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HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR LAST TWO SAFETY PRESENTATIONS / LUNCHEON MEETINGS

Although you may have missed one or both of these monthly meetings, those members who did attend stated that they were very good meetings and very informative.

March 18 Meeting: “Ground Zero, a Safety Officer’s View”

Michael J. Fagel, Ph.D., CEM gave an excellent presentation regarding his first hand account of the Rescue and Recovery Operations at the World Trade Center, following the tragic events of 9/11. As the key safety professional requested to be flown to New York City, he immediately used his extensive experience to organize the safety efforts of the rescue and structural/debris removal workers. He spent over 3 months at Ground Zero, providing safety guidance during long, exhausting hours at the site during the day and gave professional and skillful advice at the nightly, multi-agency Health and Safety committee. At the last committee meeting, the 75 members gave him a standing ovation for a job well done. A commendation letter to Dr. Fagel, from the Division Commander of the New York City Fire Department, stated, “A tribute to your efforts in coordinating site safety is the fact that not one of the thousands of personnel working at the site, uniformed or civilian, was seriously injured or killed, in spite of the horrific conditions”.

As a member of ASSE, Dr. Fagel brings great credit to our profession and our society. Just before going to an Army base in Wisconsin to provide his expertise on Emergency Management and Domestic Preparedness, Dr. Fagel gave a two hour powerpoint presentation, showed us very large (hand held) blowups of Ground Zero streets and gave personal testimonial of what it was like to be there and the personalities of people he had to deal with. He also covered obstacles faced and how they were overcome.

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

OSHA Announces Fourth Ergo Guidelines

OSHA announced its fourth set of industry-specific ergo guidelines, this time for the shipyard industry. Information on ASSE's Alliance with OSHA on Ergonomics, including links to OSHA ergo information, is available on the Government Affairs page on ASSE's web site at www.asse.org.

City of Chicago Proclaims Occupational Safety and Health Week

During the week of May 4-10, 2003, North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, members of the American Society of Safety Engineers will raise employers', employees' and the public's understanding of occupational safety and health.

In addition, Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, proclaimed May 4-10, 2003, to be Occupational Safety and Health Week in Chicago, and encourages all Chicagoans to recognize the importance of safety in the workplace.

Please go to the following website for more information on Safety Week:
<http://www.asse.org/naosh03.htm>.

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Chapter member comments regarding Dr. Fagel's presentation included, "better than any other emergency preparedness presentation", "appreciated the different web site resources he gave us", "presentation was better than what I expected", "it was really something to meet a person who was at Ground Zero" and "very impressed by the caliber of the presenter".

April 15 Meeting: "Roundtable Safety Discussion"

With the canceling of the planned O'Hare Airport Burn Pit tour, due to heightened security, we were pleased to offer a Safety Roundtable discussion for this meeting. Our leaders of the discussion were representatives from the Illinois Department of Labor, the National Safety Council and the American Society of Safety Engineers. Ms. Edna Demerin-Lubuguin joined us from the Illinois Department of Labor, as did Mr. Wellesley Scott, Senior Consultant of the National Safety Council (NSC) in Itasca and Mr. Dewey Whitmire, Director of Professional Development for the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) in Des Plaines.

Our discussion touched on many topics, including: financial and behavior incentives, non-English speaking workforce issues, tracking safety incidents, benchmarking with other companies, professional development opportunities at ASSE and consulting resources available from NSC. The discussion was very fluid and moved quickly, before we knew it, it was time to go home. **Each participant received some great information and "food for thought" going forward.**

Newsletter Note

As usual, before each meeting we did send both an electronic announcement of the meeting and postcard announcements to "non-electronic members" (those who do not currently have access to email, etc.). If you received a postcard, but can be reached via email, please promptly send your email address to our Treasurer, Jim Smith at jsmith@alberto.com. Jim will add you to our electronic mailing list and this will save our Chapter the time and cost of sending you a postcard. If you cannot be reached via email, don't worry we will continue to keep you informed.

