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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am both pleased and honored to serve as your President for the 2009-2010 term. We also welcome Dr. Hamid Fonooni as our new Secretary and Wayne Luce as our new Treasurer. Special thanks to them and the rest of our executive committee for stepping up and accepting the challenge to serve our membership.

With the new year we will also roll out a new strategic plan; this is a plan to reinvent who we are as an ASSE Chapter and how we do business in eastern North Carolina. The changes that we have made and the new direction we have taken have created a perfect storm of activity with measurable advances in redefining ourselves as an organization and how we are perceived by the public, including those in the State Legislature and Local business administration.

This approved and published strategic plan for 2009-and beyond, outlines a number of priorities, challenges and opportunities to make this organization an even stronger and more unified body – one that is better-positioned to serve its membership and provide relevant and meaningful service to the communities in which we live. It is this plan that will serve as the road map for my new term as President.

This plan – its strategic initiatives and supported goals – is as follows:

- Influence Public Policy – becoming “relevant” in Eastern North Carolina
- Strengthen Membership Awareness and Support – becoming a more unified body, unified voice; and building stronger connections with our local communities
- Increase Membership and Retention Rates – there is strength in numbers; demonstrating the worth of being a member of Eastern Carolina Chapter; articulating our value proposition
- Raise Public Awareness and Support – humanizing our industry; demonstrating our worth and value; personalizing the relevance of our plight/fight
- Become the Standard for Education, Training and Networking in the safety Industry – making available the tools that exist; seeking to identify or create others.

None of these initiatives is exclusive from the others. It is necessary for us to actively pursue each of these goals in order to reach our overall objectives. This is not a one-year job. It will take our collective strength and energies to advance this aggressive and ambitious agenda. Thankfully, we’ve gotten off to a running start.

But for us to be successful in both the short- and long-term, I firmly believe that institution knowledge is critical. We have a collective pool of talent that is uniquely qualified to help guide us and sustain us through this charge – our Past Presidents. I am confident that their involvement and insight will help to propel the Eastern Carolina Chapter forward as an even stronger and more unified body.

Unification will be critical to our overall success. A strong commitment from all our members – especially our Executive committee members – will be essential, moving forward. Now more than ever (or at least in recent memory), we need to stand as a unified body and speak in a unified voice, so as to advance our cause and reach our common goals – to find balanced and reasonable solutions to our chapters and region needs.

I look forward to working with you, with our leadership – both past and present, with our membership, with our staff, with our partners and allies, to be of service to this great organization. I endeavor to represent us all in the best possible manner, to advance our cause, and to continue to improve upon all that has been accomplished and established to date.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Best regards,

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CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGION VI PDC LIAISONS NEEDED: Chapter liaisons are needed for Region VI PDC! The Eastern Carolina Chapter needs to send two Liaisons to the PDC September 23 – 25, 2009. Go to www.asseec.org for information on liaison roles and expectations. There is reduced registration for liaisons. If you are interested in being a liaison for the Eastern Carolina Chapter please contact Wesley at Wesley@metricsinc.com or any other Chapter Officer. For more information on the Region VI PDC go to www.asse-region6.org/conference.html.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Eastern Carolina Chapter needs members to man the ASSE booth at the N.C. Industrial Commission 79th Annual N.C. Statewide Safety Conference on **May 12-15, 2009**, at the [Joseph S. Koury Convention Center](#) in Greensboro, NC. Contact Wes at wesley@metricsinc.com or at 317-3900.

NOTICE: The results of the 2009 Society Election are official. Go to www.asseec.org for details!

DUES INCREASE: The ASSE Board of Directors' motion to the House of Delegates for a dues increase has been approved. This will increase membership dues by \$10 per year for each of the next three years. The actual vote count was 125 for and 42 against. **NOTE:** In accordance with feedback received from the Eastern Carolina Membership, your Delegate voted against the dues increase motion.

