevine; more information soon on the chapter website [www.sw-asse.org](http://www.sw-asse.org).
- Rebecca Pederson and I have been attending monthly meeting of the Citizens for Traffic Safety of Greater Dallas. Topics discussed at the October 21st meeting were: current North Central Texas Council of Governments Initiatives (Freeway Incident Management Program and Photogrammetric training for police departments for use at fatality motor vehicle crashes); Dallas "Safe Light" (Red Lights Camera Safety Program), street light issues, coordination with Bike/Pedestrian committee.

- FINANCIAL Committee - I will be appointing a Financial Committee to review and audit the chapter finances.
- By-Laws Committee - I will be appointing a By-Laws Committee to review Southwest Chapter By-Laws (requirement of Society Operations Guidelines and approved by Regional Vice-President).
- **THANK YOU to Al Watters - the Southwest Chapter website is 10 years old! Al designed**

**& published the website on August 21, 1998 and he maintained it until 2006. Al has held various officer positions and was Chapter President 2003-2004.**

**Phil Bunker  
President - Southwest Chapter 2008-2009**

### SW Chapter, Government Affairs, Regulatory Activities

What follows the election, pertaining to the EHS arena?

While a lot is still up in the air, it is a foregone conclusion that there will be much more activity in the regulatory agencies (OSHA & EPA as well as MSHA).

On the table is a proposed rule from OSHA in the matter of substance abuse. This promises to be an issue of significance to all industries.

The change in administrations no doubt means a change in agency leadership, with Department of Labor Assistant Secretary Ed Foulke (who has been under fire from the AFL-CIO and Democratic party leadership) likely to leave. This translates into more aggressive regulatory activity in the coming months. As I have stated previously, we had better keep an eye on government activities, especially in the regulatory agencies. Those activities impact all of us, our profession and our jobs!

### SW-ASSE.ORG Turns 10 Years Old!

Happy Birthday! The chapter's web site is 10 years old this chapter year. Al Watters designed and published our original web pages on August 21, 1998. He single handedly maintained the site as Webmaster until 2006, which was not an easy feat considering that Al was also handling duties associated with the various officers' positions that he filled on his way to becoming Chapter President for 2003 - 2004. Apparently Al was not only a pioneer for ASSE chapter web sites, but also a pioneer Multi-tasker! Check out the website for all of the latest information about upcoming meetings, your chapter's officers, jobs, newsletters and even photos of our many events. Everyone at the SW-ASSE says thanks to Al Watters for starting the website.

Jim Johnstone

**Bill Propes  
ARVP, CoPA**

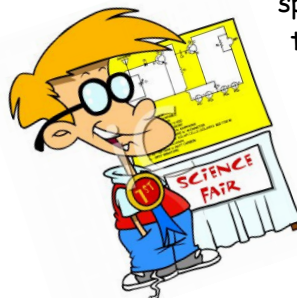
### 2009 Science Fair, February 28, 2009

The 2009 Dallas Regional Science & Engineering Fair will take place on February 28 at the Fair Park Auto Building.

It is one of the largest student Science Fairs in the country. Each year, thousands of local Middle and High School students compete to qualify for the Regional Science Fair, where well over 1,000 judges and

competitors gather to review and exhibit some of the best Dallas-area science projects.

Once again, the Chapter will be sponsoring a Special Award in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. Since the 2009 event is a month earlier than in the past, we need to confirm our judges to the Fair as soon as possible. We have one, possibly two, openings for judging in either



Junior or Senior Division and we encourage those interested to contact us. One caveat: please be absolutely certain you will be able to be there, before committing. While we don't have exact times for 2009 yet, based on past years, plan to be at Judge Orientation at 9am with actual judging taking place immediately following. We are usually completed by noon or shortly thereafter.

All Special Award judging is done on Saturday morning with the Fair opening to the public in late afternoon.

To volunteer or for more information, contact **David Orrick** (214.220.5732) or **John Billingham** (972.941.5344).

