



American Society of Safety Engineers

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September Meeting:

Save the date:

The September meeting on Sleep Deprivation will be on September 20th at 8:00am. Sign-up information will be within the next newsletter. Below is the 2007/2008 meeting schedule.

Newsletter Updates:

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Greetings...hopefully this finds you exhausted from a long, hot summer! We will all be able to take a breather soon, as kids go back to school and the push to get all your summer fun in dwindles with the summer. First off...thanks to all those who continue to step forward in WMASSE leadership roles. Your 2007/2008 board members are listed on the right side of the newsletter a little farther down.

I'm looking forward to our monthly programs – I received a number of requests for topics and we have tried to build those into the schedule.

If you were not aware MIOSHA is holding its Third Annual "Take a Stand For Safety" on August 15, 2007. It's not too late to schedule a MIOSHA consultant to spend the day looking at your programs and assisting with compliance...citation and penalty free! If any of you participate in this, please send me a couple paragraphs on your experience and we will publish it in the next newsletter. The MIOSHA website has sign-up information.

Other Happenings....

- We will be working closely with the GVSU ASSE Student Chapter. John Kowitz and Cody Green are providing excellent leadership. Their chapter will be planning a networking/GVSU Football Game with tailgating for October 13, 7:00 p.m. game time.
- I will be trying to organize a table for any of the High School career days. The table top will showcase our profession and talk about the GVSU OSH program. I have not had great success on the public school end...so if you have a high school student and you know when their career day is, please contact me. Also, contact me if you have some interest in staffing a table for this project.
- If you would like more information on being part of the Program, SPY Award, Scholarship, or STARS committees please call me. We are always looking for new blood!

I look forward to meeting you. *Heather Kubiak*

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2007/2008 WMASSE MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Coordinator:</u>
Sept 20, 2007	8:00am	Sleep Deprivation	Heather Kubiak
Oct 13, 2007	Evening	GVSU Football Tailgate Meeting	Student Chapter
Nov 15, 2007	8:00am	Certifications 101	Heather Kubiak
Dec 2007	TBD	Tour of GR Police Department	Heather Kubiak
		Officer Safety	
Jan 17, 2008	8:00am	CPR / AED Certification	James Bauer
Feb 2007	TBD	WMIHA Joint Meeting	Heather Kubiak
Mar 21, 2008	4:30pm	Crime Scene Investigation	Heather Kubiak
Apr 15-16, 2008	All day	Michigan Safety Conference	Heather Kubiak
May 16, 2008	8:00am	NFPA 70E Update & Compliance	Heather Kubiak
June 2008	TBD	TBD	TBD

You can also view the meeting schedule at:
www.wmasse.org/meeting.html



**2007/2008
OFFICERS**

**ASSE's 2007-2008
Membership Recruitment Challenge**

ASSE's Member-Get-a-Member campaign could have you joining the fiesta in Mexico! Each time you sponsor a new full member between April 2007 and June 2008, you'll be entered into the drawing - increasing your chances to win!

Quarterly member recruiter drawings for \$100 will take place in August, November, and February.

Your Choice of Location! Acapulco is one of Mexico's most famous beach resorts. The city features a beautiful bay, enticing beaches, and an unbeatable nightlife. For those who have never visited Acapulco, visit La Isla de la Roqueta, and sit back and relax or enjoy some scuba diving. You'll also want to check out La Quebrada, where fearless cliff divers plunge into the ocean below. If you're looking for a little excitement of your own, Acapulco offers bungee jumping and parasailing where, from high above, you can admire the stunning panoramic views of the bay, the hotel zone, and the surrounding mountains.

When you sponsor just one new, full member you'll be entered into a drawing to win a trip for two to Mexico! This means the more members you sponsor the better your chances are to WIN BIG.

- Grand Prize: Trip for Two to Mexico (\$5,000 value)
- 1st place recruiter: \$1,000
- 2nd place recruiter: \$500
- 3rd place recruiter: \$250

(All prizes are in US Dollars and will come in the form of American Express Gift Cheques)

The winners will be announced in July 2008. Get CREDIT! Remember to write your name as the sponsor on each application you hand out!

Go to the following website to learn more:

www.asse.org/membership

Training

For local MIOSHA training, go to: www.mi.gov/miosha

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House Of Delegates Vote to Change Criteria for Professional Membership

The House of Delegates voted on a change to Professional Membership criteria within ASSE at the June meeting. An article with the details of these changes was posted on July 31 in ASSE's electronic newsletter, *Society Update*, and will also be communicated in *Professional Safety Journal* in September.

Our goal is to be sure that all members are familiar with this change and have a chance to reclassify their membership before the July 1, 2008 deadline (July 1, 2009 for members outside of the United States). Reclassifications are offered at no cost until these deadlines. A link to the *Society Update* article is as follows: http://www.asse.org/societyupdate/0708_HOD_Votes.php Reclassifications can be completed through the link on the webpage: <http://www.asse.org/cartpage.php?link=additem&PID=MEMBERRECLASS&QTY> .

