MONTLY MEETING Monday May 14th

**Topic:** Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Tour (See Meeting Agenda below)

Chief Benjamin L. Cook (See page 2 for Chief Cook’s bio)

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 pm (see parking note below)

**Cost:** No Charge

**Location:** Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport  
5202 Aviation Drive, NW  
Roanoke, VA 24012

**Meeting Agenda**

- Welcome: Presentations held in Conference room on the upper floor in terminal
- Presentation by Brad Boettcher, Director of Marketing and Air Service Development  
  - Overview of Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport, air services provided, on-going projects and future planning
- Presentation by Marilyn Custer, Terminal Manager  
  - Safety Committee information and successes with our safety program
- Presentation by Ben Cook, Director of Public Safety  
  - Overview of security program and procedures, and special safety and security concerns with passenger and cargo flights
- Tour of terminal and areas on airfield from non-secure locations

**Meeting and parking note:**
- The meeting will start promptly at 6:00 pm.
- Park in SHORT-TERM parking and assemble there.

Note: parking tickets will be validated so there will not be cost to park for the meeting.
Chief Benjamin L. Cook’s Bio

- Been in public safety for 39 years
- Career began as a volunteer firefighter, serving various ranks including Fire Chief
- Worked in a career department as a Deputy Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Marshal, and Paramedic
- Worked as a Deputy Sheriff and Police Officer
- Retired as Police Chief in 2015
- Hired by the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission in 2016 as Public Safety Director
- Serve as Chief for the Airport Police and Fire Departments
- Still active in fire service as a fire instructor, volunteer Firefighter/EMT

April Meeting Recap

The following was covered at the April meeting.

- Future Chapter meetings
  - May will feature a tour of the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Tour
  - June 11th we have night out at the ballpark with the Salem Red Sox. Dining choices will be distributed as soon as they are received from the Red Sox.
  - Summer break will be July through August with our first meeting of the Chapter year penciled in for September 10th.
  - We are looking for recommendations for speakers, topics and meeting locations for next year

- Committee chairpersons and/or members are still 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.

Interested parties were requested to contact Bob Calhoun.

- Officer Nominations & Elections.
  - Nominations and Elections Committee Members are needed
    - The call went out for President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Delegate candidates.
    - The Nominations & Elections Committee is required to select qualified candidates for all elective offices. Candidates' names and qualifications will 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

- Regional Operating Committee meeting
  - Daniel Ashworth attended the March 23-24 ROC meeting.

- Delegate.
  - A proxy is needed to support the House of Delegates meeting at Safety 2018 in San Antonio. Anyone attending the PDC, that’s a professional ASSE member can represent the Chapter. A commitment is needed by May 31, 2018

- Launch of ASSP activities and respective dates:
  - ASSP officially launched at Safety 2018 in June
  - Society will be offering branded letterhead, flyers, certificates of recognition, name badges and other items with new logo

- New website design:
  - The Society offered six designs to choose from in green, yellow and gray. The Executive Committee voted and chose the “Aeolus Green” design. This design will be launched soon.
• Plans:
  o Methods to provide benefit to the membership are being considered including publicizing job openings and other, conferences, meetings, networking opportunities, best practices. A committee needs to take ownership of this topic. Volunteers are needed as are items to share for publishing
  o The Chapter is looking for meeting and newsletter sponsors to help defray costs.
• Presentation
  o Nathaniel Griffin, a safety and health consultant with the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Labor and Industry, provided a very informative presentation on Update on the New Walking Working Standard. Materials related to this presentation have been uploaded to the ASSE Star Valley website under files (https://starvalley.asse.org/files/)

The meeting was concluded with a description of plans for the May meeting.

Bob Calhoun, Chapter Secretary

March meeting attendees included:
- Stuart Bowman
- Nathaniel Griffin
- Paul Burns
- Joni Organ
- Frank Goodwin
- Ed Winstead

House of Delegates Report

The House of Delegates has voted to approve the bylaws changes, creating a new Council on Academic Affairs and Research which was been reported in this newsletter previously.

Voting began on February 26, 2018 and concluded on April 11, 2018.

The voting breakdown is as follows:
- In favor of the motion: 151
- Opposed the motion: 7

Of the votes cast:
- 96% of voting delegates voted in favor of the motion.
- 4% of voting delegates voted against the motion.

Of the total delegates of record and eligible to vote:
- 59% voted for the motion.
- 3% voted against the motion.
- 38% of delegates did not vote.

We as a chapter voted in favor of creating a new Council on Academic Affairs and Research based on the membership’s input. ASSE Headquarters sent out an email that thanked the delegates for voting.

The next step in the process will include presenting a motion at Safety 18 to create the Council that, if approved, will:

1. Consist of a Vice President, as chair; and seven (7) council Members-at-Large.
2. Be responsible for overseeing academic and research-related matters, including the development of education standards and accreditation, student engagement and research-related activities.

Note: The Chapter will require a proxy at the House of Delegates meeting at Safety 2018 as I cannot attend this year. If you are attending Safety 2018, are a professional member and wish to be the proxy, please contact me.

