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Save The Dates!

March – Executive Board is working on a technical meeting.

March 13 – CT Safety Society Symposium

April – Past Presidents Recognition Night and State of the Society and Chapter – date TBD

May 23 – CBIA Safety Conference – CT Valley Members attend at discounted rate.

June 3rd – Member/Guest Golf outing with CT Safety Society.

June 7th - 10th – National PDC in Dallas TX.

June 23rd – OSHA Summer Summit, UMASS Amherst.

November 17th and 18th, 2015, Falmouth, MA. New England Area Chapters Professional Development Conference (PDC) and Expo – Call For Speakers. If you want to get involved by presenting at this high caliber event, submit your idea NOW.

Go to <http://region8.asse.org/2014/12/2015-new-england-area-pdc-call-for-speakers/>

Mark your calendars.

PS: If anyone would like to volunteer to help out on a committee for the OSHA Summer Summit or the New England Area PDC, please contact me.

Dave Gelpke

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COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENT
CT SAFETY SOCIETY announces its annual Symposium

March 13, 2015 – Topics include:

OSHA UPDATE

*CONN-OSHA, Director -Kenneth Tucker
Federal OSHA Director Robert Kowalski –
(Bridgeport)
Federal OSHA Acting Director Terence
McEvily (Hartford)*

Keynote: Mr. Joseph P. Faughnan, District of CT US
Marshal –Director

Topic: Emerging Security threats to
businesses and communities

Contingency Planning

Emergency Action Plans

How can Safety Professionals Support an Outbreak
Response

EPRCA/ Tier II Reporting

Where: Zandri's Stillwood Inn, Wallingford, CT 06492
Corporate sponsor: The Holdsworth Group

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New England Area PDC Thank You



Thank you to the Connecticut Valley Chapter for your participation and leadership in planning and executing the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Region VIII New England Area 2014 Professional Development Conference (PDC). This was our 16th PDC and was our most successful yet. Without your help in promoting the PDC to your chapter, we could not have achieved the results we did this year.

Our robust program of leading technical speakers resulted in an increase of 60% in attendance over last year. For those attendees who require continuing education points for professional certifications, we were able to offer 1.2 CEUs locally to help manage budget minded attendees.

Our 2014 Exhibitors and Sponsors provided the latest information on technical safety and health products and services serving our New England based members. We doubled our exhibitors from last year and had 19 corporate sponsors whose generosity helps us keep our costs to attendees the lowest of any ASSE PDC in the country.

In addition we were able to pay it forward through our fundraising efforts with the first ever regional online Safety Matters Silent Auction to benefit the ASSE Foundation. This truly was a global event as our farthest winning bidder was submitted from Qatar. Thank you so much for the donations which helped create one of the best silent auctions we have ever conducted. Our efforts raised over \$6,000 for the ASSE Foundation an increase of 172% over the previous year's revenue.

We greatly respect and value the commitment of our volunteer ASSE Members and their employers who raise the bar each year in protecting people, property and the environment. We are truly indebted to you for your service and leadership.

Regards,

John P Spath, CSP, ASP

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Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair Judges Needed

The Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair needs about 300 judges for a successful fair each year. Individuals with experience in the physical sciences and in the life sciences are needed to participate as judges on one or both of the two days indicated below. Judges are needed for [regular category judging](#), [special category](#) and [special awards judging](#). If you know of someone who would like to



participate as a judge, please refer them here:
<http://ctsciencefair.org/help/volunteer-judge>.

We appreciate your interest in our program and welcome your participation as a judge. *Deadline for registration: March 1.*

Comments from Tim Healey:

I would like to encourage members to volunteer to judge for the morning of March 11th at Quinnipiac University in Hamden. Returning veterans are always welcomed, and I highly encourage those who have not had this experience before to volunteer. I guarantee that you will come away overwhelmed and impressed by what our youth of today can do. For me, it is my annual dose of intellectual humility. Interested members can be directed to respond to me directly via email (timothy_healey@hsb.com).

Last year Jack Braddock, Nate Fague, Mike Stanczyk, Sylvia Malinski and I walked the rows of projects and were able to agree on our six winning projects. I believe Jack has been judging with us here for at least 6 years. Mike perhaps 3 or so, Sylvia at least 5, and Nate 2. Don't trust my feeble memory on the accuracy of those numbers, however. Many others have participated over the years (Ralph Willing, Dave Gelpke, Tom Benedict, & Joe Bongiovanni come to mind). The CSEF provides some breakfast snacks, coffee and juice in the morning, and a buffet lunch by the time we were done.

