Greetings to all our NJASSE members and welcome to a new Chapter year! It is with great pleasure that I begin to serve you and the NJ Chapter of American Society of Safety Engineers. We have such a dedicated group of individuals serving our Chapter and I look forward to another successful year. As I begin my term as President I would like to congratulate Patrick Delaney, our immediate Past President for his dedication and success in leading our Executive Committee.

Our new fiscal year kicked off with a very successful planning meeting held at Rutgers University in June. Our Executive Committee continues to be busy planning this year’s meeting schedule, technical tours, PDCs and other networking events to engage our membership and support our Chapter. An added focus this year will be to develop and grow the newly created Student Section at NJIT. We’ll be providing you with more event details and other communications in the coming months.

We held our first meeting at Green Vision on August
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20th. This meeting began with a technical tour of Green Vision’s electronic waste recycling facility in Randolph NJ. We learned more about their unique non-profit organization that employs students and adults with developmental disabilities and how their operation runs. Following the tour, a presentation was delivered regarding the increased importance of organizations and individuals managing e-waste responsibly in today’s electronically filled world. More information from our meeting is on page 2. If you are interested in viewing the e-waste presentation it will be posted on our website at www.njasse.org.

Our September meeting was held on September 24th at Rutgers and was a joint meeting with the NJASSE and CHESS. This meeting focused on PEOSH and OSHA with a focus on the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) and the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP). Justin Baker, the assistant chief for the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development spoke with us.

October contained both our Fall PDC on October 23rd and our monthly meeting on October 27th. Our Fall PDC theme was What’s in the SHE News? and included Cecile Bacola, Bill Kerbel, and our own Jack Fearing as presenters. Our monthly meeting was a joint chapter meeting with the New Jersey chapter AHMP and included two speakers, Steve Barnett PE, CIH, MSPH, Esq., who spoke about Process Safety Management (PSM), and Bernard L Fontaine, Jr CIH, CSP, FAIHA, who spoke on Workplace Health Without Borders (WHWB). More details about the October meetings will be included in the next newsletter.

We’re always interested in feedback from our members. If you have suggestions on how the NJ Chapter could further benefit our members we’d love to hear from you. Please send us an email at info@njasse.org.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming Chapter meetings or events. Please check our website for the latest meeting information. Our next meeting is a joint meeting with the NY Metro chapter of the ASSE at the Hoboken Fire Department Museum on Wednesday, November 18th. Dave Korman will present on Using Virtual Design and Construction Software for Safer Construction.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John Kraynanski, CSP 
Chapter President

Welcome to NJASSE 
Dan Rollino

The Chapter Members and Officers would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the following new members who have joined the ASSE since August 1:

- George Boothby
- William Cherepon
- Andrew Driscoll
- Melvin Nelson
- Scott Vogel*
- Vincent Vogler
- Alina Williams

*Student Member

Welcome to the ASSE, and we encourage you to take advantage of our network, meetings, and trainings to take your education and career development to the next level. We look forward to meeting you at our next meeting. Please note that your first meeting is free.
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Officers’ Installation Meeting

Lauren Cranmer

Rutherford, NJ – The 2015 Officers’ Installation Meeting was held June 27, 2015 and the Meadowlands Race Track in East Rutherford, NJ.

NJASSE officers and their guests attended the meeting and pledged their service and efforts on behalf of ASSE for the coming year. Our new officers were welcomed into their new positions for the ASSE fiscal year, which began July 1. Our officers moving up include our new President, John Kraynanski, our new President Elect, Greg Decker, and our new Vice President, Lauren Cranmer. Our newly elected officers include Robert Ortiz as Treasurer and Louise Valee as secretary.

Our outgoing president discussed all of the outstanding accomplishments NJASSE has made over the last year and the lessons learned in putting together our new student chapter. NJASSE plans to build upon our successes of 2014 in the coming year and expand to continue to build upon our membership. NJASSE $1,000 Ted Brinkley scholarship was formally presented to Olusola Adedoyin for his good grades in his degree program in the EHS field.

