



News & Views



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Upcoming Chapter Meetings

General Chapter Meeting

Thursday, November 3rd, 2005
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Brady's Landing
8505 Cypress, Houston

Topic: *The Leadership Connection*

Speaker: Danny Richard
People [N] Safety Inc.

Meeting cost is \$17.00 per person and is open to anyone, no reservations required.

*Remember, November is
Bring you Boss to the Meeting Month!*

North Section Meeting

Monday, November 7th - 11:30 a.m.
Ramada Inn North – Richey Rd. & I-45
Topic: **Accident Investigation Techniques**

All ASSE members are welcome to attend. An all you can eat Buffet lunch is included along with all the good information you will get from our presenter for only a \$12.00 fee.

Please ensure your ASSE personal profile information (e-mail, address, phone number) is up to date. Access the Members Only section of www.asse.org to make changes

In Brief

Speaker Bio

Danny Richard

Mr. Richard is Founder and President of People 'N Safety, Inc., a consulting practice that specializes in behavioral-based and leadership-based safety processes. He attended Stephen F. Austin University and is a master trainer for the NCCER foundation (National Center for Construction, Education and Research).

Mr. Richard is a safety innovator and entrepreneur with over 34 years in the construction industries. During his tenure he worked in management positions for major construction companies in the Refinery and Chemical, Pulp and Paper, and Marine businesses. In late 1992, Mr. Richard began to create and reshape the way people experience safety. Since that time he has been directly involved in creating and implementing leadership, person-based, and behavior-based safety processes for large and small organizations. Mr. Richard is personally committed to changing the industry to provide people with an injury free work environment by "**Putting People into the Safety Process**".

Nominate an outstanding Safety Professional for the Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award. Contact Tara Falin at Tara.Falin@bakeroiltools.com

December 13th is the H₂S Refresher Course (0.7 CEUs) is being taught by our own Frank Perry. Sign up or request additional information at 713-996-4263 or contact KClothier@valeron.com. Price is only \$150.00

The ASSE Professional Development Conference (PDC) Committee is seeking speaker submissions for the upcoming 2006 PDC. The 2006 PDC will be held August 6th – 9th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Austin, Texas. Anyone interested in speaking should go to the Region III website at www.region3.asse.org and complete the required "Speaker Submission Forms". If you have any questions contact Gerry Luther by e-mail at region3pdc@calicheltd.com

President's Message – Lawrence Schulze, ASSE Gulf Coast

Is your year going as fast as mine? Do you have as many things that you are trying to accomplish as I am? Do you feel that you're doing a lot but don't know what you've gotten done? Are your thumbs turning purple from too much Blackberrying? Well, take that break and some time out and pass some learning time with the other 80 – 90 ASSE members that have been showing up the first Thursday of every month at Brady's Landing.

This month's topic is on Safety Leadership. The focus is on how to get your entire organization in the safety leadership mode. The presentation will focus on the new 'hot' management word – Execution (of leadership techniques).

We've got more topics on the way and some seminars for the spring to help you out with those CEUs. Look for Sustainable Development, Patient Safety (if you or a loved one are a patient, how can you ensure that they receive the best and safest care?).

Did you miss Vendor's Night? Well, we did not have it this fall; it will be in February. Something to warm you up before spring comes around.

I hope everyone affected by Katrina and Rita is getting his or her lives back to somewhat normalcy. After the mandatory evacuation, I'm still looking for things.

Have you been getting the postcards? I've been checking the mail and not many have been returned. However, many of you need to update your contact information at the ASSE website (<http://www.asse.org/mtools/coa-1.asp>) and follow it up with a phone call to customer service. I know that this seems a little redundant. Believe me it's worth the effort to make sure your contact information gets changed.

