



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Next Chapter Meeting – Friday, April 18

Networking and Registration: 11:30

Lunch: 12:00

Presentation: 1:00

Board Meeting: 2:00

Location: Pappadeux Restaurant
798 W. Algonquin Road (SE corner of Golf and Algonquin)
Arlington Heights IL 60005
(847) 228-9551

Food: Entrée: Choice of two entrees (to be determined), soft drinks, tea, coffee

Cash Bar: Available for other beverages

Cost: \$25 (pre-registered) or \$30 (walk-ins); no shows will be billed, but you may cancel until 48 hours before the meeting (or substitutes are cheerfully accepted)

Chapter Elections

See nominee biographies for President-Elect and Secretary (inside)

NEIL Scholarship – Recognition of Recipients

Chet Gnet – NIU undergraduate student, Secretary of ASSE NIU Student Chapter
Anders Abelman – UIC PhD student

Student Presentations

In addition to our two scholarship recipients, we are honored to have two other NIU student leaders visit with us at our April 18 meeting (as well as Dr. Earl Hansen, two time Past-President of NEIL).

Ben Watson – President, ASSE NIU Student Chapter

Ben will review the accomplishments of the NIU Student Chapter during the past year, and discuss his chapter plans for the upcoming year

Jarvis Purnell – President, NIU Student Body Association

Jarvis will share his role in the healing process after the February 14 campus shootings

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Go to the NEIL web site for contact info.
www.neil.asse.org



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 2007 – 2008 MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2007-2008 NEIL CHAPTER MEETINGS:

In general, we will be holding our meetings at lunch on the 3rd Friday of each month at Pappadeux Restaurant in Arlington Heights. The schedule below shows the topics and meetings planned thus far. Please watch your e-mails for updates.

Date 3rd Friday (unless listed differently below)	Time: Lunch or Dinner & Cost	Location	Topic
Apr 18	Lunch \$25	Pappadeux Restaurant (Arlington Heights)	Student Day (plus elections and officer recognition awards)
May 13 (Tue)	Lunch \$25 and Tour	O'Hare Airport	Tour (joint meeting with Greater Chicago Chapter)
Jun 20	Dinner – Board Meeting	TBD	Officer Induction & Planning Meeting
July /Aug	Summer Break		
Sept	Chicagoland Safety and Health Conference	NIU, Naperville	Safety & Health

NEIL CHAPTER BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, April 18, 2:00-3:30 PM. at Pappadeux Restaurant (after the monthly membership lunch and meeting). All chapter members are welcome to attend any NEIL Board Meeting.

SAFETY MESSAGE

‘Senior Management commitment to safety is the single most important factor in achieving safety results,’ said our CEO. ‘Our philosophy for safety recognizes that all personal injuries are preventable. No job is so important, so urgent, that we cannot take time to think safety and to do our job safely. Tasks done safely are orderly and efficient.’



AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officer Elections

NEIL Chapter annual officer elections will be held at the April meeting. There are two vacancies that of President-Elect and Secretary. There are two nominees: Charlie Vasconez and Amy Timmerman for these openings. NEIL board would like to thank them for accepting the nomination.

Charlie Vasconez – nominee for President-Elect

For the past 7-1/2 years, Charlie has been the Safety Director for M. Ecker & Co. of IL, Inc., located in Rosemont, IL. M. Ecker is a commercial and residential drywall, taping, and painting subcontractor that performs work throughout the Chicagoland area, Southern Wisconsin and Northwest Indiana. At M. Ecker, Charlie's essential responsibilities are: developing and presenting wide-ranging safety/health training programs; evaluating and analyzing field safety performance; ensuring regulatory compliance; managing all Workers Comp/GL/Auto claims; tracking, reporting and analyzing activities/results to upper management; maintaining a comprehensive record-keeping system; emergency planning/accident investigation; establishing and communicating future goals. Presently, Charlie sits on the following industry Safety Committees: Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates (ASA); Residential Construction Employers Council (RCEC); and Finishing Contractors Association of Illinois (FCAI). Charlie is fully bi-lingual and is a Northern Illinois University graduate (Safety Management); a Certified Safety Professional (CSP); an Associate in Risk Management (ARM); a Professional Member of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE); and is also an authorized OSHA outreach instructor for construction. Prior to M. Ecker, Charlie worked as a safety professional in the commercial insurance, heavy construction, and transportation industries.

