

ASSE New Jersey Chapter



Chapter Officers

Gregory Decker, President
 Lauren Cranmer, President Elect
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Spring PDC

Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location:

New Brunswick, NJ

Topic: Emergency Planning and Response

May Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: [Please check our website](#)

June Planning

Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017

Time: TBD

Location: Chatam Firehouse

Letter from the President

Gregory Decker

Greetings on behalf of the Executive Committee of NJ ASSE, and welcome to Spring! The Chapter year has been flying by, but it's not over yet. Since the last edition of the Newsletter was published, we had our annual joint March meeting with NJ AIHA and MABSA at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains. As usual, this meeting was well attended, and we had two interesting presentations. The before-dinner speaker was Dr. Donald Schaffner from Rutgers University who gave a unique and entertaining presentation entitled, "Should You Eat That – The Science Behind the Five Second Rule." Our after-dinner speaker was Keven McNally, President, New Jersey Public Health Association who spoke about "Promoting a Culture of Health" where he provided an overview of New Jersey Health Initiatives. In April, New Jersey Transit hosted a meeting at their Newark headquarters. Fred Frank, CSP, and Manager of Environmental Safety & Industrial Hygiene provided a history of NJ Transit Safety.

Upcoming events include our annual Spring PDC scheduled for May 3rd at Rutgers University where topics will include office ergonomics, "the industrial athlete," and a regulatory update from OSHA, and our May 18th Chapter meeting.

Please visit our website regularly for upcoming Chapter events, job openings, and other Chapter news. We are always interested in your feedback and ideas, and feel free to email us at info@nj.asse.org. We look forward to seeing you at one (or more) of our upcoming Chapter meetings or events. Finally, please keep an eye out for a communication on our upcoming Chapter elections!

Sincerely,
 Greg Decker, CSP
 Chapter President

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Welcome to NJ ASSE

Dan Rollino

The Chapter Members and Officers would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the following new members who have joined the ASSE February.

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|  Daena Charles |  Robert Goncalves |  David O'Hara |
|  Jinay Dalal |  Joy Lemab |  Christopher Pope |
|  Dheerajh Kuppili |  Mary Daley |  John Landis |
|  Danielle Mengistab |  George Kowzun |  Jeffrey Moser |
|  Roger Wingate | | |

Welcome to the ASSE, and we encourage you to take advantage of our network, meetings, and trainings to take your education and career development to the next level. We look forward to meeting you at our next meeting. Please note that your first meeting is free.

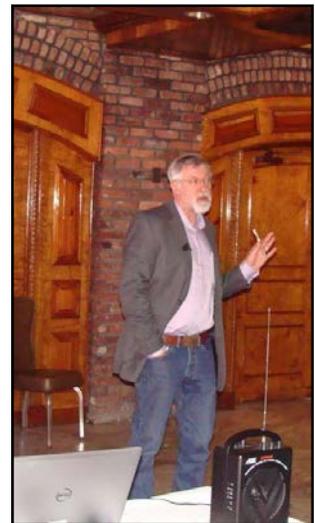
March Meeting Recap

Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian

Scotch Plains, NJ - Another large turnout in 2017 of members and guest of the NJAIHA, the NJ Chapter-American Society of Safety Engineers (NJ ASSE), and the Mid-Atlantic Biological Safety Association (MABSA) for the annual joint March dinner meeting of the three associations. In addition to taking in two excellent technical presentations, all were also able to enjoy Snuffy's Thursday Prime Rib Buffet on this St. Patrick's Day eve!



Left - Amy Ryan, MABSA Past-President, Bernie Fontaine, NJAIHA President, and Brian Eggert, MABSA Treasurer, compare notes for the evening's events during the networking session. **Right**- Our before-dinner speaker, Donald Schaffner, Ph.D, Extension Specialist in Food Science and Distinguished Professor, Rutgers University, begins his presentation, "Should You Eat That? - The Science Behind the Five Second Rule". Dr. Schaffner shared the highlights of a study he and colleagues performed of the cross-contamination rate of *Enterobacter aerogenes* on household surfaces using scenarios differing by surface type, food type and contact time and inoculum matrix... good information to know the next time you eat that potato chip that just fell on the carpeting!



