



# American Society of Safety Engineers

## West Michigan Chapter of the ASSE Newsletter

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### October Meeting:

H1N1 (Swine Flu)  
Pandemic Preparedness

Thursday, October 15th @ 8am

See below for details.

### November Meeting:

Arc Flash NFPA 70E

Wednesday, November 4th @ 8am

Stay tuned for more details at;  
[www.wmasse.org/meeting](http://www.wmasse.org/meeting)

Hello West Michigan ASSE Members;

Welcome back to a "New Year" with West Michigan Society of Safety Engineers. This year (2009-2010) will prove to be a very challenging time, requiring everyone to do more with less. West Michigan Chapter/Board is proud to serve its members.

We have a program committee that has spent time and effort to afford you the opportunity to attend meetings that are going to prove to be beneficial. The exciting portion will be having you in attendance to share experiences and to network with safety professionals of all levels. Scott Plummer (Program Chair) has put together our "draft" Program Schedule located on the WMASSE website. This year, as in the past, we encourage continuous support from our Grand Valley student chapter.

Our first meeting is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Please note we attempt having meeting times very close to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, so you are able to set this date aside on the calendar. We encourage each of you to make good use of your dues by attending a meeting or volunteering your time.

As you may remember from last year, we had the signing for the Alliance with Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Greater Detroit Chapter, Lansing Chapter and our own West Michigan Chapter. The efforts of many made this activity a smooth transition last year (many hands make light work).

On October 7<sup>th</sup> in Kalamazoo – Pfizer is offering a Mini-Safety Conference and the WMASSE is planning on having the ASSE booth set up to promote our Chapter and the Society – Clara Davis has volunteered to be there for us.

Please welcome back this year's board members; Jamie Bauer (Vice President), Heather Kubiak (Treasurer), Jeannine Hemry (Secretary), Brian Oczepek (Newsletter Editor & House of Delegate), Scott Plummer (Program Chair) and Mike McKay (Website Editor).

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Brian Becker  
President WMASSE Chapter

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### H1N1 - Attempting to make sense of the Information Overload

We will be looking at the progress of the pandemic status from the World Health Organization and the CDC from an occupational perspective, talking at a high level about what role occupational providers are taking and how businesses are making sense of it all. This meeting will bring the medical expertise in so that EHS professionals can have an open dialogue with someone that is a subject matter expert to provide guidance on what role the occupational clinic is taking and how it interacts with their business.

**Who:** MED1 Occupational Medicine  
**What:** H1N1 (Swine Flu) Pandemic Preparedness  
**When:** Thursday, October 15 at 8:00AM  
**Where:** City of Wyoming; 2660 Burlingame SW  
**Cost:** \$10 with breakfast included  
**RSVP:** [Jeannine.Hemry@wwwinc.com](mailto:Jeannine.Hemry@wwwinc.com)



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## Occupational Safety and Environmental Health (OSEH) Director University of Michigan

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but should be received by October 14, 2009 to be assured consideration during the initial screening. For more details, go to: [www.umich.edu/jobs/](http://www.umich.edu/jobs/)

For more job information, go to: [www.wmasse.org/jobs.html](http://www.wmasse.org/jobs.html)

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

NEWS FLASH – February 15, 1982

We are saddened to learn this week of the death of our West Michigan Chapter's most valuable member; Someone Else. Someone's passing has created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone Else has been with us for many years. Someone Else did far more than a normal person's work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. Whenever there was a job to do or a position to be elected to or a meeting to attend, one name was always on everyone's lips; "Let Someone Else do it!"

Whenever you have a chance to participate in our West Michigan Chapter, remember that we cannot depend on Someone Else anymore! Someone Else is survived by all current members of this West Michigan Chapter, and everyone should be active to keep Someone Else's memory alive. Someone Else will be greatly missed by the inactive members.

Thanks to Ray Case for this excerpt taken from AAA MCI Travel Talk

## West Michigan ASSE Meetings

The 2009-2010 meeting schedule is located on the WMASSE website at:

[www.wmasse.org/meeting](http://www.wmasse.org/meeting)

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