September Chapter Meeting

Louise Vallee

Piscataway, NJ – On September 24, Rutgers University hosted the NJASSE and CHESS for a joint chapter meeting. Our speaker was Justin Baker, Assistant Chief, NJ Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development, Occupational Safety Training & PEOSH Consultation, OSHA (TBA) and NJSISC. He provided an introduction of available recognition programs for small to medium sized employers in the state of NJ. The established SHARP and VPP programs are available to employers in our state, which not only includes programs from OSHA, but also includes free access to underutilized services provided by the staff of Occupational Safety Training & PEOSH Consultation. In addition, the Governor’s Annual Occupational Safety & Health Awards Program is another achievable program to encourage recognition while your employer prepares for SHARP and/or VPP status.

Congratulations to the new officers and thank you to all who attended the officer’s installation meeting. We are all looking forward to 2015!
My name is Olusola Adedoyin, currently studying Occupational Safety Health and Environmental Engineering at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). I am part of the New York/New Jersey Education and Research Center, which is one of seventeen National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)-sponsored Educational and Research Centers (ERCs) located at universities throughout the United States. I just recently received the Ted Brickley scholarship as part of the NJASSE Scholarship Program.

I have worked on health and safety related research work and I recently worked on an ergonomics pilot study evaluating the effects of backpacks on college students at NJIT.

I am a member of ASSE and along with Professor George Olsen and a few other students we are starting the NJASSE/NJIT student chapter in the fall of 2015. I will serve as the NJASSE/NJIT student chapter president and I am looking forward to working with the NJASSE members in generating health and safety awareness in my school and building and a strong relationship between NJASSE and NJIT.

Randolph, NJ – On August 20, Green Vision hosted the NJASSE chapter at the organization’s training facility in Randolph, NJ. Green Vision is an electronics recycling non-profit with a mission to provide “students and adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to learn and work in real life job situations.” Sal Marrano, the operations manager, provided us with a tour of the facility and discussed some of the unique behavioral and safety concerns that come from working with adults with disabilities. After the tour, Lauren Cranmer, NJASSE Vice President, presented an overview on electronic waste recycling and important considerations for properly managing it.

For more information on Green Vision, please visit here. For the mission statement source, please click here.
NY State Safe Patient Handling: AFL CIO Summary

Safe Patient Handling Act (Sections 20 & 21, Part A, S6914/A9205)

The Safe Patient Handling Act will cover all hospitals, nursing homes, diagnostic treatment centers and clinics licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law, and includes state operated group homes as well as health care units in prisons and OCFS facilities. Safe patient handling (“SPH”) is defined as the use of engineering controls, lifting and transfer aids, or assistive devices by staff to perform the acts of lifting, transferring and repositioning health care patients and residents.

Safe Patient Handling Workgroup

The Commissioner of Health must establish a statewide SPH workgroup by January 1, 2015.

Workgroup membership will consist of the Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of Labor, healthcare providers, employee representatives of nurses, employee representatives of direct care workers, representatives of nurse executives and certified ergonomist evaluation specialists.

The workgroup will review existing SPH programs; consult with various organizations; identify and develop training materials; and submit a report to the Commissioner of Health by July 1, 2015, which identifies sample SPH policies and best practices, as well as resources and tools for use by facilities in meeting the requirements of SPH.

Facility-Based Safe Patient Handling Committees

By January 1, 2016, all covered facilities must establish a facility-based SPH committee. One half of each committee’s membership must be front-line, non-managerial employees that provide direct care with at least one nurse and at least one non-nurse direct care provider. Where applicable, a resident council member must also be included.

The purpose of the facility-based committees is to design and recommend the processes for implementing SPH programs for their respective facilities.

The duties of SPH committees may be assigned to existing committees, so long as the composition of the committee comports with the parameters described above.

