



Upcoming Events

ASSE Elections Continue Through March

Ballots to vote for ASSE Senior Officers were emailed March 1, 2018. Learn more about the candidates at: <http://www.asse.org/elections/slate2018/>, and vote before March 31.

Next Low Country Chapter Meeting in New Location

The next chapter meeting is Tuesday, March 20th at 2230 Technical Parkway. Speaker: Marie Stephens of Meridian Energy & Environment, LLC will discuss personnel monitoring and other services they provide.

Sustainable Workplace Alliance Offers Free Classes in April

Best Practices In Teaching Technical Subjects - April 3, 2018, 9AM-4PM; Hazardous Materials Instructor Training, April 5-6, 2018, 9AM-4PM. For more information, go to: <http://sustainablewp.org>

2018 Lowcountry Chapter PDC is April 26th in Somerset

The 2018 Chapter Professional Development Conference is coming up next month. See below for more information.

ASSE Low Country Chapter PDC Scheduled for April 26th

The ASSE Low Country Chapter 2018 Professional Development Conference will once again be held at Santee Cooper Somerset recreation center. Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments. CEUs will be awarded for attendees. Register online and find more details, including directions and schedule information at: <https://lowcountry.asse.org/events/2018-low-country-asae-pdc/>. Current schedule is:

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| 7:00 – 8:00 | Breakfast/vendor set up |
| 8:00 – 9:00 | Preventing Hand Injuries (Reggie Grigg—Protective Industrial Products) |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Vendor time |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Safety @ Six Sigma (Alex Eggleston CSP, MBA) |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Vendor time |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Safety @ Six Sigma continued (Alex Eggleston CSP, MBA) |
| 12:00 – 1:30 | Lunch/vendor time |
| 1:30 – 2:30 | Fall Protection (Tyler Clark—Atlantic Fall Protection) |
| 2:30 – 2:45 | Break |
| 2:45 – 4:00 | Crystalline Silica Update (Van Henson or Ted Austin—SC LLR) |
| 4:00 – 4:30 | Door prizes, Drawings, closing remarks |

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Lowcountry Chapter Member Anniversaries

40
YEARS
Anniversary

Wayne Brannan

25
YEARS

Jayne Carswell

And welcome to
our newest
members!

Sherwin Alston
Charles Chung
Hope Gonzalez
Paul Hartline
Gladys Keniston
Patrice Mazyck
Julia Olson
Eric Toney
Julie Walker
Michael Ward

ASSE LowCountry Chapter Takes the Gold for the 2016-2017 Chapter Year

Congrats! The Low Country Chapter has once again achieved the gold level of Chapter Recognition for the 2016-2017 chapter year. According to the ASSE, “The work that goes into achieving this level of success is impressive and greatly appreciated by ASSE. It benefits the chapter members and the safety profession as a whole.” Garrett Little will represent our chapter at the Chapter Recognition Luncheon taking place at Safety 2018 in San Antonio, TX where Platinum and Gold Chapter winners will be recognized.

Giving Back - 2017 ASSE LowCountry Chapter Toys for Tots Campaign

Thanks to everyone who donated toys for the Chapter’s Toys for Tots Campaign this past Christmas season!





SC OSHA Reminds Employers to Post Injury and Illness Summaries February 1 through April 30

SC OSHA reminds employers to post OSHA Form 300A, which lists a summary of the total number of job-related injuries and illnesses that occurred during 2017 and were logged on OSHA Form 300, *Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses*. According to their [website](#), "To assist in calculating incidence rates, information about the annual average number of employees and total hours worked during the calendar year is also required. If a company recorded no injuries or illnesses in 2017, the employer must enter "zero" on the total line. The form must be signed and certified by a company executive. Form 300A should be displayed in a common area where notices to employees are usually posted.

... A complete list of exempt industries in the retail, services, finance, insurance and real estate sectors can be found at: [Exempt Industries](#). The Bureau of Labor Statistics may still select exempted employers to participate in an annual statistical survey...

Copies of OSHA Forms [300](#) and [300A](#) are available in either Adobe PDF or Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet format. For more information on recordkeeping requirements, visit the [OSHA Injury and Illness Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements](#) web page."

Crane Operator Certification Deadline Extended

According to [SC OSHA's website](#), "OSHA issued a final rule to delay compliance deadline for crane operator certification requirements to November 10, 2018. By delaying the deadline for employers to ensure that crane operators are certified by one year, and by extending the employer duty to ensure crane operators are competent until that same date, the rule avoids disrupting the construction industry and allows OSHA time to complete a related crane standard rulemaking addressing these and other issues. News release: <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/trade/11092017>.

More information is available in the [Federal Register notice](#).

SC OSHA will also follow Federal OSHA's compliance deadline extension."

OSHA's Safe + Sound Campaign Offers a New Fact Sheet on Safety Walk-Arounds for Managers

OSHA's [Safe + Sound Campaign](#) is offering a new fact sheet on [Safety Walk-Arounds for Managers](#). According to their [website](#), this fact sheet "provides suggestions for conducting inspections that can help you evaluate the effectiveness of your current safety and health efforts and communicate directly with workers about hazards in their jobs."

OSHA Beryllium Standard Provisions for General Industry Now in Effect

Per the ASSE Government Affairs Update published February 22, 2018, "[ASSE's RegBrief on the beryllium final rule](#) explains all the delays, details, and which provisions take effect when. Most provisions for general industry take effect on March 12."

Free NIOSH Webinar in March – Linking Research to Healthier Workplace Practices

Also according to the Government Affairs Update published February 22, 2018, "NIOSH is hosting [Numbers to Know How: Linking Research to Healthier Workplace Practices](#) on March 21st at 12noon CST. Register for this free webinar to hear experts discuss results from the Workplace Health in America Survey, the National Health Interview Survey, and the National Occupational Mortality Surveillance System. This webinar is a preview topic for [NIOSH's 2nd International Symposium to Advance Total Worker Health](#). ASSE is a Presenting Partner for this symposium dedicated to TWH research and practice, held May 8-11, 2018 in Bethesda, MD."

Use 2018 National Safety Observances to Promote Safety in Your Workplace

There are a number of national observances supporting occupational safety and health in 2018. According to their newsletter, "ASSE supports the [National Safety Stand-Down](#) in May and co-sponsors the year-long [Safe + Sound campaign](#), which is highlighted by [Safe + Sound Week](#) in August. Safe workplaces are sound businesses." There is also [NAOSH Week](#) – North American Occupational Safety and Health Week scheduled May 6-12, 2018 which includes a youth video contest you can use to get kids – our future safety and health professionals - involved. According to their website, "The goal during Safety and Health Week is to focus employers, employees, partners and the public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home, and in the community."