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Upcoming Meetings & Events
• Monthly Meeting: February 12 Roanoke
• Monthly Meeting: March 12 Lynchburg
• Monthly Meeting: April 16 Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Tour
• Monthly Meeting: May 14 Lynchburg
• Monthly Meeting: June 11 Salem Red Sox Baseball Night Out

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Welcome new member
Larry Hughes, LE Hughes and Associates Safety Training and Consultants

MONTHLY MEETING January 8th

Topic: Business Meeting and Chapter Bylaws Revision Voting

Time: 5:30 pm Happy Half Hour
       6:00 pm Dinner
       6:30 Program

Cost: We will be ordering off the menu

Location: Vinny’s Italian Grill
          4018 Suite J Ward’s Road
          Lynchburg, VA
          Phone: 434-455-4338

Here’s to a great 2018!
December Meeting Recap

President Daniel Ashworth welcomed 15 members and guests to the December meeting. The following topics were covered.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

- Gold Level of Chapter Recognition. The Chapter will be listed on the Chapter Recognition page of the ASSE website. The Chapter will be recognized at the Chapter Recognition Luncheon taking place at Safety 2018 in San Antonio, TX. Congratulations to everyone.

- Chapter meetings
  - April will feature a tour of Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Tour
  - June we have night out at the ballpark with the Salem Red Sox
  - Stuart is organizing a Friday afternoon meeting
  - Looking for speakers, topics and meeting locations

- Committee chairpersons and/or members needed for Chapter committees including:
  - Audit
  - Awards and Honors
  - Foundation Activities
  - Governmental Affairs
  - Membership
  - Newsletter
  - Professional Development
  - Programs
  - Public Relations
  - Regional Operating Committee
  - Strategic Planning:

- Officer Nominations & Elections.
  - Committee members needed to work with Chair and past president Jimmy Calvert
  - Deadlines:
    - Selection of the Nominations and Elections Committee Members shall be completed no later than December 1st
    - Nominations & Elections Committee shall select qualified candidates for all elective offices. Candidates’ names and qualifications shall be published and distributed to the Chapter membership at least 30 days in advance of the election
    - Election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held no later than the May meeting

- Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY)
  - Information was provided in the November Newsletter
  - Nomination in form & forms available were provided at the meeting.
  - Consider nominating a Chapter SPY

- Launching of ASSP:
  - Chapter Bylaws are being updated
  - Chapter tax filings
  - Custom logo development occurring Dec – Jan
  - Feb – March chapter service offerings (jump sign/table drape offerings
  - ASSP officially launched at Safety 2018
  - Society will be offering branded letterhead, flyers, certificates of recognition, name badges and other items with new logo

- Plans: Methods to provide benefit to the membership are being considered. Publicizing job openings and other, conferences, meetings, networking opportunities, best practices. A committee needs to take ownership of this topic.
MEETING SPEAKER:

- **Paul Saunier**, VA Department of Labor Regional Health Director for the Southwest Region has been with the VA Department of Labor for 30 years. He started with the Department as an Industrial Hygienist in 1987 and is currently the Regional Health Director for the Southwest Region. From 1985-1987 he worked at VA Tech in the Health and Safety Department and prior to that he worked on a Chevron Oil Rig and Freeport Sulfur Rig in the Gulf of Mexico. Paul is originally from Charlottesville, VA.

Paul provided an excellent and informative presentation that covered updates of VOSH standards including Recordkeeping and Reporting; New Walking-Working surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment (Fall Protection Systems) Rule; VOSH Emphasis Programs; Public Sector Penalties; Penalty Increase; Respirable Crystalline Silica and a discussion of workplace injury and fatality statistics. Paul's presentation can be found on our Star Valley Website: [https://starvalley.asse.org](https://starvalley.asse.org)

The following members and guests were in attendance:

- Lynn Acre
- Daniel Ashworth
- Tom Barnes
- Stuart Bowman
- Bob Calhoun
- John Frederick
- Glenn Hargrove
- Brandi King
- David McCrumb
- Danny Minnix
- Karen Murphy
- Bob Naujelis
- Paul Saunier
- Dave Thomson
- Ed Winstead

Statement from OSHA Regarding Fatal Occupational Injuries in 2016

WASHINGTON, DC – The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Census of 2016 Fatal Occupational Injuries reports there were 5,190 workplace fatalities in 2016, a 7-percent increase from 2015. The fatal injury rate also increased from 3.4 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers in 2015 to 3.6 in 2016.