Left - Greg Decker, NJ ASSE President, updates attendees on NJ ASSE current events and activities prior to introducing our after-dinner speaker. **Right**- Speaker Kevin McNally, MBA, President, New Jersey Public Health Association, answers questions after finishing his talk, "Promoting a Culture of Health". Mr. McNally provided an overview of New Jersey Health Initiatives, the statewide grantmaking program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which has a mission of supporting innovations and driving conversations to build healthier communities across the State of New Jersey.



April Meeting Recap

Jack Fearing

The April monthly NJASSE Chapter meeting was held at the New Jersey Transit (NJT) Headquarters building at One Penn Plaza in Newark on April 13, 2017. The meeting was hosted by the NJT Office of Systems Safety and took place in the NJT Executive Conference Room on the 9th floor. Mr. Fred Frank, CSP, the Manager of NJT Environmental, Safety and Industrial Hygiene, was the featured speaker along with other members of his staff.



Fred's excellent presentation covered the history of NJT and many of the safety milestones that have been achieved over the years. Other topics discussed during the presentation included compliance responsibilities that NJT has with several state and federal agencies including the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) the the state of New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) office and various safety metrics.

Fred also discussed the unique safety and health initiatives within the various divisions the Office of Systems Safety including commuter rail, light rail, buses and the anti-terrorism campaign "Text Against Terror" of the NJT Security Office. The meeting was very informative and well attended.

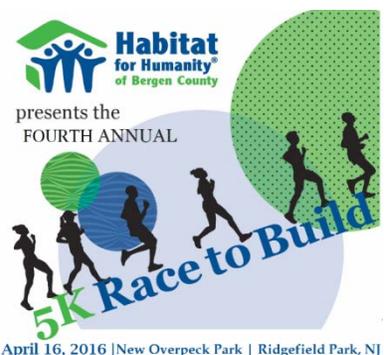


Habitat for Humanity 5K

Lauren Cranmer/Anthony Krake

Leonia, NJ - On April 1, 2017 a group of 12 brave runners on team NJ ASSE runners set out for the first NJ ASSE 5K with our partner organization, Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County. Despite the cold weather on this April Fool's Day, NJ ASSE participated as a vendor, distributing information about safety and the programs the Chapter and Society offer. In keeping with the theme of the day, the Chapter handed out reflective gear to participants to encourage safe night running. Finally, the Chapter has agreed to match the donations that NJ ASSE runners made to Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County. For more pictures and information see:

<http://www.northjersey.com/picture-gallery/be-social/2017/04/02/habitat-for-humanity-of-bergen-county-hosts-5k-race-in-leonia/99966104/>





Save the Date for our PDC: May 3rd, 2017

Joe Piccolo, CHMM



NJ Chapter

Professional Development Conference

Hold the Date! May 3rd

Register Now online at NJASSE.org

At Rutgers University – Piscataway, NJ

Morning Presentations on Ergonomics

Afternoon Presentations on Legal Aspects for

the Safety Professional

(including an OSHA update)

Elections and Committee Position Openings

Lauren Cranmer

Do you want to get a little more engaged with your local “platinum level” chapter of ASSE and the 5th largest ASSE chapter in the U.S.? NJ ASSE is looking for a few individuals to get involved in one of the following roles:

Open Position: NJ ASSE Chapter Treasurer

Our chapter treasurer is responsible for strategic planning in our organization. He or she guides the board to establish a budget, manage expenses, and provide input into projects and meetings under consideration. The election for treasurer is this month so please email us today if you are interested in running for Chapter Treasurer.