Safe Patient Handling Policy

Each covered facility must:

- Establish a SPH policy by January 1, 2017, implementation of which may be phased-in;
- In connection with implementation, consider elements of sample SPH policies and best practices identified by the statewide workgroup, as well as the type of facility, services provided, patient population, care

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plans, types of caregivers and physical environments for all shifts and units of the facility;

- Conduct a patient handling hazard assessment;
- Develop a process to identify the appropriate use of the SPH policy, based on patients’ physical and medical condition and availability of equipment which includes means to address circumstances where it is contraindicated to use the policy based on a patient’s condition;
- Provide initial and ongoing training and education on SPH;
- Set up and utilize an investigation process for incident review, which may include plans for corrective action;
- Conduct annual performance evaluations of its program with results reported to the committee. The report must include an evaluation of the reduction of injury to patients and workers;
- Consider feasibility of incorporating SPH equipment when construction or remodeling is occurring within the facility; and
- Develop a process by which a covered employee may refuse to perform or be involved in patient handling or movement that the employee reasonably believes in good faith will expose a patient or employee to an unacceptable risk of injury. Such policy must require that the employee make a good faith effort to ensure patient safety and bring the matter to the attention of the facility in a timely manner. Employees who follow the procedure shall not be subject to disciplinary action.

http://www.zeroliftforny.org/nys-legislation/

New! NIOSH eDocs
Deborah Hornback, MS, Christopher Storms

The new NIOSH eDoc provides a mobile-friendly format for short NIOSH publications. This new publication product presents workplace safety and health information in a way that is accessible and easy to use on any mobile device, desktop, or laptop computer. NIOSH eDocs are created using Responsive Web Design, which enables web content to automatically format for best viewing on different-sized mobile device screens.

By minimizing the need for resizing, panning, and scrolling, responsive design allows easy reading and movement through a document.

How eDocs can Help You

The NIOSH eDoc format is used only for NIOSH numbered publications that have already been approved for publication. The eDoc is not intended to replace PDFs, but rather to offer more options for viewing and using NIOSH documents. eDocs are web-based products that currently can only be viewed online; they cannot be downloaded.

The first document to be available in the new NIOSH eDoc format is Ergonomic Solutions for Retailers: Prevention of Material Handling Injuries in the Grocery Sector. This booklet for retailers and safety experts illustrates the use of mechanical assist devices for safer materials handling in grocery work.

http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2015/08/05/edoc/
New OSHA Tools and Apps

**Hazard Identification Training Tool**

OSHA's Hazard Identification Training Tool is an interactive, online, game-based training tool for small business owners, workers and others interested in learning the core concepts of hazard identification. After using this tool, users will better understand the process to identify hazards in their own workplace.


This tool is intended to:

- Teach small business owners and their workers the process for finding hazards in their workplace.
- Raise awareness on the types of information and resources about workplace hazards available on OSHA's website.


**Heat Safety Tool App**

**US DOL OSHA**

When you're working in the heat, safety comes first. With the OSHA Heat Safety Tool, you have vital safety information available whenever and wherever you need it—right on your mobile phone.

The App allows workers and supervisors to calculate the heat index for their worksite, and, based on the heat index, displays a risk level to outdoor workers. Then, with a simple "click," you can get reminders about the protective measures that should be taken at that risk level to protect workers from heat-related illness—reminders about drinking enough fluids, scheduling rest breaks, planning for and knowing what to do in an emergency, adjusting work operations, gradually building up the workload for new workers, training on heat illness signs and symptoms, and monitoring each other for signs and symptoms of heat-related illness.

Working in full sunlight can increase heat index values by 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Keep this in mind and plan additional precautions for working in these conditions.

The OSHA Heat Tool is available in Spanish for Android and iPhone devices. To access the Spanish version on the iPhone, set the phone language setting to Spanish before downloading the app.

Stay informed and safe in the heat, check your risk level.

For more information about safety while working in the heat, see OSHA’s [heat illness webpage](https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index/heat_index.html), including new online guidance about using the heat index to protect workers.