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## From The Editor

Phil mentioned the recent 2008 OSHA Regulatory Update Seminar in Grand Prairie. I missed the event but one of our principals here at Contek attended. I asked Georges for his brief run down to add to Phil's info. He mentioned two items of interest to everyone.

### How OSHA priorities safety and health.

OSHA is basically working on four major areas, the low hanging fruit for us:

Top priority is the Accident Rates. OSHA goes after companies with the high rates, as one would expect.

Second, OSHA looks at industries with the highest rates. Construction being at the top of the list as it is one of the hardest industries to conquer.

Next is explosions with petrochemical, oil and gas topping that list of industries. Refineries are the major industrial group, here. We have all been following the various refinery explosions over the years as they are usually so massive. Being in oil and gas, refineries have come a long way just as construction has but the hazards and risks still follow the two categories.

Lastly, OSHA is heavily following companies that fall under PSM, Process Safety Management. This area encompasses many industries as the standard is so far reaching. It opens a lot of doors for OSHA.

The four concentrations gives a guideline as to OSHA's focus. We all have concerns that must be addressed with our companies. Paying attention to OSHA priority focus needs to be included.

Another topic of interest was **OSHA Specialized Response Teams (SRT)**. These are Response Teams as we know them, but tied to Homeland Security. EPA participates as well. The emergency might be a health epidemic (biological), explosives which could include structures, vessels, transportation, public settings or other settings.

SRT's are composed of industrial hygienists, engineers, and occupational safety and health experts trained in identifying and mitigating hazards associated with catastrophic events.

Many of us develop, direct and work with Response Teams but

don't think about such specialized teams or the linkage to Homeland Security that can involve the secrecy of that agency. Interesting of topic to study!

Bring a toy to the Chapter Social & Toy Drive on December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Scottish Rite Hospital, at Outdoor World, Grapevine!

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**J**ob Postings: With the current economic downturn, colleagues may find themselves out of work and looking for positions. We can help in many ways, through networking with our colleagues and friends, passing on jobs leads that come our way whether through companies,

recruiters or friends and posting positions to our chapter website. **Job openings should be passed to Bill Ward, Placement Coordinator: [rwward2007@yahoo.com](mailto:rwward2007@yahoo.com).** Be a friend and help when you can.

If you have not been to our website in a while, check it out! <http://www.sw-asse.org/>

## Updates from Council of Practices & Standards

### ASSE's New A10 Crane Safety Standards Package now available including:

- A10.8: Safety Requirements for Scaffolding
- A10.28: Safety Requirements for Work Platforms Suspended from Cranes or Derricks
- A10.31: Safety Requirements, Definitions & Specifications for Digger Derricks
- A10.33: Safety & Health Program Requirements for Multi-Employer Projects
- A10.42: Safety Requirements for Rigging Qualifications & Responsibilities



**Members Actively Using Slips, Trips & Falls Compendium**, successfully incorporating the standards into their safety practices. Includes:

- **ANSI/ASSE A1264.1-2007:** Safety Requirements for Workplace Walking/Working Surfaces & Their Access; Workplace, Floor, Wall & Roof Openings; Stairs & Guardrails Systems
- **ANSI/ASSE A1264.2-2006:** Standard for the Provision of Slip Resistance on Walking/Working Surfaces
- **ANSI/ASSE TR-A1264.3-2007:** Technical Report for Using Variable Angle Tribometers (VAT) for Measurement of the Slip Resistance of Walkway Surfaces
- **ANSI/ASSE A10.18-2007:** Safety Requirements for Temporary Roof & Floor Holes, Wall Openings, Stairways & Other Unprotected Edges in Construction & Demolition Operations
- **ASTM F1637-07:** Standard Practice for Safe Walking Surfaces
- **ASTM F1694-96 (R2004):** Standard Guide for Composing Walkway Surface Evaluation and Incident Report Forms for Slips, Stumbles, Trips and Falls
- **ASTM F1240-01:** Standard Guide for Ranking Footwear Bottom Materials on Contaminated

