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EASTERN CAROLINA CHAPTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The challenges facing Eastern Carolina Chapter today are formidable: a massive membership disenfranchisement, a fragile economy, a host of pressing challenges from membership engagement to servicing membership needs to chapter management.

Yet the current crisis also provides a rare opportunity to break the cycle of disenfranchisement and faulty fixes. I want to build consensus around a vision that goes beyond the next election cycle. This is why we will be holding three separate meetings in the month of September to discuss Chapter Sustainability.

During this period of opportunity, the Executive committee is taking new steps to deepen our connections with the membership body to ensure that our objective is met. The information addresses critical challenges facing the chapter, and encourage consensus-building on tough issues by all Members.

To help us expand our capacity and effectiveness, we welcome the Executive Committee for year 2011-2012 comprised of dynamic leaders to key positions within our chapter.

- Hamid Fonooni, PhD
- Mike Behm, PhD
- Phil Lewis, CSP
- Howell Miller, CSP
- Wayne Luce, CSP
- Wesley Thigpen, MSOS

Hamid Fonooni, Mike Behm, Phil Lewis, Howell Miller, Wayne Luce and I, will oversee Chapters Sustainability efforts, providing leadership and strategic direction to advance Eastern Carolina Chapter mission of informing and improving membership experience.

In the next few months, we will publish a series of newsletters that provides greater clarity about and suggestions for improving the membership needs and chapter sustainability. We will also release an agenda paper on the sustainability of our chapter with proposed ideas within the next two weeks. As always, our agenda will be open to discussion and will be a real-time resource about the perceptions and directional preferences of the membership.

We hope you will visit our website (<http://www.asseec.org>) often to stay up to date with our work. We welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions.

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MEETINGS

**3 meetings in
September to discuss
Chapter Sustainability**

See page 6 for additional
information on these very
important meetings.

**See page 5 for complete
meeting schedule.**

Treasurer's Report Current Chapter Balance

(As of 8/12/2011)

\$4,014.67

Check Out the EC Chapter Website



The Eastern Carolina Chapter Website has been updated. **Please note the new web address and be sure to update any links to our site.** Take an opportunity to visit the site at www.asseec.org and provide comments regarding both content and appearance to Phil Lewis at lewisp@ecu.edu. We want the site to meet the needs and expectations of our members so your honest feedback is very important to us. Please monitor the site for information regarding upcoming meetings and important events. Please let us know how we can continue to improve the services we provide the membership. We look forward to continued success.

East Carolina University MS, Occupational Safety Program

The Master of Science in Occupational Safety (MSOS) prepares graduates for leadership positions in occupational safety and related fields. An academic experience in the design and management of enterprise-wide safety systems is provided. The focus of this Program is in the core discipline of occupational safety (OS). Foundational principles and overarching academic goals of the MSOS program include ensuring effective communications skills, the ability to think critically and problem solving, and to develop applied research skills. The coursework includes analysis of occupational safety and health problems, accompanying problem-solving and decision making techniques, and the application of established principles of accident prevention, control, and reduction in occupational settings.

The overall program goal is to provide the highest quality of academically well trained competent safety practitioners for business and industries as well as government and municipalities in Eastern North Carolina and globally. Since its foundation in 1994, the program has had about 150 graduates with high placement rate within the professional fields identified. The overall program purpose is to continue to satisfy the ongoing demand for academically trained and competent occupational health and safety practitioners by training highly qualified and skilled graduates capable of assuming the day-to-day responsibilities of safety professionals.

The MSOS is offered dually as an on-campus degree and via distance education. Please go to our Program website to learn more: <http://www.tecs.ecu.edu/tsys/grad/msos/>

Our students are always looking for project sites, internships, and mentorship. We invite you to consider enrolling in our Distance Education program and working with our students and faculty.

OSHA CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT HEAT ILLNESS



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The work can't get done without them.

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Heat Smartphone App

- [Video](#) - Dr. David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health
- [Materiales en Español](#)

Drink water often

Rest in the shade

Report heat symptoms early

Know what to do in an emergency

Visit the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/index.html> for more information on how to prevent heat illnesses in outdoor workers.

Attribution: U.S. Department of Labor OSHA Web Site - For additional information go to www.osha.gov.

ASSE FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROJECT

Michael Behm, PhD, CSP, with East Carolina University was awarded a research grant by the ASSE Foundation and is looking for some assistance. Would you be able to send the following project summary to some of your contact organizations and encourage them to participate and consider participating yourself?

Analyzing Trends in Incident Investigation Techniques

Overview: The ASSE Foundation has funded a research inquiry into incident investigation techniques and we are seeking your participation in the study.

Goal: This research proposal intends to analyze trends in incident investigation techniques, causes identified, and corrective actions in participating organizations over 10 and 5 year periods.

