

**GREATER CHICAGO
CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER**



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ASSE MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY— JUNE 13, 2006

**" HOW TO DEVELOP AN EMERGENCY PLAN FOR
A CHEMICAL SPILL OR INCIDENT"**

The final meeting of this season for the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE will be Tuesday, June 13, 2006. Our speaker will be Peter Olsen regulatory consultant. Mr. Olsen will be speaking on *How To Develop an Emergency Plan for a Chemical Spill or Incident*.

Peter Olsen is the owner of a regulatory consulting business specializing in developing and implementing systems for companies, including training, to help them incorporate regulatory compliance within their existing business infrastructure. His specialty area is the hazardous chemical and hazardous waste industries incorporating handling, packaging, storage and transportation of chemicals incorporating all health and safety issues as it relates to preventing chemical exposure. Mr. Olsen holds a Bachelor of Science degree in the environmental sciences/engineering field from **North-ern Illinois University**. His numerous certifications in the construction and petroleum industries have allowed him to gain valuable expertise in applying regulatory compliance needs to practical productivity goals.

His 16 years of engineering and regulatory experience within the chemical and petroleum industry not only provides a practical speaking platform from which any company can base and build their own training agenda

upon but also to implement practical and workable standard operating procedures that protects the health and safety of employees and protects the employer from injury and illness and possible litigation.

Lunch and Meeting Pricing:

Advanced Registration: \$20

Registration at the Door: \$25

Retired Members: \$10

Meeting Information:

11:30 am Registration

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Presentation

2:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (all are welcome to attend)

Cucina Biagio Restaurant, 7313 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL (708-867-4641). *Directions: From Downtown, take I-90 West (toward O'Hare) to Harlem Avenue, exit South. Go approximately 1 mile to Lawrence, turn right (West) - on left side of street, about 1 block.*

RSVP to 773-894-7065, by June 12th and leave a message that includes your name, company name and phone number or respond directly to your Evite.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Al Borzych, Greater Chicago Chapter President

Congratulations to all of the new executive board members! It's going to be a "Great New Year". The programs that are lined up for 2006/2007 prove to be very interesting and informative. Please join us at our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month starting in September.

Thank you, to all of you that have given your time and patience working with me. It has honestly been my pleasure. You are all truly professionals and I consider you all my friends. If at any time I can help you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

I know that this coming year will be one of the best in the history of Greater Chicago. Again, thanks for allowing me to serve all of you and the chapters needs. It has been my pleasure and I would do it again in a minute. As always, stay safe!

Al Borzych, President

Greater Chicago Chapter President



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

NEW GREATER CHICAGO OFFICERS ELECTED AT MAY 9TH MEETING

During the May 9th General Meeting for the Greater Chicago Chapter voted on the following list of officers for the 2006-2007 Chapter Year.

2006-2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF OFFICERS

Maribeth Anderson	President
Sanobeia Brima	President Elect
Todd Macumber	2nd Vice President
Mark Fifield	Secretary
Jim Smith	Treasurer
Linda Rhodes	Delegate
Marion Synowiec	Delegate

Some of the great committees that could always use help on are:

Membership—Current Chair: Mary Abbatacola

Newsletter—Current Chair: Leslie Batterson

Asst. Newsletter Editor—Open Chair Position

Programs—Current Chair: Allan Kaufman

Scholarship—Open Chair Position

Governmental Affairs—Open Chair Position

Web Administrator—Current Chair: Maribeth Anderson

Asst. Web Administrator—Open Chair Position

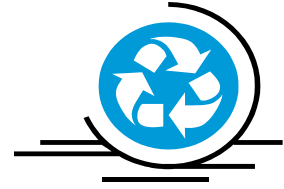
Assistant Financial Secretary—Current Chair: Milton Vicenteno



IDEAS AND ASSISTANCE IS ALWAYS NEEDED!!!!