Amy Timmerman – nominee for Secretary

Amy has been an active member of the ASSE organization since 1999. She has a BA from the University of Northern Iowa in health promotion and a Masters in Occupational Safety and Health from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater. In addition, Amy is a Certified Health Education Specialist. She currently oversees the Environmental Health and Safety program at Siemens Medical Solutions, Inc. Molecular Imaging division in Hoffman Estates, IL. Previous positions include EHS Specialist for GE Healthcare (2000 - 2005). In this role, she was responsible for EHS duties for the field service technicians that covered the western part of the country. Volunteer participation include, active member of the 2-day Avon Cancer Walk Crew Team for the past 3 years, and planning committee member for Relay for Life ('98 - '01). She a current member of the Prairie Dog Triathlon club and has been actively competing in triathlons for the past 6 years. She has a lot of passionate for what she does, and would love the opportunity to be part of the NEIL committee.

Proposed ASSE Dues Increase

The ASSE Finance Committee and Board of Directors have unanimously approved a proposal to increase membership dues by \$29, resulting in Society annual dues of \$149. The House of Delegates will vote on this proposal via email ballots over the next several weeks. If approved, the dues increase will become effective on July 1, 2008. The last dues increase occurred in 1999. The Finance Committee identified the need for new and expanded services, the need to maintain current services provided to members, the fact that dues have not increased since 1999, and the need to keep dues lower than other associations. Below is a summary of dues from other associations:

- AIHA (American Industrial Hygiene Association) – \$178
- NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) - \$150
- NAEM (National Association of Environmental Management)-\$195
- AAOHN (American Association of Occupational Health Nurses) -\$185
- HFES (Human Factors and Ergonomics Society) - \$190



Membership Survey

We would like to thank everyone (41 persons) who completed the membership survey. We will use the results for planning future events. Findings of interest in the survey include:

- Most important factor for deciding whether to attend: Speaker topics and would like to see better quality speakers.
- Meeting format preferred is: Lecture
- Best Day: Friday
- Best Time: Tie between Lunch and Breakfast
- How the chapter should spend its money: To offset costs of monthly meetings (Many other responses were close.)
- Some feedback on volunteers for speakers and facility tours.

Thanks to Sara Gibson, our Membership Committee Chairperson, for initiating the survey and compiling the responses.

Email Address Update

Even though you most likely provided ASSE with an accurate email address, we recently learned that ASSE headquarters staff manually re-enters it into a spreadsheet that is used to create an official roster. This double-entry approach has led to numerous typos. Just last month, Sara Gibson identified 12 obvious errors, and sent these to ASSE for correction. In addition, email addresses change. Since this is the primary method of communication with our members, it is important to have accurate contact information. Please take a few minutes, visit the national ASSE website, check your email address, and update it if not correct. **You can also help us by forwarding this newsletter to other members who may not be receiving chapter announcements. Thank you.**

New Chapter Members

Welcome new chapter members in the past 30 days:

1. Scott Barthuly
2. John Preber
3. Richard Breslin
4. David Eck
5. Jeff Overby
6. Jean Sloboda

NEIL Scholarship Awards

We would like to send our heart felt congratulations to the following NEIL Scholarship recipients (\$2,000 each):

1. Chet Gnet – NIU Undergraduate Student, Secretary of ASSE NIU Student Chapter
2. Anders Abelmann – UIC PhD Student

ASSE Web Site Improvement

All members of ASSE are now able to access the materials located on the “Officers Central” page of the ASSE national website, with the exception of the chapter rosters. The security protocols for the rosters remain the same—only Chapter Presidents, Secretaries and Membership Chairs are able to search and create a roster of their chapter from Officer Central. The purpose of this change is: 1) to let ASSE members gain a clearer understanding of the connection between ASSE leadership and the mission and vision of the organization, 2) to potentially offer a recruiting tool to Chapter officers to help them with their succession planning efforts and 3) to allow members access to the governance documents and reporting records of their chapter.

Update for Earl Hansen –

Earl had prostate surgery completed on March 28th, 2008 and is recovering well. Lucky for him that prostate cancer was identified early during an examination after a fall. A lesson we all should learn from his experience is that we should all get prostate checked regularly by a urologist.



COURSES, SEMINARS, AND OTHER CONTESTS FROM NATIONAL ASSE

Safety 2008 Professional Development Conference (Las Vegas, June 9-12)

This year's Professional Development Conference & Exposition will be held at Las Vegas Hilton Monday Through Thursday June 9-12, 2008. It is fun tilled event with plenty of interesting safety topics presented by highly qualified safety professionals. This is only a reminder to register, phone 847-768-3434. See you in Vegas.

American Society of Safety Engineers - Symposium

The American Society of Safety Engineers is currently planning its next symposium to be held November 20-21, 2008 in Scottsdale, AZ. We welcome your proposal to speak or idea for a topic you would like to have presented at this event. All proposals or ideas must be submitted by April 24, 2008 to **Trudy Goldman** Manager, Education and Program Development, American Society of Safety Engineers, Phone: 847-768-3405 E-mail: tgoldman@asse.org

JOBS

Check the jobs page on the NEIL website for a listing of job openings. <http://www.neil.asse.org/jobs.php>



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