



# American Society of Safety Engineers

## West Michigan Chapter of the ASSE Newsletter

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### September Meeting:

#### Fall Protection

Details are below.



### October Meeting:

#### MIOSHA Inspections

Thursday, October 21st  
JCI Tech Campus  
Holland, MI

## WM ASSE "FALL" KICKOFF MEETING

Our Program Committee has been busy preparing an assortment of great monthly meeting sessions that will be informative, timely, and fun. For starters this year, we are going to offer a hands-on learning experience in Fall Protection, literally! We have made arrangements with Brandon Burnette from Agile Safety to speak and present to our group an overview of Industrial Fall Protection. Where? It's a beautiful time of year to go outside, so we have made arrangements with the John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids for a little "Fall" fun in the great outdoors. We hope you can make it and are willing and able to participate!

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 16, 2010, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** John Ball Zoo, located at 1300 West Fulton Street, Grand Rapids. We will initially meet at the big white tent in the front of John Ball Zoo where Brandon will share his expertise with us on Industrial Fall Protection. After Brandon's presentation, we will head into the zoo to the ZIP LINE and then the SKY TRAIL ROPES.

**COURSE!**

**MEETING DUES:** \$20 – includes technical session on fall protection, admission to the zoo, admission to the Zip Line and Ropes Course. Bagels, muffins, juice and water also to be provided.

### ZIP LINE / ROPES COURSE SAFETY DETAILS:

Participation in the Zip Line and Ropes Course is voluntary, but you are welcome to come along to watch or walk around the zoo if you elect to not participate. This event is outdoors, please dress appropriately and don't forget to wear closed toe shoes as they are required to participate. Both the Zip line and Ropes Course are each four stories tall. The Zip Line is 300 feet long and the Ropes Course has two climbing levels. Trained Zoo staff will lead / instruct our group through both adventures.

Then, those who are brave enough are securely harnessed before taking a leap of faith off the Zip Line platform and fly over the Zoo petting corral to another ridge! Next, the Ropes Course will test your courage and strength. The Ropes Course has a ramp and staircase entrance & exit for easy access. A full body harness is provided that will fit most body shapes and types. An adjustable safety lanyard is hooked into the tracking system at entrance level to ensure all participants are always attached to the Ropes Course System. Ropes activities are constructed from 5/8" rope encased cable.

### ROPES COURSE RULES:

Must be healthy and in good physical condition. Not recommended for those with back or joint injuries, heart conditions, or pregnant. Must be at least 48" tall and weigh less than 300 pounds. All shoes must be closed-toe and fit securely. Pockets must be empty. No loose objects such as cameras or cell phones. No food, candy, or gum while on the course.

RSVP to Scott Plummer by September 13<sup>th</sup> at: [Scott.Plummer@rmtinc.com](mailto:Scott.Plummer@rmtinc.com)

SEE YOU THERE!

**Jobs**

**EHS Manager**

Van Andel Institute - Grand Rapids  
[www.vai.org](http://www.vai.org) -- [Job Description](#)

**Environmental Specialist**

Western Michigan University - Kalamazoo  
<http://www.wmich.edu/hr/careers-at-wmu.html>

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**Local MIOSHA Training**

Sept. 15	Supervisor's Role in Safety and Health	Grand Rapids	Staff	616.698.1167 Ext. 25 <a href="mailto:training@teagr.org">training@teagr.org</a>
Oct. 5 & 6	MIOSHA Construction 10-Hour Course	Benton Harbor	Debbie Gillespie	269.926.4293
Oct. 6	Job Safety Analysis Made Easy	Muskegon	Brian Cole	616.331.7180 <a href="mailto:coleb@gvsu.edu">coleb@gvsu.edu</a>
Oct. 6 & 13	Blueprints for a Safety and Health Management System	Grand Rapids	Staff	616.698.1167 Ext. 25 <a href="mailto:training@teagr.org">training@teagr.org</a>
Oct. 7	MIOSHA Construction - Part 45 Fall Protection	Grand Rapids	Phillip Greene	616.234.3811 <a href="mailto:pgreene@grcc.edu">pgreene@grcc.edu</a>
Oct. 12	Personal Protective Equipment Standards for GI & CS: Parts 6, 33, & 433	Lansing	Sandy Long	517.394.4614 <a href="mailto:info@safetycouncil.org">info@safetycouncil.org</a>
Oct. 12 & 13	MIOSHA Construction 10-Hour Course	Holland	Brian Cole	616.331.7180 <a href="mailto:coleb@gvsu.edu">coleb@gvsu.edu</a>
Oct. 13, 20 & 27	MIOSHA General Industry Ten Hour	Lansing	Sandy Long	517.394.4614 <a href="mailto:info@safetycouncil.org">info@safetycouncil.org</a>
Oct. 19	MVPP/MSHARP Informational Workshop	Kalamazoo	Ron Walko	269.833.6150 <a href="mailto:ronald.d.walko@pfizer.com">ronald.d.walko@pfizer.com</a> or <a href="mailto:tina.r.schmaus@pfizer.com">tina.r.schmaus@pfizer.com</a>
Oct. 27	Effective Safety and Health Training -	Grand Rapids	Staff	616.698.1167 Ext. 25 <a href="mailto:training@teagr.org">training@teagr.org</a>



