



WEST TENNESSEE CHAPTER



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HIGHLIGHTS

- December Meeting
- ASSE Christmas Giving
- Practice Specialty
- Call for Speakers
- AIHA News
- Job opportunities
- Looking ahead to 2007
- Public Relations

DATES TO NOTE

Friday December 15th
Chapter Meeting

The ASSE/AIHA consortium usually meets the 3rd Friday of each month

FRIDAY JANUARY 19th 2007
CHAPTER MEETING
BEHAVIOR BASED
SAFETY (TENTATIVE)

Friday February 16th
Ryan's Steakhouse

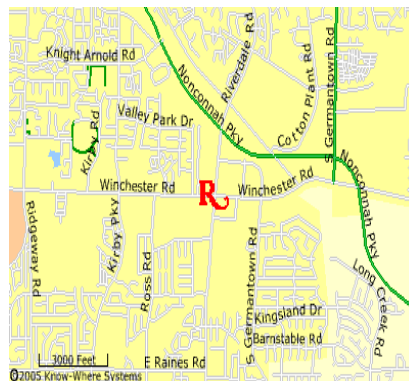
Jun 2nd—7th
AIHce PDC 2007
AIHA

Jun 24th—27th
ASSE PDC 2007

TOSHA TO SPEAK AT DECEMBER MEETING

Our Speaker for December's meeting is Mr. Glenn Hensley with TOSHA. He is the Health compliance supervisor for the Memphis and Shelby County. Glenn is most involved with general industrial hygiene including issues like air contamination, noise, chemicals and most of the other general issues facing safety professionals. As you know TOSHA is working very hard to partner with business to be both a watchdog and a valuable resource to the safety world.

Mr. Hensley has worked for TOSHA for around 27 years mainly in compliance and consultation. He is a graduate from UT Martin as well as attending UT Knoxville.



The topics for the meeting are :

- Most cited regulations
- Issues that arise during inspections
- New regulations
- Fatalities

There will be ample time for questions too.

The meeting will be at Ryan's Steakhouse, Riverdale Road, Memphis. Networking and lunch will start at 11:30am and our program will commence at 12noon. Please bring Business cards so you can get the opportunity to meet your fellow safety professionals.

MEETING REMINDER
FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER
RYANS STEAKHOUSE 11:30am

A CHRISTMAS TRADITION BEGINS

This holiday time help us make a difference where it counts. We invite you to donate cans of food to support the MIFA food bank program.

We will have a collection point at the meeting on Friday December 15th



and our gifts will be sent to MIFA Food Bank to help those less fortunate this holiday season.

In lieu of canned food we will also accept financial donations for the MIFA fund. .

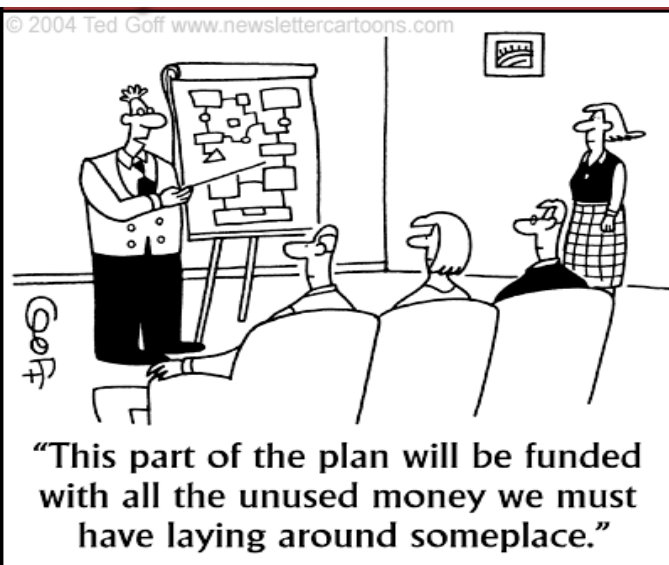
WHATS PLANNED FOR 2007 MICHELLE GARNER-JANNA CHAIRMAN WEST TN CHAPTER

Seasons Greetings and thanks to everyone for a great year of support for the chapter.

