



# American Society of Safety Engineers

## West Michigan Chapter of the ASSE Newsletter

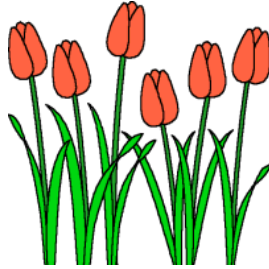
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### April Meeting:

See below for details.



### May Meeting:

The May meeting will be on Thursday, May 21st and include a discussion on Respiratory Protection and cartridge service life estimation.

Further details will be included in next month's newsletter.

## What to do when safety is 3<sup>rd</sup>

Presented by: Dr. John Austin

This session will discuss the means, methods, and processes of driving change in safety through culture and the role of the Safety Professional in making this happen. Dr. John Austin is an internationally recognized expert in providing behavior-based solutions to organizational challenges. He is founder of Reaching Results, a consultancy for management, motivation, leadership, and safety. John has experience in occupational safety, motivation, performance measurement, leadership development, coaching, and organizational change management.

At Western Michigan University, John has taught college and graduate level courses and conducted research in the areas of occupational safety, organizational performance improvement, consultation, motivation, and behavior change for 15 years.

### Extra Event: The Signing of the New MIOSHA Alliance

The three Michigan chapters of the ASSE have entered into an alliance agreement with MIOSHA. Join us as Doug Kalinowski, Director of MIOSHA will sign the agreement along with the three chapter presidents.

### Schedule:

- 4:30 to 4:40 – Networking & Open Bar
- 4:40 to 5:15 – Signing of the new MIOSHA Alliance
- 5:15 to 6:30 – Presentation with Q&A period

### RSVP to:

Brian Becker at: [BBECKER@steelcase.com](mailto:BBECKER@steelcase.com)

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| <b>Location:</b> | DeVos Place - River View E             |
| <b>Cost:</b>     | There will be no cost for this meeting |
| <b>Food:</b>     | Light snacks and cash bar              |



**Michigan Safety Conference**

April 7th and 8th in Grand Rapids at The DeVos Place.

For more information, go to: [www.michsafetyconference.com](http://www.michsafetyconference.com)

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**March Meeting Re-cap**

Kelley Losey from Quest Sustainable Solutions (Cascade Engineering) presented "Safety & Environmental Sustainable Business Practices" at our March WMASSE meeting. If you are interested in engaging with other businesses who are using sustainability as a strategy, here is the link to the West Michigan Sustainable Forum: [www.wmsbf.org](http://www.wmsbf.org)

Thanks to Kelley for a very informative presentation.

**Occupational Health & Safety Coordinator/Manager  
Grand Rapids**

A full description for the position and contact information is detailed at: [www.wmasse.org/jobs.html](http://www.wmasse.org/jobs.html)

**Safety Positions**

Paul Shrenker Associates is looking to fill a number positions across the US. To view a list of current openings go to: [www.psassociatesinc.com](http://www.psassociatesinc.com)

| Local MIOSHA Training |  |                          |                  |  |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| April 7-8             | Michigan Safety Conference                 | DeVos Place Grand Rapids | Conference Staff | <a href="http://www.michsafetyconference.org">www.michsafetyconference.org</a> |
| April 15              | Excavations: The Grave Danger              | Grand Rapids             | Janine Thomas    | 616.698.1167<br><a href="mailto:jthomas@teagr.org">jthomas@teagr.org</a>       |
| April 16              | Powered Industrial Truck Train-The-Trainer | Grand Rapids             | Janine Thomas    | 616.698.1167<br><a href="mailto:jthomas@tea.org">jthomas@tea.org</a>           |
| April 23              | Supervisor's Role in Safety and Health     | Cadillac                 | Jennifer Gaffke  | 231.876.2210<br><a href="mailto:jgaffke@wmisd.org">jgaffke@wmisd.org</a>       |
| April 22-23           | MIOSHA Construction 10-Hour Course         | Holland                  | Brian Cole       | 800.690.0314   |
| April 29              | MIOSHA Record-keeping and Cost of Injuries | Holland                  | Brian Cole       | 800.690.0314   |

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## **ASSE Practice Specialties - Serving the Specialists of the SH&E Profession:**

Practice Specialties supplement ASSE's broad-based general activities with focused, individualized programs and services. They offer referral to experts, provide convenient contact with peers in your specialty, regularly publish technical information and news, assist Chapters with educational programming, participate in Chapter and Regional conferences, and serve as a technical resource to the entire Society.

Membership in an ASSE Practice Specialty brings you additional services such as:

- Information on important safety specialties
- Opportunities to meet locally with specialists having similar interests
- Additional opportunities for service and leadership
- Small, homogeneous group focus and involvement
- Supplementary, individualized, specialized educational opportunities
- Additional technical information, contacts and referrals
- Additional recognition and award opportunities

**Cutting Edge Technical Information:** The American Society of Safety Engineers also serves the membership by participating in the development and maintenance of key SH&E national voluntary consensus standards. ASSE serves as the national secretariat for eight different SH&E committees. ASSE is also the Administrator for the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) on fall protection, risk management and road safety. ASSE members serve on 40+ SH&E standards committees. These activities make a significant contribution to establishing the body of knowledge of the SH&E profession. Additional technical information services are also provided through conference calls, and our various technical committees such as Body of Knowledge, Business of Safety, and Technology.

## **Career and Professional Development – probably the most important reason you joined ASSE**

ASSE professional development programs give SH&E professionals the best opportunity to grow professionally, achieve important career milestones and build critical skills, knowledge and connections.

**Annual Professional Development Conference – Safety 2009** – the most comprehensive picture of the key issues, new developments and challenges facing the profession - an incredible opportunity to learn and connect.

**Seminars, Symposia, Webinars and Virtual Symposium** – get in-depth education and training on new management concepts and techniques or find out about the ideas and technical developments driving the profession.

**Professional recognition** is achieved in many ways and ASSE stands ready to help.

- Workshops to achieve professional certification – CSP, CHMM, OHST, CHST
- Certificate Programs to build and recognize management expertise, including ASSE's:
  - ⇒ Certificate in Safety Management
  - ⇒ Executive Program in Safety Management

**Professional Publications and References** – let ASSE build your professional collection with publications written by leading practitioners with practical information for the workplace. Professional Safety journal, ASSE outstanding magazine covering topics relating to SH&E – opportunities available for submitting a manuscript. The Journal of SH&E Research – the premier peer-reviewed, online publication for SH&E educators by the Academics Practice Specialty

## **Members Only Online:**

- Search the membership directory
- ASSE Forum - answers to on-the-job questions
- White Papers
- Government Affairs Updates – opportunities to get involved
- Professional Safety Archives

**Chapters** - PDC's, study groups; networking; speakers; online newsletters; leadership opportunities.

**NAOSH** – North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week. Poster contests for members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews as part of NAOSH Week. Opportunities for ASSE members and chapters to sponsor schools or children from their workplace to enter the contest.

**It's your career and ASSE is your partner in career achievement and the engine to power your success.**