The source code for this app is available for download:

- iPhone: [All-in-One](https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index/heat_app.html) (ZIP*)
OSHA Updates National Emphasis Program on Amputations

Washington DC – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration today issued an updated National Emphasis Program on Amputations. The NEP has been in existence since 2006 and is targeted to industries with high numbers and rates of amputations. In this updated NEP, OSHA is using current enforcement data and Bureau of Labor Statistics injury data to assist with site selection targeting, the same methodology used in the prior NEP.

According to the most recent Bureau of Labor Statistics data, manufacturing employers report that 2,000 workers suffered amputations in 2013. The rate of amputations in the manufacturing sector was more than twice as much (1.7 per 10,000 full-time employees) as that of all private industry (0.7). These serious injuries are preventable by following basic safety precautions.

The NEP includes a list of industries with high numbers and rates of amputations as reported to BLS.

"Workers injured from unguarded machinery and equipment can suffer permanent disability or lose their lives," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. "This directive will help ensure that employers identify and eliminate serious workplace hazards and provide safe workplaces for all workers."

OSHA’s inspections over the past 40 years indicate that employee exposures to unguarded or inadequately guarded machinery and equipment, along with related hazardous energy exposures during servicing and maintenance activities, occur in many workplaces.

This directive updates the 2006 NEP on Amputations and applies to general industry workplaces in which any machinery or equipment likely to cause amputations are present. Inspections will include an evaluation of employee exposures during operations such as: clearing jams; cleaning, oiling or greasing machines or machine pans; and locking out machinery to prevent accidental start-up.

On Jan. 1, 2015, OSHA issued new requirements for reporting work-related fatalities and severe injuries. Employers must now report fatalities within eight hours of learning of the incident and any in-patient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye within 24 hours of learning of the incident. Employers can report an event by telephone to the nearest OSHA area office or to OSHA’s 24-hour hotline at 800-321-6742. Employers will soon be able to report events electronically through OSHA’s website.

https://www.osha.gov/newsrelease/trade-20150813.html

to help organizations develop S&H programs that involve all levels, instill strong safety cultures in the workers, and improve the bottom line for managers. The eTool asks four questions and uses their answers to help develop strong, proactive programs designed to create real and lasting change. For more, click here.

E-Waste Recycling: Lead

Recycling of used electronics (E-scrap) is an emerging area of concern as a source of occupational exposures among workers, and as a source of take-home exposures. In evaluating an Ohio e-scrap facility, described in the July 17 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), NIOSH researchers found that take-home contamination and lead exposure can occur when dust is transferred from the workplace to the home. To read the full report, go here. For more information on occupational exposures at e-scrap facilities go here.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6427a3.htm

Reducing Diacetyl Exposure

NIOSH has developed guidance to reduce workers’ exposures to diacetyl through engineering controls, best work practices, and techniques for monitoring worker exposures. Although these guidelines emphasize diacetyl, they can be applied to reduce exposures to diacetyl substitutes such as 2, 3-pentanediol and other alphan-diketones. To view the guidelines, visit Best Practices: Engineering Controls, Work Practices, and Exposure Monitoring for Occupational Exposures to Diacetyl and 2, 3-Pentanediol.


Child Auto Restraints: Updated NJ Regulations

The following recommendations will provide the safest way to transport your child according to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Additionally it will ensure compliance to the New Jersey Child Passenger Restraint Law. (Title 39:3-76.2a)

Any child under the age of 8 years old and a height of 57 inches shall be secured as follows in the rear seat of a motor vehicle:

- A child under the age of 2 years and 30 pounds shall be secured in a rear-facing seat equipped with a 5-point harness.
- A child under the age of 4 years and 40 pounds shall be secured as described in (a) until they reach the upper limits of the rear-facing seat, then in a forward-facing child restraint equipped with a 5-point harness.
- A child under the age of 8 and a height of 57 inches shall be secured as described in (a) or (b) until they reach the upper limits of the rear-facing or forward facing seat, then in a belt positioning booster seat.
- A child over 8 years of age or 57 inches in height must be properly secured by a seat belt.