More workers lost their lives in transportation incidents than any other event in 2016, accounting for about one out of every four fatal injuries. Workplace violence injuries increased by 23 percent, making it the second most common cause of workplace fatality. Today’s report also shows the number of overdoses on the job increased by 32 percent in 2016, and the number of fatalities has increased by at least 25 percent annually since 2012.

Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA, issued the following statement regarding the report:

“Today’s occupational fatality data show a tragic trend with the third consecutive increase in worker fatalities in 2016 – the highest since 2008. America’s workers deserve better.

“The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is committed to finding new and innovative ways of working with employers and employees to improve workplace safety and health. OSHA will work to address these trends through enforcement, compliance assistance, education and training, and outreach.

“As President Trump recognized by declaring opioid abuse a Nationwide Public Health Emergency, the nation’s opioid crisis is impacting Americans every day at home and, as this data demonstrates, increasingly on the job.

“The Department of Labor will work with public and private stakeholders to help eradicate the opioid crisis as a deadly and growing workplace issue.”

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

Contributed by Dan Moore
Chapter Bylaws Revision Email

The process of the Society name change continued with the following email sent to the membership on December 19th:

Dear Chapter Members,

This past August, ASSE members made the historic decision to change the organization’s name to the American Society of Safety Professionals.

ASSE members voted to amend Society bylaws to reflect the new name. As a separately incorporated entity, our chapter needs to hold a separate chapter member vote to change the name in our bylaws, as well.

To learn more about these proposed changes:
View the motion: https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Star_Valley_Chapter_Bylaws_Amendment_Motions.pdf

View a copy of our chapter’s bylaws with the proposed amendments: https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Star_Valley_PROPOSED_Bylaws_11.2017_a.pdf

We will hold a member vote on these proposed changes at an upcoming meeting of the chapter. Thank you!

Region 6 Winter Regional Operating Committee (ROC) Notes

On December 13, 2017 the winter meeting of the Region 6 Winter Regional Operating Committee was convened via a telecom. The meeting was called to order by Alicia Mitchell, Regional Vice President. The meeting was sponsored by Frank Cruice, Deputy Regional Vice President. The following Chapters were represented: Colonial Virginia, Greater Tidewater, Northern Virginia, South Carolina, Star Valley, Tarheel and Triad. Five topics were discussed as noted below:

1. **Bylaws**: All chapters were reminded to submit their Bylaws to Chapter Services by 12/29/17. The Bylaws must be revised to reflect AASP. The Bylaws will be reviewed by Chapter Services and receive approval. From there, the Bylaws are to be distributed to the Chapter membership for a vote to approve them in early January. Star Valley’s Bylaws were previously submitted.

2. **Spring ROC**: The Spring ROC will be conducted March 22-23 in Richmond, VA. The sponsor will be Altria. The Clarion Hotel located approximately 1.5 miles from the meeting place was chosen as the best place to stay given location and price (~$100). A sponsor for a catered food is being approached. So anyone attending with special food requirement is requested to contact Alicia.

3. **Custom Chapter Logos**: Any Chapter with a custom logo was requested to provide them to Chapter Services for ASSP transfer and approval. It was mentioned that the Society is to provide some financial help with re-branded. Details have not been released.

Star Valley does not presently have an official logo however one has been placed in the newsletter in the past. It is recommended that this logo be submitted.

4. **Region 6 Area Director**: A second candidate is needed to run for Area Director. There was word that ASSE won’t distribute ballots if a second candidate is not identified.

5. **Region 6 PDC Survey**: The ROC committee owes a questionnaire to the PDC Committee in regards as to why local ASSE members don’t attend.

After the discussion action items were summarized, a motion was made to adjourn and was seconded.

R. Calhoun 12/15/17
10 Resolutions for Safety Professionals

Phil La Duke publishes a blog on SafetyRisk. The information below is from one of these blogs that received a lot of attention.

Resolution #1: Less Focus On Preaching More On Teaching
Resolution #2: Open A Dialog.
Resolution #3: Expand the Scope of Safety
Resolution #4: Get in the Game
Resolution #5: Get Competitive
Resolution #7: Turn Safety On Its Ear
Resolution #8: Question Everything
Resolution #9: Take Chances
Resolution #10: Enjoy Life More

See the whole article and details of all the resolutions here:
http://philladuke.wordpress.com/2012/12/29/new-years-resolutions-for-safety-professionals/

Mark Your Calendars

ASP/CSP Prep Course
September 16-18, 2018
ASSE Region VI PDC

Registration open 2/1/18
https://region6.asse.org/pdc/

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