Other positions are also available. Email us to learn more about the following open positions:

- Environmental Committee Chair
- Membership Chair
- PEOSHA Chair
- Newsletter

Rebranding ASSE: Evolving our Story

Lauren Cranmer

To continue to provide a level of service that meets the unique needs of this evolving profession, ASSE is evolving alongside you. A yearlong research study was conducted with members to ensure that we continue to reflect what our members do. ASSE assessed members' attitudes, uncovering these challenges:

- Lack of brand consistency
- Lack of one global brand
- Difficulty attracting and retaining young professionals
- The need to increase awareness and recognition beyond members to industry leaders and business
- The desire to deepen relationships with current members

Using your feedback, ASSE embarked on freshening our brand identity

- **Evolving our name**—making it more inclusive, since only 3% of current members hold a Professional Engineer (P.E.) credential; deepening our relationship with current members; and expanding beyond membership
- **Evolving our logo**—creating one global brand to speak to all members
- **Creating a tagline**—capturing our brand essence and resonating with members and future members

Here's the proposed new LOGO for "ASSP"



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SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

See the entire story (<http://www.assp.org/our-story/>) and vote or contact your chapter delegate, Greg Decker, gregory_decker@merck.com. You can vote via electronic vote for 45 days following the House of Delegates meeting, June 19, 2017.

Safety 2017 ASSE PDC in Denver

Lauren Cranmer

Safety 2017 is just around the corner! June 19-22 is this year's ASSE Professional Development Conference and Exposition in Denver, Colorado. Registration is now open. View sessions, program schedules, pre- and post-seminars, and register online at <http://safety.asse.org>. You can also download the brochure here. We will arrange a networking event for NJ ASSE attendees to get together and announce it on our website. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations to NJ ASSE for earning Platinum level chapter recognition again in 2016! The chapter will be recognized at the Chapter Recognition Luncheon held on Tuesday, June 20 at Safety 2017 in Denver, CO. If your planning on attending the PDC in Denver and want to be present when the award is received, make sure to register for the Chapter Recognition Luncheon when you send in your registration.

Scholarships

Jon Vogler

Congratulations to **Craig Cohen** and **Jessica Vallee-Vasquez**, NJ ASSE scholarship winners! The Joyce Cunningham Memorial Scholarship and the Ted Brinkley and Bernice Shickora Scholarships (\$1000 each) are given out twice per year. The award criteria is currently being updated so that we can reach a larger audience of students going forward: <http://nj.asse.org/scholarship/>

WISE Donation

Kristin Herman

A \$500 annual donation was made this spring to the Women in Safety Engineering Program. WISE fosters the advancement of women and the sharing of ideas in the OSH profession. WISE continuously evaluates the state of women in the OSH profession, facilitates mentoring of all OSH professionals, encourages networking to strengthen professional relationships, promotes continuing education and professional certifications, and supports the development and peer review of content related to issues specific to women in the workplace as well as within the OSH profession. Join WISE for \$20 if you are an ASSE member. See <http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/wise/>

CSP Question of the Month

Lauren Cranmer

When determining the safe load on a floor, live loads indicate?

- a. The weight of the building and its components
- b. Loads placed on the floor
- c. Floor load value in a building code handbook
- d. Load that one joist can bear

Last issue's response: B (5000 pounds)

How to submit an article

Did you attend an event that you can't wait to let the world know about or have an area of expertise that you love discussing? What about a question on a safety topic or a personal highlight? Want to brag about your company's EHS accomplishments? The NJ ASSE chapter newsletter focuses on news relevant to you and welcomes all submissions. To enter an article or a personal recognition for publication, please send to the Editor at news@nj.asse.org.

Link to NJ ASSE on your Company Intranet

Is your organization's EHS or Health and Safety Intranet linked to NJ ASSE? Consider linking us as a valuable resource for NJ Employers and associates to network and gather information in Safety, Health, and the Environment. Simply link to our website: <http://nj.asse.org/>

NJ ASSE on LinkedIn and Social Media

LinkedIn Did you know that the NJ ASSE has its own community on LinkedIn?

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<https://www.facebook.com/ASSESafety>

Next webinar: <https://learn.asse.org/products/hazard-analysis-and-risk-assessment-meet-at-the-crossroads-for-a-successful-outcome>