If there are no rear seats, the child shall be secured as described above in the front seat except that no child shall be secured in a rear-facing seat in the front seat of any vehicle that is equipped with an active passenger-side airbag. The aforementioned is acceptable if the airbag is de-activated.

http://www.nj.gov/lps/hts/childseats/childseats_newlaw.html

CSP Question of the Month

Robert Ortiz

The primary purpose of ISO 19011 is to provide guidance on?

a. Developing S&H systems
b. Developing environmental control systems
c. Implementing an ES&H management system
d. Managing and conducting quality and environmental management system audits

Last month’s response: C (Pocket Dosimeter)
Musicians and Hearing Disorders
Chuck Kardous, Thais Morata, Christa Themann, Patricia Spears, and Sue Afanuh

Musicians have irregular and unpredictable exposures, and their work schedules are considerably different from those of typical industrial workers. Effective interventions must be behavioral and rely primarily on awareness, knowledge, competency, and accountability of those producing music.

NIOSH recommends that employers, music venue operators, schools and colleges, consider the following actions to reduce potential hearing damage for musicians, music teachers and students, and other exposed workers:

- Encourage participation in educational and awareness campaigns on music-induced hearing loss.
- Conduct regular sound level assessments to identify whether levels ever exceed 85 dB (A).
- If sound levels are above 85 dB (A), implement a hearing loss prevention program that includes annual hearing testing and training.
- Identify hearing protection solutions that work best for the individual musicians or affected workers.

Musicians should consider taking the following actions:

- Monitor the level and duration of your exposure to musical sounds. If professional sound measurement equipment is not available, some smartphone apps have provide useful and accurate information about sound levels [see related blog](http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2015/07/07/musicians-hearing-loss/).
- Play music at lower levels during individual and group rehearsals, whenever possible.
- Get a yearly hearing evaluation by a licensed audiologist.
- Give your ears some rest; take advantage of breaks in quiet areas when possible.
- Wear hearing protection when appropriate, some hearing protectors are manufactured and targeted specifically for musicians.

[Construction Confined Space Standard Update](http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2015/07/07/musicians-hearing-loss/)

Confined spaces – such as manholes, crawl spaces, and tanks – are not designed for continuous occupancy and are difficult to exit in the event of an emergency. People working in confined spaces face life-threatening hazards including toxic substances, electrocutions, explosions, and asphyxiation.

The webpages linked below contain information on the new regulation, compliance assistance documents, and other resources OSHA has to help employers and workers understand the rule. OSHA will continue to publish new guidance products in the coming months, and will post them here. Please check the website often for updates.

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Construction workers often perform tasks in confined spaces - work areas that (1) are large enough for an employee to enter, (2) have limited means of entry or exit, and (3) are not designed for continuous occupancy. These spaces can present physical and atmospheric hazards that can be prevented if addressed prior to entering the space to perform work. This page is a starting point for finding information about these spaces, the hazards they may present, and ways to safely work in them.

Standard

- Updated Reader friendly version (PDF*) of the upcoming 29 CFR 1926, Subpart AA standard.

Compliance Assistance Materials

- Confined Spaces in Construction: Pits (PDF*). OSHA Fact Sheet, (2015, April).
- Permit-Required Confined Spaces in General Industry (PDF). OSHA QuickCard, (OSHA 3214-2011). Also available in Spanish (PDF)

https://www.osha.gov/confinedspaces/index.html

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Beryllium

Beryllium is a lightweight but strong metal used principally in the aerospace and defense industries. The most common use is in beryllium-copper alloy because of its electrical and thermal conductivity, high strength and hardness, good corrosion and fatigue resistance, and nonmagnetic properties. Another form is beryllium oxide which is an excellent heat conductor, with high strength and hardness, and acts as an electrical insulator in some applications.

Workers who inhale airborne beryllium in the workplace can develop a lung condition called chronic beryllium disease or CBD. Occupational exposure to beryllium has also been linked to lung cancer. Beryllium is classified as a human carcinogen by the US Department of Health and Human Services National Toxicology Program and the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

OSHA recently released a proposed rule to protect workers exposed to beryllium. This is a proposal, not a final rule. OSHA encourages the public to participate in the development of the rule by submitting comments and participating in a public hearing if one takes place. Your input will help OSHA develop an effective health standard that protects employees from beryllium-related health effects to the extent feasible for employers.