79th Annual NC Statewide Safety Conference

Joseph S. Koury Convention Center
Greensboro, NC

The annual N.C. Statewide Safety Conference, organized in 1930, enjoys a reputation of being among the best in the nation. The conference programs are open to all with no registration charge. The success of the conference is attributed to the strong participation of safety professionals, occupational health nurses, personnel managers, and industry leaders in North Carolina.

The Statewide Safety Conference features nationally known speakers and exhibitors.

For additional information on the conference, call the Industrial Commission Safety Education Section at (919) 807-2603 or e-mail Kim.Nadeau@ic.nc.gov.

The N.C. Industrial Commission will hold its 79th Annual N.C. Statewide Safety Conference on **May 12-15, 2009**, at the [Joseph S. Koury Convention Center](#) in Greensboro, NC. Click [here](#) to preregister online; and [click here](#) to download the Housing form.

For information about EXHIBITING at the conference and corporate sponsorships of the conference's Early Bird sessions and Breakout sessions, [click here](#) (PDF file).

Don't wait! Register [online](#) today!

For more information go to www.ic.nc.gov/ncic/pages/09ncssc.htm

Treasurer's Report Current Chapter Balance

(As of 2/28/2009)

\$4,222.69

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 lewis@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 GUIDANCE FOR H1N1 FLU

A pandemic is a global disease outbreak. An influenza pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus emerges for which there is little or no immunity in the human population; begins to cause serious illness; and then spreads easily person-to-person worldwide. A worldwide influenza pandemic could have a major effect on the global economy, including travel, trade, tourism, food, consumption and eventually, investment and financial markets. Planning for pandemic influenza by business and industry is essential to minimize a pandemic's impact.

It is difficult to predict when the next influenza pandemic will occur or how severe it will be. Wherever and whenever a pandemic starts, everyone around the world is at risk. Countries might, through measures such as border closures and travel restrictions, delay arrival of the virus, but cannot stop it.

During a pandemic, transmission can be anticipated in the workplace, not only from patient to workers in health care settings, but also among co-workers in general work settings. A pandemic would cause high levels of illness, death, social disruption, and economic loss. Everyday life would be disrupted because so many people in so many places become seriously ill at the same time. Impacts could range from school and business closings to the interruption of basic services such as public transportation and food delivery.

Education and outreach are critical to preparing for a pandemic. Understanding what a pandemic is, what needs to be done at all levels to prepare for pandemic influenza, and what could happen during a pandemic helps us make informed decisions both as individuals and as a nation. Should a pandemic occur the public must be able to depend on its government to provide scientifically sound public health information quickly, openly and dependably. For additional information on pandemic influenza, see [One-stop access to U.S.government avian and pandemic flu information](#).

Publications

- ✓ [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for an Influenza Pandemic](#). OSHA Publication 3327-02N, (2007). Also available as a 371 KB [PDF](#), 47 pages.
- ✓ [Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Guidance for Healthcare Workers and Healthcare Employers](#). OSHA Publication 3328-05, (2007). Also available as a 405 KB [PDF](#), 104 pages.

Other Resources

- ✓ [Frequently Asked Questions on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Guidance for Healthcare Workers and Healthcare Employers](#). OSHA, Office of Occupational Health Nursing (OOHN).
- ✓ [Proposed Guidance on Workplace Stockpiling of Respirators and Facemasks for Pandemic Influenza](#). OSHA.
- ✓ [Workplace Preparation](#). PandemicFlu.gov.

This is one in a series of informational fact sheets highlighting OSHA programs, policies or standards. It does not impose any new compliance requirements. For a comprehensive list of compliance requirements of OSHA standards or regulations, refer to Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. The voice phone is (202) 693-1999; teletypewriter (TTY) number: (877) 889-5627.

Attribution: U.S. Department of Labor OSHA Fact Sheet – For additional information go to www.osha.gov.
To access this document online go to www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/pandemicflu/index.html.