## A Letter from the President

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Let me be the first one to welcome you to the start of another year for the West Michigan Chapter of ASSE. Personally, I am very excited for what this year has to offer for us all as members of this wonderful organization. This year will continue to be very challenging for all of us, as our time and money is even more valuable now, than ever.

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself, for those of you that don't know me. I currently work for Johnson Controls as a Health, Safety and Environmental Engineer and have been there for almost three years now. I have been an active board member of the West Michigan Chapter for a little over five years, and served on the program committee for a couple years before that. I am married to my wonderful wife, Lindsay, and we will be celebrating our fifth anniversary this October. We also have a son, Drew that is almost two years old. Prior to JCI, I worked at Herman Miller for a little over four years.

We have again assembled a very talented and dedicated team of board members with a couple new faces, and some familiar faces coming back to us from as far away as Jordan in the Middle East. You will see all of the names listed on the second page in this newsletter. I encourage you all to take the time to meet and speak with all of them, as we are always excited to get feedback from you.


Our program schedule is also listed in this newsletter for you. We will continue to target the third Thursday of the month, for the ease of planning. You will also notice that we are getting back to a more technical meeting schedule to focus on the "Engineering" aspect, as after all we are in the American Society of Safety Engineers! We will also add in some Environmental topics that should be useful to those of you with environmental responsibilities, and still apply for the Safety Specialist as well. In addition to this more technical focus, we are going to move the meetings around a bit to some different locations to hopefully make it more convenient for people that work near the Lakeshore or downtown. If your company would like to sponsor a meeting, we still have a few months that do not have locations nailed down. We are just asking for a meeting room with A/V capabilities and we can have food brought in, (it just wouldn't be a WMASSE meeting without good food :-). If the sponsoring company would be willing to pick up part or all of the tab for the food, that would be great as well, but certainly not a requirement.

In addition to the monthly meeting schedule, one of my goals for the year will be to increase our visibility and value to the communities that we live in. We will accomplish this by holding events that focus on "giving back" through volunteer events such as fixing worn down playground equipment making it safer for our children, holding a blood drive or sponsoring a day to work on a Habitat for Humanity house. If you have additional ideas or suggestions for these types of events, please let myself, or another member of the board know.

I also want us to focus on you, the member. The first part of this I already mentioned, by holding meetings that are both valuable and conveniently located. We will also provide opportunities for you to gain CEU's and training that will benefit you in your careers, like CPR certification as one example. We will also focus on providing opportunities for our 24 (and hopefully growing) student members by providing meetings at little to no cost, and giving them the forum to meet and network with those of us in the industry that can potentially provide information, advice and internships.

Lastly, I want to take a quick moment to promote the 100 year anniversary of the Society coming up in 2011. The celebration will culminate at the PDC on June 12-15 for "Safety 2011" in Chicago, IL. The theme this year is "Your Safety is Our Business. Your Future is Our Mission." Registration opens up in December, and the goal for this year is to have over 5,000 attendees. See the Society website for more details: <http://www.asse.org/education/safety2011-teaser.php>

Thank you for reading, welcome and let's all have a Safe and Prosperous year!  
Jamie Bauer



# 2010-2011 Program Calendar

Month	Date	Time	Topic	Location
Sept	16	9:00 AM	Fall Protection / Zip line / Ropes Course	John Ball Zoo
Oct	21	TBD	MIOSHA Inspections	JCI Tech Campus
Nov	18	12:00 PM	Professional Development - Sustainability	Aquinas College
Dec	16	Evening	MIOSHA Update	McFadden's downtown GR
Jan	20	12:00 PM	International Safety	TBD
Feb	17	12:00 PM	Ergonomics and the Aging Workforce	JCI Tech Campus
Mar	17	8:00 AM	Workers Comp	TBD
Apr	21	TBD	Safety Conference - Lansing	Lansing
May	19	8:00 AM	Environmental Recycling Panel	TBD
June	17	7:30 AM	Golf	TBD