OSHA estimates that the proposed rule will prevent 96 premature deaths each year and prevent 50 new cases of CBD per year, once the full effects of the rule are realized.

The proposed rule is the result of OSHA’s extensive review of scientific evidence relating to the health risks of exposure to beryllium, analysis of the diverse industries where worker exposure to beryllium occurs, and outreach efforts to affected stakeholders. OSHA carefully considered input from industry and labor stakeholders, recommendations from small business representatives, and feedback from subject matter experts and partner agencies in developing the proposed rule.

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OSHA currently enforces a 40-year-old permissible exposure limit (PEL) for beryllium in general industry, construction and shipyards that is outdated and does not adequately protect worker health.

Rulemaking Information

- News Release
- Statement from Assistant Secretary
- Frequently Asked Questions (PDF*)

Request for Information Notice 67:70707-70712 (November 26, 2002).

Beryllium Proposed Rule

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) – The NPRM is OSHA’s formal notice of proposed regulatory action related to occupational exposure to beryllium. The NPRM contains background and explanatory information and analysis related to the proposed rule, as well as the proposed regulatory text. OSHA welcomes public comments on the NPRM.

Health Effects and Risk Assessment

Background Documents – As part of the rulemaking process, OSHA carefully evaluated health effects of, and the risk of morbidity and mortality associated with, occupational exposure to beryllium. OSHA welcomes public comments on these background documents.

Preliminary Economic Analysis – The PEA details OSHA’s estimation of costs, benefits, and other economic impacts of the proposed rule. OSHA welcomes public comments on the PEA.

Federal Docket for Beryllium Rulemaking – Visit the federal docket folder on Regulations.gov to examine supporting materials for the proposed rule and review comments submitted by members of the public including workers and worker groups, affected industries, and other interested parties.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

OSHA’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for Occupational Exposure to Beryllium has been published in the Federal Register. The proposed rule is available here.

Highlights

- REVISED Beryllium Safety and Health Topics Page
- NEW OSHA Fact Sheet - Health Effects of Exposure to Beryllium (PDF*). (2015).
- NEW OSHA InfoSheet – Beryllium Safety in the Workplace (PDF*). (2015).

https://www.osha.gov/dsg/beryllium/rulemaking.html
NJSSC Training Institute offers many courses designed to advance safety for the operator, supervisor, and safety professional. The following are the courses that will be offered over the next two months. Please visit here for more information on the NJSSC and here to view the full course catalogue.

**November 2015**

- 11/6/15 Excavation Safety Standards for Competent Person
- 11/11/15 Coaching Lift Truck Operator Train-the-Trainer
- 11/13/15 Job Hazard Analysis
- 11/18/15–11/19/15 10 Hour OSHA Standards in General Industry

**December 2015**

- 12/2/15 Team Safety
- 12/10/15–12/11/15 10 Hour OSHA Safety & Health Standards for Construction
- 12/16/15 Coaching Lift Truck Operator Train-the-Trainer

**Learn@ASSE**

Did you know that the ASSE has a website dedicated to professional development online? Learn@ASSE contains everything from webinars to guidance on future development to stories from safety professionals in all stages of development. Take the opportunity to visit today and see how Learn@ASSE can help you develop further along your career path!

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**How to submit an article**

Did you attend an event that you can’t wait to let the world know about or have an area of expertise that you love discussing? What about a question on a safety topic or a personal highlight? Want to brag about your company’s EHS accomplishments? The NJASSE chapter newsletter focuses on news relevant to you and welcomes all submissions. To enter an article or a personal recognition for publication, please send to the Editor at news@njasse.org. Articles must be submitted by the 7th of the month to appear in that month’s newsletter.

**NJASSE on LinkedIn**

Did you know that the NJASSE has its own community on LinkedIn? Click here to join!