

Chapter Chat

Niagara Frontier Chapter, ASSE – February 2018

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Name Change!

By wide margin, members approve switch to American Society of Safety Professionals

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The world's oldest professional safety society, founded more than 100 years ago, will adopt a new name following a historic membership vote that was overwhelmingly in favor of the change. The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) will become the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) next year when it unveils a redesigned website in conjunction with Safety 2018 in San Antonio. The switch was approved by 74 percent of voting members.

Research conducted in 2016 with ASSE members, customers and stakeholders across the globe indicated that an updated brand with a clearer vision would better reflect the organization's current membership and position it for growth. The

study also found that a new name would help eliminate confusion about who could join the Society.

ASSE's logo will undergo small adjustments that correspond with its name change. The green shield will continue to display the organization's acronym in gold letters within the four angles of a gold cross, but the "E" will be changed to "P."

The organization will continue to be called the American Society of Safety Engineers until early June when it debuts a new website and makes the conversion to its new name in alignment with the Safety 2018 Professional Development Conference and Exposition.

President's Message



*By Ryan Knoph,
NFASSE President*

I'd like to take this moment to thank you all for supporting the ASSE Niagara Frontier Chapter of in 2017. Whether it was serving on the board, making a presentation or attending meetings (or all of the above!), your efforts make us a better organization. In 2018, we still have room for volunteers to participate in the leadership of your local chapter. We are looking for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer and for someone to step in as President-Elect when Karen Peissinger transitions out of that role into the position of President in July. Please contact me at president@nfasse.org to find out more. Thank you!

Meetings Planned for 2018

Timely topics for the safety professional

Your Executive Committee has been hard at work planning an engaging and interesting program for Spring 2018.

February will offer us a lunch meeting with something that may be on our minds: “ASSE: What’s in it for you?”

Presenters will answer this question from various aspects, with the goal of helping you get the most out of your ASSE/NFASSE membership.

Confirmed for our March 19th dinner meeting at Chef’s is an important topic: what to do in an active shooter situation. Mark Kreyer, CPP, Protective Security Advisor with the Buffalo District of the US Department of Homeland Security will lead this timely presentation that will also include a work place violence video and discussion, as well as a time for questions and answers.

In April we will have the pleasure of hearing from Lora Cavuoto, PhD, Assistant Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University at Buffalo School

of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Dr. Cavuoto is the principal investigator for a \$300,000 American Society of Safety Engineers Foundation grant to develop a sensor-based, real-time assessment system to monitor workplace fatigue.

If this isn’t enough, we are considering holding an event in May, either a presentation or a social event. Stay tuned!

*A message from
Cassandra Kern, Masters Student, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, University at Buffalo*

“Hello, I am a NIOSH Fellow working on my Masters of Industrial Engineering at UB. I am conducting a study for my thesis to understand how current work policies are implemented and what guiding principles are used to create these practices related to universal design, health, safety, ergonomics or another related field. If you qualify, a 30-60 minute interview may be conducted with questions such as: What activities do

you do that are related to health and safety? Who have you interacted with when planning or implementing policies? If you may be interested, please email me at udframeworkstudy@gmail.com.”

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new Chapter
Newsletter!*

We’re starting 2018 with a new format for your monthly newsletter. We intend to keep it informative and brief. Please pass along comments and content to karenpei@buffalo.edu.



A big THANK YOU to Tim Herzog and the Flying Bison Crew for giving NFASSE members a terrific tour of their Larkinville brewery on January 18th!