It is a very well-run event deserving of our continued support and participation. Last year a number of projects competed at the National level, with at least one project earning that student a full scholarship to a prestigious university. It fits nicely into our Chapter STARS Reporting as well, and as a community outreach/student support & development.

I strongly urge our continued participation at the same level as we have for the past 5 years.

Regards to All,
Tim

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The following brief descriptions may help you decide which of the judging activities you prefer:

High School Preliminary Judging Interviews – Tuesday, March 10th Fair Week, 11:30am to 6:30pm (3 hour assignments) – First Year Pilot Program

- Preliminary Judging Interviews during Project Setup, Tuesday, Fair Week: 11:30am to 6:30pm. 3 hour assignments are available.

Urban School Challenge – Judging Interviews – Tuesday, March 10th Fair Week, 11:30am to 6:30pm (3 hour assignments)

- Preliminary Judging Interviews during Project Setup, Tuesday, Fair Week: 11:30am to 6:30pm (3 hour assignments)
- Finalist Judging – Thursday, Fair Week: 8:30am to 1:15pm
- Third year for this category being piloted for urban Priority District public Schools. (See list of [school towns](#)) Life and Physical Sciences judges for finalist judging only. Help us launch this opportunity for city school students!

Preliminary Judging – Wednesday, March 11th Fair Week: 8:45am to 2:00pm

- Students are not present
- View all of the projects in your assigned category
- Work jointly with other judges as a team
- Rank projects into 1st (highest), 2nd and 3rd honors. The judging criteria will be provided 1st honors projects are the finalists interviewed on Thursday.

Finalist Judging – Thursday, March 12th Fair Week: 8:30am to 1:15pm (2:00pm for Senior Life & Senior Physical Sciences)

- Students are present at their projects to describe their work
- View the finalists' projects in your assigned category
- Work independently of the other judges to foster a one-on-one exchange with the student



- Projects are scored numerically. The judging criteria will be provided

On Wednesday and Thursday, a continental breakfast will be available and a judge's buffet lunch will be provided. On Tuesday, a buffet lunch and dinner will be available. Refreshments will be available of all judging days.

To Register

To register as a Connecticut Science & Engineering Fair Judge, please fill out a [judge's registration form](#). Once approved, you will receive a login to the [judge's page](#) where you will be able to view the judging documentation.

For judging related questions, please contact [Dr. Treese Hugener-Campbell](#), Chief of Judging.

CT Valley Chapter Website

The CT Valley Chapter website has been completely updated with a new format and content, check it out! CTVALLEY.ASSE.ORG

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH)

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, or NAOSH Week, occurs every year during the first full week of May (May 3 – 9, 2015). NAOSH Week is intended to raise awareness about occupational safety, health and the environment.

Each year ASSE urges everyone to get involved in NAOSH Week in an effort to better educate the public about the positive benefits a safe workplace provides not only for workers, but for their families, friends, businesses, their local community and the global community. In 2013, more than 4,000 people lost their lives from on-the-job injuries and never made it home. We'd like to move that number to 0.

Also, 2007 was the first year that [Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day](#) (OSHP) was celebrated. OSHP Day falls on the Wednesday of NAOSH Week. The day was established to honor occupational safety, health and environmental professionals who have dedicated their lives to protecting people, property and the environment. For more information about OSHP Day, visit the OSHP Day 2015 [web page](#).

For more information go to [NAOSH](#).

ASSE & Standards

ASSE is secretariat of several national consensus standards committees and its members serve on many other safety standards committees. ASSE's Standards Development Committee oversees the Society's standards activities, which are conducted within the framework established by the ANSI for the development of consensus standards. Click the links below to learn more.

- [ANSI Essential Requirements](#)
- [Official Memorandum of Understanding Between OSHA & ANSI](#)
- [Office of Management & Budget Circular OMB-A119](#)
- [Position Statement on Consensus Standards](#)
- [Safeguarding: Are ANSI Standards Really Voluntary?](#)

What's the Difference Between an OSHA Rule and an ANSI Standard? National consensus standards reflect the insights of the final end users and the opinions of professionals who work at all levels of public and private sectors. This balanced perspective enables standards to be crafted in a manner that benefits and protects standard users.

Quotes of the Day

"When nothing seems to help, I go look at a stone-cutter hammering away at his rock perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred and first blow it will split in two, and I know it was not that blow that did it, but all that had gone before."

-- Jacob Riis, Danish-American social reformer

"Our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or truer answers."

-- M. Scott Peck, American psychiatrist

"Flowers grow out of dark moments."

-- Corita Kent, American nun and artist