It is my hope that 2007 will be an even better year for us. In order for that to happen, it will be very important to reach as many people in our chapter as possible and to increase our membership. We've developed a membership committee led by Rachel Hartsell to help us in that area. The committee has developed several specific actions aimed to improve our existing member meeting attendance and to identify prospective new members as well. You can help to do your part by becoming involved in chapter activities and by bringing co-workers, friends, or any other interested people to our meetings.

Thanks also to everyone who participated in the 2006 membership survey. Based on those results (what you told us you would like to see), we will be making additional improvements in 2007. For example, our meeting topics will be coming directly from your "wish list". We'll be offering some after-hours social activities as well as additional time during the regular meetings for networking. We'll also be working on Fundraising in 2007 and becoming more involved in the community. I would like to give a special thanks to the ASSE officers, who have done an outstanding job of supporting the chapter initiatives. Kudos!

I'm really looking forward to the upcoming year and with your help, I think that we can make 2007 one of the best years for our chapter yet. *Happy Holidays!*



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP THE ASSE WEST TENNESSEE CHAPTER GROW (SURVEY RESULTS)

ASSE Fundraising Committee

Anthony Kimball (Chair)

Cummins Diesel Recon

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Purpose: To generate funds for the chapter. This will also allow our chapter to be more financially secure. It will also allow the chapter to provide financial contributions to the ASSE foundation and to establish a named scholarship program for our chapter.

If you are interested in working on this committee please volunteer. The process is easy...just e-mail Anthony Kimball at the email listed above. Let him know your ideas about fundraising and what is the best time and day to meet. From the e-mails we will set-up the schedule and location to meet.

ASSE Membership Committee

Rachel A. Hartsell (Chair)

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Purpose: To increase the number of active members and to recruit new members for the chapter.

Since e-mailing the members is not always successful, we will make phone calls personally inviting those that have not been active. We will be developing a brief "sales pitch" to let the members know that we are here and would like for them to join us at the meetings. We will also discuss some of the survey questions so that we can better accommodate them. We will begin the process with the members on the roster that have yet to attend a meeting recently. We will eventually also contact safety professionals from some of the large employers in town which are not represented or are under-represented in ASSE. Assistance will be needed to call the members, determine which companies to contact, getting contact information, etc. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way

Other Committees include Gov Affairs (Bob Gray), Communications (Mark Mandel), Awards and Honors (Charlie Sepko). Please contact any of the committee chairs or the ASSE President to volunteer your time.

ASSE NEWS

The Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute, Arlington, Virginia, has published the newly revised ANSI/PMMI B155.1-2006 "Safety Requirements for Packaging Machinery and Packaging-Related Converting Machinery".

This revised version, approved as an American National Standard, is harmonized with the international (ISO) and European (EN) standards by the introduction of hazard identification and risk assessment as the principal method for analyzing hazards to personnel and achieving acceptable risk.

The requirements of this standard apply to new, modified or rebuilt industrial and commercial machinery that performs packaging functions for primary, secondary and tertiary packaging. The standard describes procedures for identifying hazards, assessing risks, and reducing risks to an acceptable level over the life cycle of the packaging machinery.

"Both suppliers and users of packaging machinery have responsibilities for defining and achieving acceptable risk for operating specific equipment," states Fred Hayes, director of technical services, PMMI. "Although the responsibilities of the supplier and the user differ over the life cycle of the packaging machinery, under the revised standard, each uses the same risk assessment process. The supplier and the user, either separately or jointly identify hazards, then assess and reduce risks to an acceptable level within the scope of their respective work activities."

This edition of the standard integrates the requirements of ISO 12100 parts 1 and 2, and ISO 14121, as well as U.S. standards. Suppliers meeting the requirements of ANSI/PMMI B155.1-2006 should conform to the requirements of these three ISO standards. This will facilitate meeting the requirements for CE certification.

For the past 34 years, PMMI has been recognized by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an accredited "standards developing organization." PMMI's standards development procedures have been approved by ANSI as meeting its "essential requirements" of due process and balance. The first version of the PMMI B155.1 standard was approved as an American National Standard Institute in 1973. The 2006 edition, also the fifth revision approved by the ANSI Board of Standards Review, underwent the most substantial changes since its inception.

The final version includes the comments from 28 industry professionals from the entire packaging machinery supply chain. "We were extremely pleased with the incredible level of industry discussion that took place for this year's revision," notes Hayes. "The result of this record-setting industry effort is a voluntary safety standard that supports the truly global packaging machinery industry."