CONTACT MARIBETH ANDERSON IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT THE CHAPTER FOR 2006-2007

It's Not Easy Being Green (or, What Can We Do to Help Our Environment)



I recently became a volunteer scuba diver at the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. Through my involvement with Shedd Aquarium, Greater Chicago ASSE, and safety community I have become more aware of my community and its environment, and the environment is not looking very good. Therefore, this article will discuss two issues concerning our environment and how we can have an impact to bring about change. The two issues concern the Great Lakes and Building Green.

The first concern is our **Great Lakes**. Do you remember the acronym HOMES? That is what many people use to remember the names of the Great Lakes (Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, and Superior). These Great Lakes provide 20% of the world's fresh water. In Chicago and the surrounding communities, Lake Michigan provides a majority of the drinking water, which is rated excellent by independent sources. However, did you know that the Great Lakes water quality has been threatened by toxic pollutants such as mercury and agricultural pesticides? This is OUR drinking water and our CHILDREN'S drinking water. These chemicals enter the aquatic system through direct dumping, such as paper mill waste, or indirect pathways, such as field-water run-off and power plant air pollution.

Every summer beaches in the Chicago area are closed because of the high level of e-coli in the water. These threats occur from untreated sewage or animal waste entering the water. Are you aware that fishing and boating on the Great Lakes is a 10 billion dollar industry? Pollution is having a dramatic negative effect on these industries.

What can we do as safety professionals and people who live in the communities around the Great Lakes? Have an environmentally sound work place, and make your employees aware of their community's response to the environment. A good place to start is the link below.

www.greatlakesforever.org/html/aboutus.html

Here are some suggestions which we can all look at to help our environment.

1) Support community green space. Parks, urban gardens, and even sidewalk tree plantings beautify our communities and, when properly managed, help protect the Great Lakes. Green spaces planted with native trees and plants and managed with limited chemical fertilizer and pesticide use, provide homes for wildlife, clean our air, and help maintain our underground water resources. Of course, kids love places to play and green space can truly enhance a community's property values.

2) Respect the storm sewers. Storm water is a major contributor to water pollution. Household waste, from pets and garden chemicals to automobiles and street litter, are carried into our community storm sewers by rain and snowmelt. Although each storm sewer drain contributes just a small amount of pollution, there can be thousands of such sewer inlets around your community. These storm sewers often drain untreated waste water into local lakes, rivers and wetlands. You can help reduce storm water pollution by maintaining a healthy, chemical-free lawn, planting a rain-garden, and never pouring paints, oils, and other chemical wastes down the sewers.

3) Preserve natural shorelines. Over-development of river, inland-lake, and Great Lakes shorelines will rob future generations of stunning natural beauty and harm wildlife, water quality, and more. Our shorelines are the fragile ecosystems where lands and waters meet, important breeding and feeding grounds for countless birds, mammals, and even some fish. Loss of shoreline wetlands and habitat can result in water pollution, contaminated fish, and wildlife extinction. Make sure your community protects its natural shorelines so that we can all continue to enjoy access to the swimming, fishing, and boating our waters provide.

4) Be a champion in your community. If you love the Great Lakes, don't be shy. Tell your friends, neighbors and elected officials that the Great Lakes are important to you. **You can make a difference.**

The second environmental concern is the use of **Building Green**. What do we mean by this? The EPA defines Building Green or sustainable building as the practice of creating healthier and more resource-efficient models of construction, renovation, operation, maintenance, and demolition. Research and experience increasingly demonstrate that when buildings are designed and operated with their lifecycle impacts in mind, they can provide great environmental, economic, and social benefits.

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Check out the sites below for more information on how you or your organization can learn more about Building Green.

[Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy](#)

[Water Stewardship](#)[Environmentally Preferable Building Materials and Specifications](#)

[Waste Reduction](#)

[Indoor Environment](#)

[Smart Growth and Sustainable Development](#)

Everyone likes to save money, and in this case, you can save money while helping to protect the Great Lakes. Ask your city council and local zoning boards if they offer incentives to businesses, housing developers, and others to build energy efficient buildings that draw a portion of their power from renewable energy sources. Schools, libraries, and hospitals are just a few public buildings that have been used to demonstrate the cost savings and clean power of solar and wind energy. When we conserve our energy resources, we benefit from greater energy security, lower costs, and a healthier community environment.

Here are a few local examples of Building Green in our community.

- **Aquascapes Design in St. Charles, IL**, the building's best features is a 240,000 square-foot, steeply sloped green roof, a virtual prairie meadow in the sky, which will help to cool and insulate the building and, most importantly, manage storm water runoff. With great design, the building is a shoe-in to receive LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. The LEED Green Building Rating System® is a national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. Green Tech U, a part of The **Chicago Department of Environment**, will soon be located at 445 N. Sacramento Blvd, Chicago. This building, which is scheduled to be open in the next few months, will use many environmental and resource friendly building materials, and teach classes on how to create a Green Building at home or at work.
- **Tarkington Elementary School on Chicago's southwest side** whose 134,000-square-foot building meets certain environmental standards. The entryway's so-called green features: understated bluish-green floors made of recycled glass, elegant two-story-high windows that allow for natural lighting, and honey colored maple ceilings made from wood logged in an environmentally responsible way. The third story roof contains drought resistance plants, which provide energy saving insulation.
- Two other building projects are the **Bethel Center in the Garfield Park area and the Wentworth Commons apartment building on Chicago's far south side**. The Great Lake and Building Green are just two of the many ways we can have an impact on our environment for future generations. NOW IS THE TIME, remember it is not easy being green.

This is the last article of the 2005-06 season, and is somewhat longer than my previous articles. However, I hope you have found value in all of the articles long or short. I have done my best to be informative and sometimes entertaining. I would be happy to hear from you with any suggestions for future topics (allan@thecrcenter.com).

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer, and I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings in 2006-07. We have a GREAT schedule of speakers. And please remember,

Let's Be SAFE Out There! Allan Kaufman, Director of The Compliance Resource Center

www.theCRCenter.com

THINK GLOBALLY AND ACT LOCALLY !!



POSITION AVAILABLE— Hub International Midwest Limited is looking for an experienced Loss Control Consultant to be based out of their Chicago Office. The primary responsibilities are to manage and deliver loss control services as well as custom solutions to our clients. The consultant will develop and implement safety and regulatory/OSHA programs, conduct management and employee training sessions, and perform audits at client sites. Consultant will be responsible for project management, carrier oversight, developing loss control plans, strategic planning, expanding client solutions and services, client retention, growth of the consulting business, and client service. Consultant must have excellent written and verbal communication skills; 3-5 years safety experience in manufacturing and/or insurance environments; Bachelors Degree in Safety, Environmental, or Engineering Discipline; progression towards Board Certified Safety Professional (CSP), Associate in Risk Management (ARM), or other professional designation desirable.

Contact Todd Macumber at Todd.Macumber@hubinternational.com for more information.



ASSE NATIONAL NEWS— CONFERENCE CALLS

Addressing the Issue of Slip Resistance and the Safety of Walking/Working Surfaces

The issue of slip resistance and walking/working surfaces represents one of the greatest challenges faced by SH&E professionals. In some ways it also is one of the most controversial due to the debate about the state of the science, the ability to control hazards/exposures, and what constitutes a “safe” floor from the aspect of slip resistance measurement. This call will be focused on the issue of slip resistance, the importance to all SH&E professionals, what it means to you from the practical perspective, and ways to control such exposures and hazards in your working environment. Since the release of the newly revised A1264.2-2006 American National Standard, Provision of Slip Resistance on Walking/Working Surfaces interest seems to be coming to an all-time high. Participants on the call will receive the new standard and a copy of the 2001 version as well (for historical purposes). While the call will include A1264.2 it will also address the slip resistance issue from the overall perspective as well. Registrants will also have access to a complete website with technical materials and will receive a copy of the presentation on CD.