The numbers below are preceded by 847-768-####

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Common Interest Groups	Michelle Brozell	3420
	Terry Wilkinson	

Technical Q & A Bulletin

The October edition of the Technical Question and Answer (TQA) Bulletin has been posted on the Practice Specialties website:

http://www.asse.org/prac_spec_tqa23.htm

This edition's bulletin addresses such issues as:

- Control of hazardous energy sources and lockout/tagout procedures
- Ergonomic matting
- Floor hole coverings
- Minimum standards and regulations for working near energized cranes
- How to prevent injuries during the use of a roll-up window
- How to know when new equipment or equipment modifications require new safety standards

The ASSE Technical Question and Answer (TQA) Bulletin is dedicated to bringing safety, health and environmental (SH&E) professionals cutting-edge information that impacts SH&E management. This bulletin is published quarterly, and it provides concise answers to technical issues that are of interest to SH&E professionals

Practice Specialty Overview

The **Consultants Practice Specialty** provides a global professional forum for advancing the consulting issues that affect safety, health and environmental (SH&E) professionals through networking opportunities, technical resources and a common voice on issues.

The Consultants Practice Specialty promotes the advancement of SH&E practices, fosters the well-being of its members and mentors consultants who have questions about technical issues. It also gives consultants the opportunity to discuss relevant strategies and research, and it addresses the needs of practicing SH&E consultants. In addition, this practice specialty develops and disseminates technical and professional information, and it serves as a resource and reference body of expertise for the Society and for non-members alike.

The Consultants Practice Specialty publishes a periodic newsletter, which includes technical articles to assist in members' continuing education. It encourages members to contribute articles to this newsletter and to the ASSE's *Professional Safety* journal as well.

The Consultants Practice Specialty also sponsors sessions at the annual Professional Development Conference (PDC), conducts an annual technical seminar prior to the PDC and plans additional technical information and publication projects throughout the year.

What are the benefits of becoming a member of the Consultants Practice Specialty?

The Consultants Practice Specialty covers hundreds, if not thousands, of topics. The professional aspects of our practice specialty interface and overlap more and more with safety, health and environmental (SH&E) professionals. An understanding of regulations and issues in consulting is a must for most SH&E professionals. A strong knowledge of the issues consultants face will make you a more marketable professional. With such a vast field of knowledge to cover, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) created the Consultants Practice Specialty.

The ASSE has always recognized the need for consulting professionals in the SH&E arena. The goal of the Consultants Practice Specialty is to develop and to disseminate a Body of Knowledge for the SH&E community. This Body of Knowledge also serves those who wish to become SH&E professionals with interests in consulting topics.

The practice specialty membership provides students and professionals with an abundance of resources. A brief overview of our resources is as follows:

The Advisor — The practice specialty publishes a tri-annual newsletter that includes timely articles on issues affecting consultant SH&E professionals. The newsletter also includes hard-hitting and insightful editorial commentary from the Administrator. Article submission is encouraged.

For more information, contact the Assistant Administrator, J. Terrence Grisim .

Consultants Practice Specialty Website — The website contains links to many topics. Additional information found on the website includes Professional Development Conference (PDC) information, Body of Knowledge links, committee activities, current projects and volunteer requests. The Consultants Practice Specialty welcomes your involvement in projects and committees.

The Knowledge Network — The practice specialty and the ASSE have developed the Knowledge Network. This network accesses the knowledge base of tens of thousands of ASSE members by defining each member's area of expertise. By accessing this network, you can share your knowledge and/or draw on the knowledge of other SH&E professionals. This service is free to members, and it will prove valuable to SH&E professionals who seek knowledge, advice and professional contacts in specific consulting-related topics.

PDC Events — The Student Roundtable is an important activity for the Consultants Practice Specialty at the annual PDC. Student mentoring is a key strategic goal. We also sponsor pre- and post-conference seminars, sessions and receptions. Our involvement in providing presentations during general sessions has increased in number and attendance each year. Member involvement during the PDC is encouraged.

Members who would like to participate in future PDC events sponsored by the Consultants Practice Specialty should contact the Administrator, Linda Tapp.