A banner for Seminarfest 2007. On the left is a photograph of a desert landscape with rock formations. The text "Seminarfest 2007" is prominently displayed in a stylized font. To the right, it says "LAS VEGAS, NEVADA JANUARY 21-27, 2007". Below that, it lists "45 Seminars on Essential SH&E Topics", "Earn up to 5.0 CEUs/COCs or 7.0 CM Points in One Week", and "Network with Experts and Peers".

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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.

The Flamingo Las Vegas is a resort property centrally located on the Las Vegas strip. It has a variety of restaurants, a fully-equipped fitness center with a full-service spa, four pools, and complimentary parking.

For details visit www.asse.org/seminarfest

The American Society of Safety Engineers has been reviewed and approved as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training

ASSE PRACTICE SPECIALTY NEWS

FOCUS ON MANAGEMENT SPECIALITY

Global companies face global safety risks. That's one of the lessons learned after the 1984 disaster in Bhopal, India, affected Union Carbide's worldwide operations.

In part because of this global risk, but for a variety of other reasons as well, health and safety professionals with international experience say one of the most important recent trends sweeping through successful multinational companies is the shift to a single safety management system that applies to all their operations throughout the world. While the example of Bhopal revealed the risks of safety failures, experts emphasize that taking a global approach to safety and health isn't only about avoiding problems: It also opens up a wealth of opportunities to improve performance.

A Singular Trend

Boston-based Liberty Mutual, an insurance provider that also offers loss prevention consulting for Fortune 1,000 companies, recently held a meeting with 15 of its customers. "We wanted to understand their needs and talk about their goals," explains Jim Johnson, vice president of Liberty's national market business unit. "Out of that group, all but three have operations outside the U.S. and these other 12 were all beginning to pay more attention to a global program for managing safety and health."

Seiji Machida, coordinator of the occupational safety cluster at the International Labor Organization (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland, confirms that there is a trend toward a single occupational safety and health management system at many organizations and that this is an appropriate way forward. "Multinationals should have a policy applicable to all operations, regardless of the site," asserts Machida. "Such global systems don't have to be detailed, but there should be a framework or a set of principles."

Johnson believes companies are shifting away from a model in which safety and health are managed independently within subsidiaries or business groups. This loss of autonomy in the move to a more centralized management structure can be an initial hurdle. "It is a challenge to get all the stakeholders to the table and reach agreement," says Johnson. Yet, the advantages of global safety management are often powerful enough to overcome these organizational obstacles.

Why Do It?

The speed of global communication is one reason why global companies face global risks, according to Kathy Seabrook, president of Global Solutions Inc., a Mendham, N.J., consulting company specializing in global health and safety management systems for multinational companies.

"If you have a health and safety disaster, a television crew can be the first ones on site, and that information can go around the world in seconds," says Seabrook. Managing risk, therefore, really involves tying environmental, health and safety risk to financial risk.

"Union Carbide is the perfect example," continues Seabrook. "After Bhopal, the company lost control of its destiny." While events on the scale of Bhopal are rare, many companies have discovered the way they treat their workers anywhere on the planet can pose a risk to their corporate reputation.

"On an ethical basis, it doesn't make sense to do one thing in one country and something different elsewhere," says Zack Mansdorf, Ph.D., senior vice president for safety, health and environment at L'Oreal North America and Worldwide, a cosmetics company with operations in more than 200 countries that is headquartered in Paris. "We're going to do it because it's the right thing to do." Mansdorf also notes the financial savings and morale and productivity improvements that always result from safety improvements.

"In addition, the business argument is that for some companies, brand is everything." This rationale is especially powerful for consumer companies such as L'Oreal.

A global system also offers many operational efficiencies, according to James Forsman, vice president and general manager of DuPont Safety Resources, a safety consulting business unit of the global chemical company based in Wilmington, Del. "The advantages are profound: You have a single set of standards now, as opposed to multiple standards, say one for Brazil, one for China and one for the U.S."

The result is a far simpler management process. For example, it is easier to use safety observations, track leading indicators and conduct training with a single global set of standards. Also, companies often transfer safety and operations managers from country to country; having a global system reduces training costs and the confusion that can result from having to learn a new way of doing things after each move.