There is a Frequently Asked Questions list on this issue on the Society Update webpage. I'm also listed as the contact for any additional questions about this change. Since you may also get questions about this motion within your region or chapter, I'd like to share the most common questions I have received thus far. They are as follows:

Q. How does the change to the criteria to become a professional member affect those who are currently classified as professional members?

A. Members who are currently classified as a professional member will not be affected by this change. Once you are classified as a professional member, your classification will not change as long as you continue to meet the requirements (for example, keep your CSP in good standing with BCSP).

Q. Does this change limit the ability to join ASSE?

A. This change only provides a change to criteria for Professional Membership classification with ASSE; it does not limit anyone's ability to join ASSE as a member.

I'm also asked about the history of this change:

Q. What was the process for approval of this change?

A. The motion was communicated to the Chapter Delegates of record in a mailing and on the Delegate webpage at the end of March, 2007. Delegates were asked to communicate the motion to their chapter's executive board and chapter membership. Delegates attending the PDC 2007 House of Delegates Meeting voted on the motion, and it was approved.

Please let me know if you need any further clarification of this change, or have any other questions.

Regards-

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MIOSHA Inspection

MIOSHA Fines Knap & Vogt of Grand Rapids \$134,310 for Failure to Protect Employees from Serious Safety Hazards

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Agency: Labor & Economic Growth

July 19, 2007 - Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) Director Keith W. Cooley today announced the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) has cited Knap & Vogt Manufacturing Company of Grand Rapids with \$134,310 in proposed penalties for allegedly failing to adequately protect employees from serious safety hazards. "Conditions found during the MIOSHA inspection were very serious. It is imperative that Knap & Vogt correct the serious hazards which are endangering their employees," said DLEG Director Keith W. Cooley. "They must fulfill their obligations under the MIOSHA Act and provide a safe and healthy work environment for their employees."

In 2005, the MIOSHA General Industry Safety and Health Division conducted a planned, wall-to-wall inspection at the Knap & Vogt site that resulted in 13 Serious and four Other-than-Serious violations, with a total penalty of \$16,875. As part of their settlement agreement, the company abated all violations. Between March 26, and April 23, 2007, MIOSHA conducted a reinspection at the same location and found that the firm failed to maintain their workplace from unsafe conditions. In addition, the company was cited for a lockout violation that resulted in a finger amputation because a plate was changed without proper lockout protections. The firm was cited for 11 Repeat Serious violations.

The alleged Repeat Serious violations included: failure to guard pinch points and point of operation; failure to guard floor, wall, stairways and platform openings; failure to guard belts and pulleys; failure to guard gears; failure to guard mechanical power press; failure to provide proper safety distance for light curtains on mechanical power press; failure to train mechanical power press operators; failure to cover live electrical; failure to develop a procedure for control of hazardous energy sources (lockout/tagout); and failure to obtain a new audiogram for each employee exposed.

Citation Summary:

11 Repeat Serious Violations	Proposed Penalty	\$110,000	
8 Serious Violations	Proposed Penalty	\$ 23,950	
15 Other-than-serious Violations	Proposed Penalty	0	
1 Repeat Other-than-serious Violation	Proposed Penalty	\$ 360	
Total Proposed Penalties:			\$134,310

A Repeat violation is a violation of the same rule within three years. A Serious violation exists where there is a substantial probability that serious physical harm or death can result to an employee. An Other-than-Serious violation is a condition that would probably not cause death or serious physical harm but would have a direct and immediate relationship to the safety and health of employees.

MIOSHA scheduled inspections target establishments with high injury/illness rates and a high incidence of lost workday cases, based on Michigan data. The intent of the scheduled inspections is to identify hazardous conditions, so that the hazards can be corrected before injuries and illnesses occur.

MIOSHA reinspects workplaces where a comprehensive planned inspection has taken place, with at least five serious hazards identified and corrected. The objective is to determine whether safety and health measures put in place are being maintained. This fiscal year, MIOSHA has reinspected 77 companies and 35 have maintained or improved their safety and health environment. These 35 companies have received a "Certificate of Recognition" to acknowledge their proactive efforts.

"Taking the time to follow MIOSHA regulations can not only protect workers—it can greatly enhance a company's bottom line," said MIOSHA Director Doug Kalinowski. "Successful Michigan companies have shown that a strong safety and health program contributes to increased production, improved quality and greater profits."

Knap & Vogt Manufacturing Co. designs, manufactures and distributes functional hardware, storage-related components, and ergonomic products for original equipment manufactures, specialty distributors, office furniture dealers, hardware chains and major home centers throughout the country. Knap & Vogt employs about 600 workers, and specializes in high speed metal stamping, roll forming, finishing and assembly processes. Knap & Vogt's major product categories include KV® brand drawer slides; wall-attached shelving units and specialty hardware products; Real Solutions For Real Life® brand kitchen, closet and bath storage products; and idea@WORK® brand keyboard systems and other ergonomic office products. Knap & Vogt has been in business for over a century.

The MIOSHA Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division has nearly 40 safety and health consultants that can help provide abatement advice to companies, as well as furnish information on building an effective safety and health management system. The company has 15 working days from receipt of the citations and notices to comply or contest the violations and penalties. (Attached is a Summary of Violations.)