Keith Vidal, PE, Founder and President of Vidal Engineering, St. Louis, Missouri—Keith is a well-known and respected authority on the issue of slip resistance and walking/working surfaces. Keith consults with clients on slip resistance issues from the forensic investigation perspective, exposure/hazard control, and Risk Assessment strategies. To learn more about Keith visit his website at: <http://www.slipandfall.com/index.html>

In his presentation, Keith will discuss: The overall issue of slip resistance; Ways to control slip resistance and walking/working surfaces hazards and exposures; Strategies for SH&E professionals to use to in the workplace; Ways to address floor design, installation, and review strategies

Steven Di Pilla, ARM, AIC, AMIM—Steven Di Pilla was named director of Product Research and Development for Risk Control Services at ESIS, Inc. in 1998. He is responsible for researching technical issues and developing references, training and certification programs, standards, and external publications. Mr. Di Pilla is additionally responsible for developing the Risk Management Global Control of Risk Program, applicable to ACE operations internationally.

Steve will discuss the A1264.2 Standard and talk specifically about: Changes between the 2001 and 2002 versions of the standard; Impact on SH&E professionals; Why the standard is important to SH&E professionals; Review some of the more controversial areas of the standard; Future plans for A1264.2

The presentation will go for approximately one hour and there will around 25 minutes for questions and answers.

Who should attend?

SH&E managers, forensic engineers and consultants, or any anyone with responsibilities addressing slip resistance the hazards/exposures affiliated with walking/working surfaces

This program is only \$75 for members is recognized for BCSP CoC credit and includes the following:

1. A PowerPoint Presentation.
2. A Copy of the ANSI/ASSE A1264.2-2006 Standard.
3. A Copy of the 2001 version of the ANSI/ASSE A1264.2 Standard (for historical purposes).
4. A website of technical materials.
5. The ability to submit your questions via e-mail to the speakers and moderator.
6. Following the call you will receive a CD recording of the call.

Save the Date: June 22, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. central time.

Details and to register online go to www.asse.org or contact ASSE directly at 847-699-2929

Use Your Resume To Help

Negotiate a Higher Salary



By: Deborah Walker, CCMC, Career Coach ~ Resume Writer

Most job seekers believe that salary negotiation starts once they have an offer in hand, but nothing could be farther from the truth. In fact, your resume can make the difference between negotiating at the top end of the salary range—or the bottom end—in your next job offer. If that sounds strange to you, consider the following points:

- A prospective employer's first impression of you is created entirely by your resume.
- The employer's first impression of you will assign a value and build a level of urgency for the employer to contact you—before someone else does.

First impressions are nearly impossible to change. If your resume sells your skills short, then you can't expect to receive offers at the upper end of your salary scale. Your current resume could be losing you thousands of dollars in income power. By making a few key changes in your resume now, you can position yourself for higher salaries in the future. There are three resume strategies for promoting high salary negotiation success:

Show that you are a high return on investment with quantifiable results

Many job seekers throw around the phrase “results oriented”, but they fail to back it up with concrete evidence—leaving the reader to conclude otherwise. You may feel that you have no quantifiable evidence of your value in previous jobs, but every job has quantifiable results that can better reflect your worth on your resume. Revenue, sales dollars and material costs are not the only results that use numbers.

Consider using the number of man-hours saved in process improvements, the percentage of repeat customers, or the number of peers helped by a particular efficiency to help reflect your abilities. Every employee is hired to solve problems, and most problems have some quantifiable element at their core.

Illustrate the breadth of your experience.

Notice the use of the word “breadth” rather than “length” of experience. Just because a candidate has been doing a job for a long time does not necessarily mean he is worth more. Breadth of experience focuses on quality, not quantity.