But, she adds, digging down into that manufacturing facility in China or Peru and figuring out the risks there is also the hardest thing for a company to do.

DOWNLOAD THE FULL ARTICLE AT www.asse.org under practice specialties Management

The guidelines can be found at www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/safework/managmnt/guide.htm.

AIHA NEWS

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) expresses its appreciation to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for the opportunity to provide comments on the OSHA advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) to develop a Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). The ANPR was published in the *Federal Register* on September 12, 2006, pages 53617- 53627.

One of the goals of the AIHA Stewardship and Sustainability Committee is to increase the awareness and understanding of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) among AIHA members, including providing comments on related regulations being proposed that affect product health and safety. In addition to the comments developed by the AIHA Stewardship and Sustainability Committee, comments were received from members of the AIHA Management, Communications and Training Methods, and Occupational Epidemiology Committees. Since AIHA is a professional organization, comments will be limited to providing input on portions relevant in representing the professional membership of AIHA.

AIHA BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS (MSDS)

In September of 2005, AIHA adopted a position statement regarding MSDS and the interest in updating the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HCS). AIHA stated that it has been almost 20 years since OSHA adopted the HCS with its provisions for development and distribution of MSDSs for hazardous chemicals. As originally intended, an MSDS was not meant to be a stand-alone document. It was part of an overall hazard communication program. The AIHA is keenly interested in the issues surrounding MSDSs because they are essential tools in the protection of employees exposed to chemical hazards in the workplace. Many AIHA members have extensive experience and direct involvement with technical and policy issues regarding MSDSs and are involved in the development or review of MSDSs for their employers.

AIHA considers MSDSs to be essential information sources that enable the anticipation, recognition, evaluation and control of workplace exposures and environmental hazards of chemical substances. AIHA fully supports one MSDS format for all target audiences. This issue is not confined to the United States, but rather is of global concern. AIHA encourages the use of international standards/guidelines (including recommended phrases and symbols) that allow MSDS preparers to communicate hazards in an understandable way to the various MSDS users. AIHA recognizes that providing information on an MSDS is necessary to fulfill the needs of the various target audiences. AIHA supports the overall goals of both the ANSI Standard on MSDS Preparation Z400.1 and the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) in that they improve the quality of MSDSs by establishing a harmonized structure and meaningful recommendations on content.

The full AIHA position statement is available at www.aiha.org/1documents/governmentaffairs/P-MSDS-09-02-05.pdf.



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CALL FOR SPEAKERS

This coming year marks the 30th anniversary of the **Tennessee Safety and Health Congress and Exposition**, which will be held **July 22-25, 2007**, at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

If you would like to be considered by the Program Committee to give a presentation at the 2007 Congress, please go to our Website at www.tnsafetycongress.org and complete the "Call for Presenters" form. The form can be found in the section for Congress information at www.tnsafetycongress.org/more.htm under the heading "General Information". As an alternative, please contact Ted Helms via e-mail at t.c.helms@att.net or phone at 865-966-7989 by January 12, 2007.

MESSAGE CORNER

As jobs are circulated around check our Website to see what is on offer. If you know of any positions available please contact Patrick McCloskey at 901 775-9680 (pmccloskey@cpconcrete.com)

DO YOU HAVE EMAIL ?

Please let us know your current Email address and look out for information passed along from ASSE and AIHA as well as the local chapter. . (mark.e.mandel@Cummins.com)

NEWSLETTER

Is there something you'd like to see in the next ASSE newsletter? Contact Mark Mandel We welcome your suggestions and input....

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY JANUARY 15th

SPEAKERS NEEDED FOR FUTURE MEETINGS—CONTACT Debbie.abrego@Cummins.com



SO HOW DO YOU SHARE INFORMATION IN YOUR COMPANY ?

At Cummins it was decided that bringing Safety Professionals together from around the globe is essential to gain best practices, share stories and ensure that every facility would hear the same message delivered by the senior executives and other leaders. The picture shows (L -R) Mark Mandel, Michelle Garner-Janna. Debbie Abrego in San Luis Potosi Mexico at this years Safety & Environmental Conference.

Please share your stories and pictures. Send anything to add to the newsletter to

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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SEE YOU IN 2007