President’s Message

Thank you to all the members that voted for our two open positions. Congratulations to Lauren Cranmer who was elected for Treasurer (2 year term) and Greg Decker who was elected for Secretary (1 year term). Your elected officers for next year, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, are:

- President - Patrick Delaney
- President-Elect – Brian Anderson
- Vice President – John Kraynanski
- Secretary – Greg Decker
- Treasurer – Lauren Cranmer

Our last meeting of the year will be held on May 14\textsuperscript{th} at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ. We will have a presentation on the safety and environmental program at the hospital with a tour. The meeting will be held in the Bouras Auditorium. Please see the concierge when you enter the hospital and you will be directed to the auditorium. Hope to see you at the meeting. Details of the meeting are below.

\textit{John Vogler, CSP}
President, New Jersey Chapter
American Society of Safety Engineers

May Meeting

\textbf{DATE:} Wednesday, May 14\textsuperscript{th}, 2014
\textbf{PLACE:} Overlook Hospital
99 Beauvoir Avenue, Summit, NJ
Bouras Auditorium

\textbf{AGENDA:} 4:30 pm Executive Board Meeting
5:30 pm Registration/Networking
6:00 pm Presentation, Tour and Dinner

\textbf{COST:} $25. Register at \url{WWW.NJASSE.ORG}

\textbf{DIRECTIONS:}

\textbf{Route 24 West}
Take Exit marked Millburn, Springfield, Summit. Bear right to Broad Street and follow blue Hospital signs uphill to Hospital.
**Future Meetings**

There will be no meetings in June. The board will meet in June to prepare the slate of meetings for the next term year.

**Articles**

**The New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers Celebrates North American Occupational Safety and Health Week**

Local members of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (NJASSE), a state affiliate of the oldest and largest safety society, are concerned that the number one cause of on-the-job and off-the-job deaths continues to be transportation incidents – all modes. Therefore, in celebration of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) which runs from May 4-10, 2014, the NJASSE along with thousands of other organizations, will be working to raise awareness of the importance of preventing on-the-job and off-the-job accidents, by distributing transportation best practices information and urging all to heed to traffic rules and regulations.

In 2012, there were 5,615,000 million vehicle crashes resulting in 36,200 people dying and injuring 3.9
million more. In the U.S. alone, car crashes cost all of us $276.6 billion each year. Males made up approximately 70 percent of those who died in transportation accidents in 2012, 30 percent were female.

As for weather conditions, in the U.S. the majority of crashes occur during normal weather during daylight hours. The top factors causing fatal crashes are 1) failure to keep in proper lane or running off road; 2) driving too fast for conditions or in excess of posted speed limit; 3) DUI; 4) failure to yield right of way; 5) distractive driving/inattentive (texting, talking, eating, etc.); 6) operating erratic, reckless, careless, or negligent manner; and, 7) failure to obey traffic signs, signals or officer.

The State of New Jersey’s experience is not unlike that of the nation’s. In fact, in 2012, there were over 290,000 motor vehicle crashes. 589 motor vehicle related deaths which represents a 6% reduction over the prior year. There were over 55,000 teenager motor vehicle related incidents in 2012 and in that same year 64 teenagers lost their lives on New Jersey roadways.

Finally, as millions of teenagers begin to enter the workforce this year, we will be encouraging them to become more aware of the many hazards that they may face in the workplace, by providing educational materials to the local high schools.

Founded in 1911, ASSE is made up of occupational safety, health and environmental professionals committed to protecting people, property and the environment so we urge people to drive wisely, follow traffic laws and rules, and to devote one’s full attention to the driving task at hand. We also urge law enforcement officials to continue to crack down on those that break traffic laws and state and federal officials to continue to upgrade our roads and bridges. Finally, to our children’s educators and parents we urge you to become actively involved in helping your children to find a safe job so their first experience in today's workplace will be a positive one.

Businesses can and are doing their part by reviewing their driver safety policies, most are including an element that would prohibit workers from conducting business on a cell phone while driving, mandating seat belt use and developing work schedules that allow employees to obey speed limits and to follow hours-of-service regulations.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) launched a website loaded with important information for parents and educators to use in helping our teenagers to select an appropriate summer job.

We all need to continue to do our part to curb these preventable tragedies. We urge you to support NAOSH Week this May 4-10, and throughout the year by urging your friends, family and co-workers to drive smart. The tangible and intangible losses due to transportation crashes are extremely high.

Together we can make a difference.

What is NAOSH Week?

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, or NAOSH Week is May 4-10, 2014. NAOSH Week is intended to raise awareness about occupational safety, health and the environment. The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) joined with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) and the Interdisciplinary Association of Occupational Health and Hygiene of Mexico, Civil Association, (AISOHMEX) to raise the public’s awareness of occupational safety, health and the environment in North America during NAOSH Week.

During NAOSH 2014 Week, our chapter members will be promoting NAOSH such as providing safety OSHA safety seminars, Teen Safety PowerPoint presentation, safety career day at schools, workplace
safety activities, toolbox talks, providing employee safety literature and participating in safety fairs. NJASSE has also provided a Teen Distracted Driving Press Release to the news media. We are also awaiting a proclamation from Governor Chris Christie recognizing NAOSH 2014 in New Jersey.

Also, 2007 was the first year that Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day (OSHP) was celebrated. OSHP Day is on Wednesday May 7th. This day was established to honor occupational safety, health and environmental professionals who have dedicated their lives to protecting people, property and the environment. Let’s thank a fellow Safety Pro on May 7th!!

Each year, NJASSE urges our members 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 to their families.

Let’s continue to work together to achieve our goal of 0!

**Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day, May 7th**

Each and every day, men and women from around the world return home from work to their families injury and illness free thanks to occupational safety, health and environmental (SH&E) professionals, who have dedicated their careers to protecting people, property and the environment.

SH&E professionals work behind the scenes identifying and eliminating potential hazards in workplaces around the world, and their efforts are often achieved with little or no fanfare.

In an effort to recognize and to celebrate the lifesaving efforts of the thousands of SH&E professionals in the U.S. today, the American Society of Safety Engineers established Occupational Safety and Health Professional (OSHP) Day in 2006 to give these unsung heroes some much deserved recognition for the difference they make in the lives of every working man and woman.

Held every year during North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH, May 4th-10th, 2014) Week during the first full week of May, OSHP Day will take place this year on May 7th. On this day we encourage employers, co-workers, and the general public to say “thank you” to those who spend work around the clock making sure that every day spent on the job is a safe one.

OSHP Day was also established to raise awareness and pride in the SH&E profession, and to salute the years of education, training and practical experience and skills that it takes to be qualified to identify workplace hazards, and to develop methods of prevention of on-the-job injuries, illness and property damage. Throughout the world, the SH&E profession has earned a reputation as being one of the most challenging and rewarding careers today!

http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh/whatisoshp.php

**New Members**

The New Jersey Chapter of ASSE would like to welcome the following new members. If you have any questions about the chapter, please e-mail your question to info@njasse.org. We hope to see you at future meetings.

Ricardo Barrantes