



# American Society of Safety Engineers

## West Michigan Chapter of ASSE Newsletter

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### November Meeting:

(Information is below)



### October Meeting Re-Cap:

The October meeting featured Tim Rosiek and David Snider from The Lincoln Electric Company. They provided an informative update on the Welding industry and the current trends impacting the safety and health of those involved in Welding. You can access more information regarding Welding at the following website:

[www.lincolnelectric.com/community/safety](http://www.lincolnelectric.com/community/safety)

## Herman Miller Safety Conference

The 6th Annual Herman Miller Safety Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at The Trillium Banquet & Conference Center in Spring Lake. The conference starts at 8:00 am and concludes at 4:00 pm and the theme for this year's event will be Lean Based Behavioral Based Safety. The keynote address speaker will be Terry Mathis, founder and CEO of ProAct Safety, which are the creators of LBBS. Pro-

Act Safety is the world's most successful provider of BBS Solutions with over 750 successful implementations in virtually every industry over the last 12 years. As compliments to Terry Mathis message the conference will also have two additional speakers:

1) John Drebing, C.Ht., CSP motivational and communications expert who helps leaders convey their messages in a way that delivers re-

sults. John delivers fun, magic, and stories to help you achieve the success you seek for a safe and productive work place. 2) Milton Jacobs, CSP, MPH, has over 16 years of experience in construction, insurance, manufacturing and the environmental fields. Humorous and enlightening, Milt will talk about why getting a donut at the local pastry shop can be an accident waiting to happen!

If you want to attend or learn more about the conference, go to:  
[www.philwilsondesign.com/HermanMillerSafetyConference/](http://www.philwilsondesign.com/HermanMillerSafetyConference/)

## ASSE Leadership Conference

October 5-7 in Chicago, IL

As a new officer and new treasurer to the chapter, I had the opportunity to attend the Leadership Conference specifically designed for incoming new officers and officers coming up into new positions within their chapters.

Often times during the course of our jobs, we might feel like the lone rangers. It's comforting to know there are many of us out there doing the work that plays a significant role in protecting people, property, and the environment. ASSE is a premier or-

ganization that offers resources to all of its members in the form of networking opportunities, educational seminars, certifications and more to help you achieve your goals.

Did you know there are 152 chapters that make up the ASSE? Did you know we have over 32,000 members? Did you know our international presence is in Egypt, Kuwait, United Kingdom, and Australia? During the conference, we had leadership representation from all eight regions along with Kuwait and Western Australia.

Besides connecting with some really neat folks, I discovered what my job entails as your new treasurer. Rest assured we're in the "black".

For your own professional growth and continued strength of your chapter, I challenge all members that have never held an office to let your board know of your interest. There are so many support resources to help anyone succeed.

By Rich DeLeau - WMASSE Treasurer  
Herman Miller





Eric Krieger and his wife Kris welcomed their new addition to their family at 10:50pm on September 28th. Leah Elizabeth Krieger weighed 8 lbs and was 19 inches long.

Congratulations Kris and Eric!

## Call for Participation

Pat Knight is looking for assistance in the development and presentation for the upcoming January 2007 meeting. The concept of this meeting will be to allow other member safety professionals to display electronic devices, software, website resources used for auditing or other purposes such as presenting or completing the tasks. Although products maybe presented, we are not selling anything at this session so salespeople should not be enlisted. The resources or devices you show to our membership is intended only to allow them to understand how the products, services or devices work. You should expect they will ask questions and want additional information on contacts or resources. We may have web demonstrations but they need to be short and restricted due to time demands. Examples of what we have seen in the past at sessions such as this have been, PDA devices and software for safety auditing, cameras, web resources and web-surfing sites. If we get a very positive response and many types of devices, software resources or other products, this will dictate how we conduct the session.

Please call Pat at 616-560-1088 or email at [KNIGHTRMS@AOL.com](mailto:KNIGHTRMS@AOL.com) to get started.

## Certification

Jamie Bauer of Herman Miller has passed his ASP exam.  
Congratulations Jamie!

## Safety Professional Benchmarks

Eric Longman has been challenged by an account he works with to develop "benchmarks" by which to grade or evaluate their safety professionals. Many safety professionals in industry are currently graded based on improving incident rates (against prior years at first - then perhaps staying below industry averages once a certain rate has been accomplished). Perhaps one could develop criteria built around a percent of people who complete training or participate in a safety effort during the year.

If you have any ideas for Eric, please send them to him at the contact information below. Eric plans to put together a summary of the responses that will be published in a future newsletter.

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## SeminarFest 2007

**January 21-27, 2007  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

With 45 seminars ranging from one to three days in length, SeminarFest offers essential technical, management, and skill development topics for the Safety, Health, and Environmental professional. Whether you join us for one day or the full week, this event will satisfy your continuing education needs in safety and health.

### Here's How it Works

SeminarFest 2007 offers 45 seminars at one location, the Flamingo Las Vegas. You may register for seminars as needed to complete training and earn up to 5.0 CEUs/COCs or 7.0 CM points. Each seminar is individually priced and discounts are given as you increase the number of seminars you select. Please refer to the [fee schedule](#) for details.

### Go Beyond Quality Education

Our special events create networking opportunities to help you make the most of your SeminarFest experience. Please refer to the center page of this brochure for a full schedule of networking opportunities.