Wilmington Regional
Safety and Health
School

Wilmington, North Carolina

P.O. Box 25

Wilmington, NC

Established 1950

Remember to reserve July 30 and 31, 2009

59th Annual Wilmington Regional Safety and Health School

“Safety for Life”

Door Prizes • Lunch • Moonlight Shrimp-a-Roo Cruise

- ⇒ Keynote Speaker – Craig Schroll – Firecon - www.firecon.com
- ⇒ N.C. Commissioner of Labor – Cherie K. Berry
- ⇒ NC Industrial Commission – Bernadine Balance, Commissioner
- ⇒ 10 Hours of MESH Credit
- ⇒ Region's Largest Safety Expo

Location – Hilton Wilmington Riverside

301 N. Water Street
(910) 763-5900

For further information contact:

Registration - Stephanie Kraybill (910) 620-7083

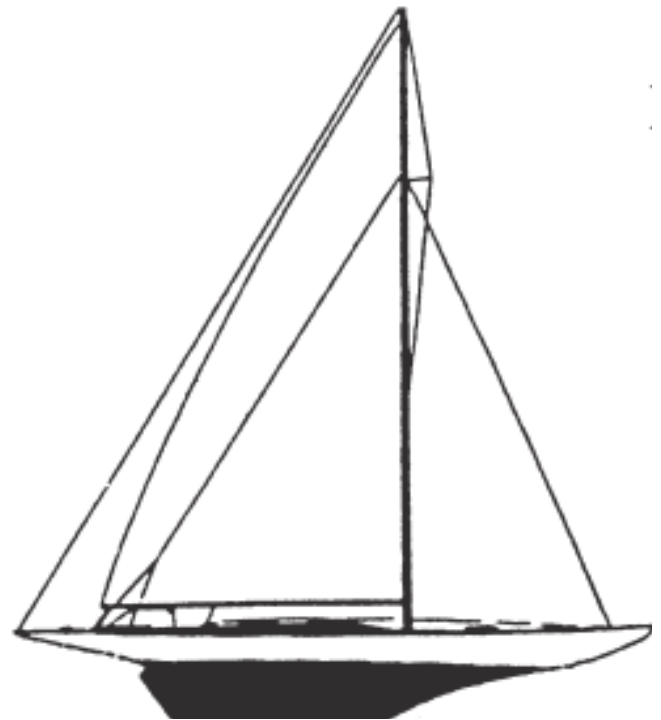
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Program – Ronald Miller (910) 398-0300

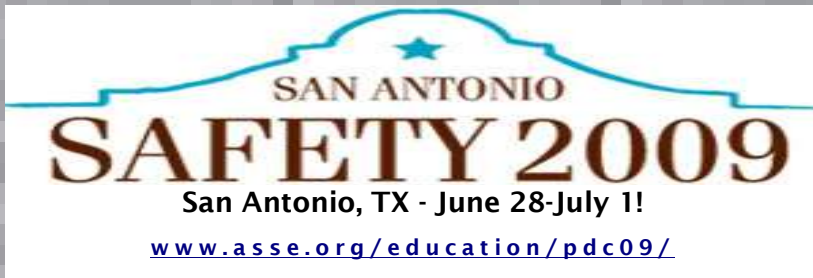
Online Registration and Information: www.wilmingtonsafetyschool.com



2009 - 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

(meeting schedule subject to change)

JULY/AUGUST	SUMMER HIATUS	
SEPTEMBER 17	Fire Prevention in an Industrial Setting Internet Virtual Meeting	Loss Prevention Specialist, CHUBB Fire Marshall, City of Greenville
NOVEMBER 19	State of ASSE	Jim Morris, Region VI VP
JANUARY 21	Hearing Conservation/Noise Protection Wilmington, NC	OSHA Guest Speaker
MARCH 18	Emergency Management Update and Recognition Lunch - Wilmington, NC	Bob Skaggs and Wes Thigpen
MAY 20	Case Management/Litigation Greenville, NC	HR Attorney
JUNE 17	Executive Committee Planning Meeting and Planning Session	Chapter President



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