There are two key ways to express breadth of experience:

Industry knowledge: Since industry expertise is usually in high demand, you can show your value through insider understanding of industry issues.

Transferable skills: If your career spans many industries within the same occupation, highlight the transferable skills that have enabled you to bridge the gaps from industry to industry.

Entice the reader to want to know more about you.

Job seekers often make the mistake of assuming that the job of their resume is to inform the reader. Not so! The ONLY job of your resume is to entice the reader to want to know more about you.

What that translates to is an understanding of what to include and what to leave off your resume. Too much detail can distract the reader and lose his interest, but not enough information, and the reader will wonder what you have been doing with your life. A proper balance between detail and result will win the reader's interest and leave them saying, “I've got to call this guy for an interview today!”

A professional resume writer can create a resume that sells you as a high return on investment. By portraying you as someone with great breadth of experience and a wide range of critical skills, potential employers will see you immediately as someone of high value, building their vision—and your self-confidence—of you in the upper end of the salary scale.

Deborah Walker, CCMC, Career Coach ~ Resume Writer

Find more job-search tips and resume samples at: www.AlphaAdvantage.com

Email: Deb@AlphaAdvantage.com

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

If you would like to get immediate email updates of the full text, please contact Todd Macumber, our Governmental Affairs Chairperson. He will add you to the email distribution of all of the latest recaps for both State and Federal, as they are made available.

New Email:
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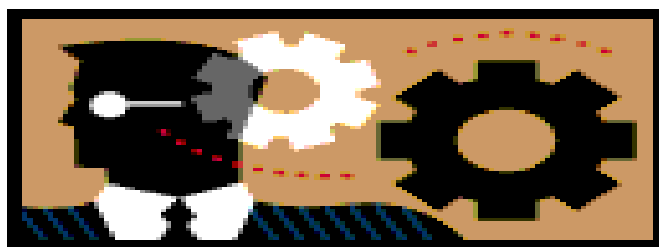
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome new members to the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASSE. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

Randy Patinka of Austin AECOM



REQUEST FOR SAFETY OFFICER VOLUNTEERS

Become a member of the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT). Although, there are over 1,200 volunteers, there are only three safety professionals trained as members.

The Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) is a volunteer organization for all levels of emergency medical personnel, as well as individuals with backgrounds in logistics, communications, safety and information technologies whose mission is to respond to and assist in emergency medical treatment at mass casualty incidents. In addition, to coordinate educational programs to Ems participants in Illinois.

The IMERT concept emerged in 1999 when a small group of emergency physicians, nurses and toxicologists met with individuals in the Division of Emergency Medical Services of Illinois Department of Public Health. The initial intent of the group was to assess the level of awareness and preparedness of emergency department personnel in Illinois to respond to a large-scale WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) event that might overwhelm hospitals and surrounding communities.

Although planning to enhance preparedness for a major incident was underway in many large cities, the Illinois group realized that the state as a whole needed a network of coordinated mutual support and a more systematic approach to responding to a large-scale catastrophe. They realized that it was important to develop organized protocols, formalize communications systems and recognize a core of specialty prepared responders to assist in case of a mass casualty event, including one resulting from a WMD.

A standard IMERT response will consist of two medical teams of four to five medical personnel and additional support staff. The team will be comprised of a Physician (MD or DO), Registered Nurse (RN), Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P), and one or two other members, with minimum of Emergency Medical Team Basic (EMT-B) qualification. Support safety for a team consists of a safety specialist, logistics specialist, and a communications specialist.

Teams are organized throughout the state, based on 3 Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) regions and in conjunction with the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) in the City of Chicago. Teams are supported with appropriate equipments and provided education opportunities. Currently there are approximately 1200 medically trained volunteers located throughout the state.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this highly trained group, visit www.imert.org to obtain the application information or contact Emily Lee at 1-866-99-IMERT.