Walkway Surfaces According to Slip Resistance Test Results

- **ASTM F802-83 (R2003):** Standard Guide for Selection of Certain Walkway Surfaces When Considering Footwear Traction

Compendium also includes ANSI/ASSE A1264.1-1995 (R2002), ANSI/ASSE A1264.2-2001 & ANSI A10.18-1996 as historic docs & the new technical report, "Using Variable Angle Tribometers (VAT) for Measurement of the Slip Resistance of Walkway Surfaces" (ANSI/ASSE TR-A1264.3-2007).

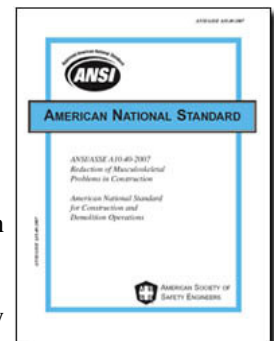
### A10.40 Standard Available

The voluntary consensus standard, "**Reduction of Musculoskeletal Problems in Construction**" (ANSI/ASSE A10.40-2007), available through ASSE.

July 17, 2008, ANSI dismissed Coalition's appeal of the A10.40 standard & declared appeals process completed. ANSI BSR approved the standard July 23, 2007.

A10.40 standard applies to construction work where there may be risk factors, which could lead to musculoskeletal problems for construction workers. It does not apply to office or administrative work performed by construction companies.

Standard also includes a risk assessment guide, a construction musculoskeletal problem checklist, a return-to-work checklist, a list of resources, key terms and definitions & a list of non-occupational risk factors such as age, strength and gender.



### A10 ASC to Host Public Review of A10.16-200x

The A10 Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) for Construction & Demolition operations will host a public review of the draft standard, "**Safety Requirements for Tunnels, Shafts and Caissons**" (ANSI/ASSE A10.16-200x) from November 7, 2008 until January 9, 2009. Public review package includes:

- Proposed/Revised ANSI/ASSE A10.16-200X
- ANSI A10.16-1995 standard (historical document)

- ANSI A10.16-1988 standard (historical document)
- ANSI A10.16-1981 standard (historical document)
- Comments Template
- Ballot Form

People making a public review comment will receive any interim documents & the final approved standard in PDF format. Comments must be received no later than January 9, 2009.

### **The Safety Professionals Handbook**

Compiled into two volumes, the collection provides SH&E professionals a tried-and-true resource, addressing all the current issues. The two-volume set is grouped into 12 topic areas representing the major areas within safety:

- Workers' Compensation
- Risk Assessment and Hazard Control
- Fire Prevention and Protection
- Hazard Communication and Worker Right-To-Know
- Emergency Preparedness
- Ergonomic Hazards and Repetitive Strain Injuries
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Safety and Health Training
- Environmental Management
- Fleet Safety
- Industrial Hygiene
- Management of Safety Engineering Work

This is ASSE's most expansive publishing endeavor. Sold as a 2 volume set for \$189 or as individual volumes for \$105 each. The introductory

pricing is for a limited time only . Visit [www.asse.org/sphandbook](http://www.asse.org/sphandbook) to order.

## **The Season is just about here!**

**We all know what that means! Fun, food, parties, family, smiling faces, gifts and the list goes on!**

**As "Safety Professionals, we are concerned about our workers, their families, their safety and our company's safety during the holiday season as well we should be!**

**Let's not forget ourselves, though. We all know the rules: watch alcohol intake, designated drivers, moderation in food consumption, watch the spending limits, keep an eye on the little ones . . . . Wash all raw foods thoroughly, wash our hands, remind the little ones not to drink after anyone . . . .**

**Mostly, be safe and have a great holiday season!**

**Happy Holidays  
From the  
SW Chapter of ASSE!**



If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, run across an interesting article worth sharing, found an interesting blog related to EHS, feel free to drop me a line.

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