**Register Today at:  
[www.asse.org/seminarfest.com](http://www.asse.org/seminarfest.com)  
or call (847) 699-2929**

**10th Annual  
Applied Ergonomics Conference  
Celebrating the Past; Shaping the Future  
March 12-15, 2007**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Applied Ergonomics Conference features over 20 corporations competing for the prestigious Ergo Cup awards for innovative process improvements plus a new competition for graduate students, the "Ergonomics Student Design Competition", all to be held at the InterContinental Dallas in Addison, Texas. The conference, sponsored by the Institute of Industrial Engineers, also offers keynote speakers, educational sessions, exhibits and plant tours.

For information, visit:  
[www.appliedergo.org/conference](http://www.appliedergo.org/conference)  
or call 1-800-494-0460.



**Save the date!**

**The 2007 ASSE Annual Conference will be in Orlando, Florida on June 24th through 27th, 2007.**

MIOSHA Training Schedule <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/cis">www.michigan.gov/cis</a>				
Nov 2	Machine Guarding, JSA & Operating Training and Lock-out	<a href="#">Flint</a>	Karena Hamlet	810.238.8810 or fax 810.238.7866 <a href="mailto:khamlet@flint.org">khamlet@flint.org</a>
Nov 2	When MIOSHA Visits In Construction	<a href="#">Brighton</a>	MJ Takagi	810.227.6210 or fax 810.227.1840 <a href="mailto:mjta-kagi@hbalc.com">mjta-kagi@hbalc.com</a>
Nov 8 & 9	MIOSHA 10 Hour For Construction	<a href="#">Saginaw</a>	Adraine Truss	517.371.1550 or fax 517.371.1131 <a href="mailto:petea@mi.agc.org">petea@mi.agc.org</a>
Nov 9	When MIOSHA Visits	<a href="#">Howell</a>	Janie Willsmore	517.546.3920 or <a href="mailto:jwillsmore@howell.org">jwillsmore@howell.org</a>
Nov 9	Ergonomic Principles	<a href="#">Canton</a>	Megan Brown	734.464.9957 or fax 734.464.4129 <a href="mailto:brownmm@trinity-health.org">brownmm@trinity-health.org</a>
Nov 28 & 29	MIOSHA 10 Hour For Construction	<a href="#">Ann Arbor</a>	Larry Pickel	734-677-5259 or <a href="mailto:lpickel@wccnet.edu">lpickel@wccnet.edu</a>

**West Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society**  
in association with  
**West Michigan Association of Occupational Health Nurses**  
would like to invite you to attend:

## **Work-related Asthma Deaths in Michigan**

**Speakers: Kenneth D. Rosenman M.D.  
Debra Chester M.S.**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2007  
Registration and Breakfast at 8:30am  
Meeting 9:00am - Noon**

Location: WMU Graduate Center--Beltline  
2333 East Beltline SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
Cost: \$20.00 per person

Surveillance for work-related asthma has been in place in Michigan since 1988. Approximately 150 patients are reported each year to the surveillance system. The American Thoracic Society consensus statement on asthma states that 15% of asthma in adults is work-related so only a very small percentage of the estimated 60,000 individuals in Michigan with work-related asthma actually are reported. There have been 4 deaths from work-related asthma identified in Michigan in the last 3 years. These deaths will be discussed in the larger context of controlling workplace exposures to prevent and manage this disease.

Dr. Rosenman is a Professor of Medicine at Michigan State University and is Board-Certified in Internal Medicine and Occupational Medicine. He has an active research program in occupational and environmental disease with particular interest in pulmonary disease. He has published approximately 135 articles on occupational medicine and environmental disease.

Ms. Debra Chester, MS is an Industrial Hygienist with the Michigan State University, Department of Occupational & Environmental Medicine. She has been an industrial hygienist for over 22 years performing comprehensive industrial hygiene/safety audits, written associated health and safety plans, and developed and presented employee training as required by the facility and applicable health and safety standards. She is currently the project coordinator and lead field investigator for the Michigan Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (MIFACE) research program.

Please pay at the door by Cash or Check, WMIHS does not accept Credit Cards  
You will be billed if you make a reservation and cancel after February 7, 2007.  
Call Julie Callaway at (269) 329-1237 or email at [jcallaway@bdnihc.com](mailto:jcallaway@bdnihc.com) for reservations by Wednesday, February 7, 2007

This meeting is pending approval for 0.5CM points through the ABIH.

**Please Note: Contact hours for continuing education in nursing will be applied for through the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. AAOHN is an accredited approver of continuing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Approval for credit hours is pending.**

# Safety Professional of the Year

**This is Your Last Chance to Submit An Application for Your Candidate for SPY in 2006.**

Notice to anyone who wishes to nominate a Safety Professional for the WMASSE Professional of the Year. The deadline for applications is **November 15th**. The WMASSE SPY application is located below. Please select someone you would like to nominate and submit the form to any board member at any meeting, or contact Eric Longman, Pat Knight or Kevin Quigley in person.

If you have further questions or want to nominate someone, please call Eric, Pat or Kevin.

Eric Longman (616) 891-7949

Pat Knight (616) 554-1949

Kevin Quigley (616) 669-8095

## NOMINATION FORM WMASSE Safety Professional Of The Year

(To be filled out by individual submitting the name of a nominee for this award)

CANDIDATE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe nominee's current or recent ASSE activities:

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\_\_\_\_\_

(As the sponsoring individual, I/We have reviewed the petition and believe all statements to be accurate, and a faithful reflection of the nominee's safety activities in the Society, for an employer and in the community).

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PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: On no more than 5 double-spaced typewritten pages, describe the nominee's qualifications for this award according to the criteria on the informational flyer. Both this form and the supporting information, will be submitted to the West Michigan Chapter Safety Professional Of The Year Committee.