OSHA'S NEW EVACUATION PLANNING MATRIX WILL HELP EMPLOYERS PLAN FOR EMERGENCIES

On April 23rd the Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced the release of a new tool to help employers plan for emergency evacuation of the workplace in emergency situations. The new Evacuation Planning Matrix located on OSHA's website will provide employers with ideas, assistance, and on-line resources to help them reduce their vulnerability to and plan for workplace emergencies.

"Recent events in the United States have underscored the critical importance of workplace evacuation planning," said John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health. "An effective evacuation plan will increase the likelihood that employees will reach shelter safely if an emergency that requires evacuation does occur."

The Evacuation Planning Matrix includes a checklist for employers to help them evaluate their existing plans or help in constructing new ones; a zone pyramid system to evaluate a workplace's risk of a terrorist incident; and other related on-line resources to help employers and employees develop emergency evacuation plans.

President's Corner

April 2003

Dear Chapter Members,

I hope each of you have had a good month!

I would like to thank Mike Fagel, for providing our members an insight to the clean up operations that went on at Ground Zero. That day has changed the way we all do business and how we look at safety within our workplace and our personal lives. Also, thanks to all the familiar and new faces at the meeting!

The Regional Operating Committee (ROC) met on April 4, 2003 to discuss issues that each Chapter is experiencing. Many great ideas were discussed. If you are interested in participating on one of the Committees next Chapter year, you can attend a ROC meeting and the Leadership Conference. These events bring together representatives of Region V and are a great networking opportunity.

Please join us at the May meeting, as elections for the next Chapter year will take place. As always, if I can be of any help to you, let me know.

Maribeth A. Anderson
President
Greater Chicago Chapter

Just a Reminder

Since April began Daylight Savings time for all of us in the Midwest, please remind everyone in your personal life and at work to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. This simple exercise can save many lives!



**REGIONAL OPERATING
COMMITTEE MEETING
REVIEW**

On April 4, 2003, the Greater Chicago Chapter sent three members to participate in the Regional Operating Committee (ROC). The meeting was held at ASSE Headquarters in Des Plaines. The purpose was to get Executive Board members of all Chapters of ASSE within Region V to brainstorm ideas and to bring their concerns to the National Office.

Many of the Chapters are facing the same challenges to encourage a higher count of members at each meeting. Many ideas were shared. An idea brought to the ROC by our Chapter was using the Evite.com web site. So far, Evite has been advantageous for our Chapter to provide direct information to our members and to keep track of the responses.

One of the criteria for an ASSE Chapter to be considered for the Chapter Achievement Award each year is their participation at each of the ROC meetings held quarterly. We are happy to announce that once again the Greater Chicago Chapter has achieved this honor! Thanks goes out to all that helped make it happen!

2003/2004 Candidate Slate

We are currently seeking candidates for open positions on the Slate for Elected Officers. Candidates for officers of the Greater Chicago Chapter during the 2003 / 2004 Chapter Year are as follows:

President	Dawn Boisvert
First Vice President	Al Borzych
Second Vice President	Maribeth Anderson
Secretary	
Treasurer	Jim Smith
Delegates	Leslie Batterson Linda Rhodes
Alternate Delegate	Rich Moscato

Elections will be held at the May Chapter meeting.

Son of Linda Rhodes, Greater Chicago ASSE Chapter Delegate: One of Poster Contest Winners



Poster Contest Winners



Kids From Maryland, New Jersey and Chicago Win American Society of Safety Engineers' 'Safety-On-The-Job' Poster Contest for NAOSH Week [Press Release](#)

	<u>age 5-6</u>	<u>age 7-8</u>	<u>age 9-10</u>	<u>age 11-12</u>
Winners	Michael A. Owen 6, Burtonsville, MD	Rachel Hunnicutt 8, Montague, NJ	Jerome Ezra Rhodes 9, Chicago, IL	Keith Sneddon 11, Forest Hill, MD
Runners Up	Caleb Brunkon 5, Tucson, AZ	Christian Niedenthal 7, Eureka, MO	Megan Baldassari 10, Sulphur, LA	Alyssa Garcia 11, Oyster Bay, NY
	Tessa Farthing 6, Fairfield, OH	Nicolette Arrotti 8, Farmington, CT	Noah Baggett 9, Corona, CA	Lauren Baldassari 12, Sulphur, LA