What is needed: Organizations who have kept old incident investigation reports, and who agree to participate in the study, will send the researcher, preferably through the mail, a uniform number of reports from each time period (1999/2000/2001; 2004/2005; 2010/2011). The maximum number would be 10 investigations from each time period. If the organization does not have the older incident investigations, it is still fine to send data from 2004/05 and 2010/11. The reports must contain, at minimum, the list of accident causes and the corrective actions. Safety professionals from the contributing organizations will be asked to participate in a 15-minute interview after the incidents have been reviewed and summarized.

Protection of Human Subjects / Company Confidentiality: All names and personal identifiers must be removed from the incident investigations sent to the researcher. Neither the organization nor interviewee names will be revealed in any research dissemination. Organization's participating in the research will be described by their industry classification and number of employees; these will be described in aggregate with others in the study, i.e., there were 4 manufacturing companies with an average 325 employees. Safety professionals participating in the study will also be described in aggregate only, i.e., 25 safety professionals with an average of 18 years of experience participated in the study.

Anticipated Results: It is anticipated that the organizations have changed the methods in which they conduct incident analysis over time. The data within the reports will reflect changes in organizational thinking. The differences in investigation techniques and the corrective actions will then be discussed with the safety professionals to determine if the evolution is making any differences in incident prevention.

What's in it for the individual organization: The researcher will provide each organization with an analysis of their incident reporting and offer recommendations for improvement. The researcher will provide a benchmark report to each organization which will assist organization's seeking to improve investigation methodologies and potentially validate changes they have made over the 5 and 10 year periods. The researcher will conduct a free web-based streaming video seminar for all participating organizations on the results of this study. The seminar will be available as a live seminar and as an archive.

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2011-2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

(SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- **September 7th** - Greenville, NC - Dinner Meeting (6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.) at China 10
Topic: Chapter Sustainability discussion moderated by the Executive Committee
- **September 14th** - Wilmington, NC - Dinner Meeting (6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Topic: Chapter Sustainability discussion moderated by the Executive Committee
- **September 21st** - Wilson, NC - Dinner Meeting (6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.) at Sweet Maria's Bistro
Topic: Chapter Sustainability discussion moderated by the Executive Committee
- **October 19th** Global Classroom – Topic: TBA
- **November 16th** - Greenville, NC – Lunch Meeting (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) at China 10
Topic: Risk Insurance for small, medium and large business
- **December 7th** - Greenville, NC – Lunch Meeting (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) at Golden Corral
Topic: Membership Appreciation Luncheon and Society update
- **December 14th** - Wilmington, NC – Lunch Meeting (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Topic: Membership Appreciation Luncheon and Society update
- **January 18th** - Wilson, NC – Dinner Meeting (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Topic: OSHA Lock out/Tag out Standard presentation by OSHA representative
- **February 15th** - Wilmington, NC – Lunch Meeting (11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
Topic: House Fire Safety presented by American Red Cross and Wilmington Fire Department
- **April 18th** - Greenville, NC – Dinner Meeting (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) - Topic: TBA
- **May 16th** - Wilson, NC – Lunch Meeting (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Topic: Crane Standard presentation by OSHA representative
- **June 6th** - Greenville, NC – Dinner Meeting (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
Topic: Executive Committee Meeting

CHAPTER SUSTAINABILITY MEETINGS

Dear Members,

Our Chapter has reached at a critical point which requires your active attention. For your convenience, we will come to your area to solicit your comments and concerns. We have scheduled three Chapter Sustainability meetings in the Eastern Carolina Chapter territory. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the issues that are seriously threatening the sustainability of our Chapter. Below, you will find a listing of the planned meetings, times and locations:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Time</i>
September 7	Greenville, NC China 10 Restaurant 10 th Street	Chapter Sustainability discussion moderated by the Executive Committee	Dinner Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m.
September 14	Wilmington, NC	Chapter Sustainability discussion moderated by the Executive Committee.	Dinner Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m.
September 21	Wilson, NC Sweet Maria's Bistro 415 West Nash Street	Chapter Sustainability discussion moderated by the Executive Committee	Dinner Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The agenda will include the following subjects:

- 1. Membership Participation**
 - a. What is needed to gain membership participation?
 - b. Participation on the leadership of the Chapter, officer roles, committee chairs, etc, etc.
- 2. Chapter Need**
 - a. Is there a need for the Eastern North Carolina Chapter
 - b. Eliminate Chapter and merge with North Carolina Chapter
- 3. Membership Wants and Needs**
- 4. Comments and Concerns**

The above agenda will be discussed at all three meetings with all the recommendations to be printed and emailed along with being posted on the Chapter Website. These meetings will be critical to the direction the officers of this chapter will move forward.

Please take the time to come and join us to ensure the continuation of the Eastern Carolina Chapter.

Sincerely,

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are interested in serving as a Chapter officer, assisting with Chapter activities, or have suggestions about program topics, format, etc. please contact a current officer (listed on the first page of this newsletter). We want to best serve the needs of our members but we need input and feedback from you to make that happen. Your involvement and active participation in Chapter activities is critical to our success. Please join us at our next meeting and be sure to bring a friend. THANK YOU!



<http://www.asse-region6.org/pdc.php>



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