The Consultants Practice Specialty Advisory Board — The Advisory Board is a group of dedicated professionals who give direction to the Consultants Practice Specialty. They meet quarterly to discuss goal setting, assign responsibilities and approve actions. Current projects include the ongoing development of a Body of Knowledge, website expansion, newsletter content and outreach to other professional associations and organizations.

This is a brief explanation of how the Consultants Practice Specialty provides value to its membership. There are many ways in which you can benefit by helping us. Your participation in projects, committees and events will not only help us reach our goals, but will provide you with invaluable experience and contacts as you grow with the SH&E profession. Let us know how we can assist you.

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Additional information on the Engineering Practice Specialty can be obtained at: <http://www.asse.org/>

Hydrogen Sulfide Instructor Refresher Course

This refresher course is designed for professionals who have previously been trained as a Hydrogen Sulfide instructor under ANSI Z390. This refresher is required every three years.

Sponsored by:
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100% of the net proceeds from this course will be donated to the GCC Scholarship Fund at the ASSE Foundation.

December 13, 2005
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cameron Headquarters Facility
4646 West Sam Houston Parkway North
(Between Clay and Tanner)
Houston, TX 77041
713/939-2211

Instructor: Mr. Frank H. Perry, CSP, PE

Continuing Education Units are available for this Course, CEUs: 0.7

Registration and pre-payment is required for this course. Cost for this one-day refresher will be \$150.00 per person. Payment will be accepted in cash, credit card (Visa, Master Card or American Express) or check made payable to Gulf Coast Chapter ASSE. This cost covers instruction and you will walk away with updated H2S instructors manual, plus a CD with more than 100 PowerPoint overheads for training slides.

Class size is limited to 20 participants. Reserving your space is easy by contacting Kevin Clothier at 713/996-4263 or kclothier@valeron.com.

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Technical Audio Conferences



"Business of Safety for the SH&E Professional" will cover these important issues and explore a key question which is often asked of many SH&E Professionals by financial planners in business and industry: **Do safety and health management programs improve a company's bottom line?** The answer is a resounding "YES", although benefits may be somewhat hard to quantify. But in addition to outright savings on worker's compensation benefit claims, civil liability damages, and litigation expenses, having a solid safety and health management program with senior management commitment will improve productivity and employee morale. It can also make the difference between winning and losing bids and even government contracts.

SH&E professionals continue working on this issue and looking for more information. To address these issues, our featured speaker will be Mark Hansen, former **ASSE President** and current chair of the ASSE Business of Safety Committee, (BoSC). Mark is going to look at business and financial management issues and look at ways to increase awareness of the fact that sound SH&E investment strategies is a positive for the organization. The presentation will go approximately sixty minutes. Then, we'll open it up to Q&A for the rest of the program!

Save the date: November 17, 2005
Details at <http://www.asse.org/fr508.htm>

Standards

Below are some URLs you might wish to take a look at about the whole standards issue. These standards are written via the national consensus process by your peers. This is not meant to be a commercial to buy standards because ASSE does produce standards and does sell them to recoup some of the cost. If you are an SH&E professional working with hazards and exposures addressed by these standards it would be wise to have them and refer to them.

Below is an article reprinted on our website addressing the use of standards. The title is "[Safeguarding: Hoops, Health & Harmonization: Design Standards do it All](#)"
<http://www.occupationalhazards.com/articles/14097>

Here is a reprinted article addressing a common question - "Are ANSI Standards Really Voluntary"
<http://www.occupationalhazards.com/articles/12790>

And, this discussion almost always results in a discussion about "Why Charge for Standards"
http://www.asse.org/safety_highlights_charge.htm

And - last-but-not-least - the ASSE Statement on the use of national voluntary consensus standards
http://www.asse.org/format_frames_main2.asp?bannerframe2=govern_affair_banner.html&mainframe2=ngposi3.htm

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