Bob Calhoun, Star Valley Chapter Delegate
The Star Valley Chapter Nominations and Elections Committee, under the guidance of Jimmy Calvert introduces the slate of officers for the Chapter year 2018-19. Candidates include:

**For President:**

**Daniel Ashworth** is currently employed at BWX Technologies Nuclear Operations Group, in Lynchburg, VA, as Group Leader & Safety Engineer in the Industrial Health and Safety Department. Daniel is a Certified Fire Protection Specialist and a Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator with a B.S. in Fire & Safety Engineering Technology, a M.S. in Safety, Security & Emergency Management, and is completing a Ph.D. in Safety Sciences. His career has spanned both the nuclear and healthcare industries, both as an employee and contractor for Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., Nuclear Safety Associates, and Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. He is an adjunct faculty member with Eastern Kentucky University's Department of Safety, Security & Emergency Management.

**For Vice President/President Elect:**

**E. Stuart Bowman, MBA CSP** is a Safety and Environmental Manager for Arconic/Alcoa/RTI International Metals. He has 27 years’ experience in occupational safety and health having also worked for Solutia (CPFilms), Piedmont Business Group and Sara Lee Corporation. Stuart serves on the board of directors for Henry County Public Service Authority, Martinsville Henry County Crime Stoppers and Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad. Stuart has 27 years in ASSE where he is a professional member. He earned degrees and certifications from Patrick Henry Community College, Averett University and East Tennessee State University. He is also an adjunct professor at Patrick Henry Community College where he teaches OSHA 10 and 30 hour General Industry Classes.

**For Secretary and Delegate to the Society House of Delegates (HOD):**

**Robert P. “Bob” Calhoun, CSP** is a Technical Specialist Sr. in the Industrial Health and Safety department for BWX Technologies Nuclear Operations Group in Lynchburg, Virginia. He has been as member of ASSE for 35 years where he has served as a president, secretary and/or newsletter editor for the Cape Canaveral Chapter for 18 years. Bob is currently the secretary of the Star Valley Chapter of ASSE for four years. He has also served as Delegate for the ASSE House of Delegates for both chapters. Over the course of his career, Bob was employed as a senior safety engineer by United Technologies Corporation on the Space Shuttle program and a Principal Occupational Safety & Health Engineer for Northrop Grumman on the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System program with responsibilities at Melbourne Florida and Warner Robins, Georgia. Bob holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Safety Sciences from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

**For Treasurer:**

**Brandon S. Webb** is a certified instructor for the NSC and an OSHA Outreach Training Program Trainer. His career began as a Machinist for 10+ years before making a career change into the safety profession. Brandon holds an A.A.S from New River Community College and is currently working on his Undergraduate from Averett University. Brandon’s career has included heavy manufacturing in a foundry setting, manufacturing of earth moving equipment, nuclear manufacturing, and warehouse and distribution. Brandon spent many years as a safety professional with Griffin Pipe in Lynchburg, VA and is currently employed as the Corporate Safety Manager for Unique Industries out of Philadelphia, PA.

Elections will be conducted electronically by ASSE Chapter Services during the month of May by ASSE. Election results will be distributed at the end of May with officer installation scheduled for the June 11th meeting.

Note: The officer bios were sent out as a separate email in April.
CDC Reports Illnesses on the rise from mosquito, tick, and flea bites

Mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas can be “vectors” for spreading pathogens (germs). A person who gets bitten by a vector and who gets sick will have a vector-borne disease, like dengue, Zika, Lyme, or plague. Between 2004 and 2016, more than 640,000 cases of these diseases were reported, and 9 new germs spread by bites from infected mosquitoes and ticks were discovered or introduced in the US.

Several disturbing facts have surfaced regarding illness spread from vectors

- More cases in the US (2004-2016)
  - The number of reported cases of disease from mosquito, tick, and flea bites has more than tripled.
  - More than 640,000 cases of these diseases were reported from 2004 to 2016.
  - Disease cases from ticks have doubled.
  - Mosquito-borne disease epidemics happen more frequently.
- More germs (2004-2016)
  - Chikungunya and Zika viruses caused outbreaks in the US for the first time.
  - Seven new tickborne germs can infect people in the US.
- More people at risk
  - Commerce moves mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas around the world.
  - Infected travelers can introduce and spread germs across the world.
  - Mosquitoes and ticks move germs into new areas of the US, causing more people to be at risk.
- The US is not fully prepared
  - Local and state health departments and vector control organizations face increasing demands to respond to these threats.
  - More than 80% of vector control organizations report needing improvement in 1 or more of 5 core competencies, such as testing for pesticide resistance.
  - More proven and publicly accepted mosquito and tick control methods are needed to prevent and control these diseases.

Better control of mosquitoes and ticks is needed to protect people and workers from these costly and deadly diseases. The first place to start is with the grassroots. Everyone can:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Treat boots, pants, socks, and tents, with permethrin or buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
- Take steps to control ticks and fleas on pets.

For more information, see this website: https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/vector-borne/
See CDC’s Vital Signs on this subject: https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/pdf/vs-0518-vector-borne-H.pdf
ASSE Family Scholarship Fund

It’s estimated that 4,600 people die annually from a workplace fatality in the U.S. Globally, 6,300 people die every day because of occupational accidents or work-related diseases – more than 2.3 million deaths per year, according to the International Labour Organization.

The 38,439 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) have dedicated their lives to helping reduce injuries and save lives. Workers’ Memorial Day, April 28, is a painful reminder of how much the safety community, business leaders and workers need to work together to improve the safety of every workplace in America and across the globe.

The ASSE Foundation’s Family Scholarship Fund supports families who have lost a loved one in a workplace incident. Join ASSE in fulfilling the wishes of these families to see their child or spouse achieve their educational goals by donating today to the Family Scholarship Fund.

If you know of any family who may benefit from this scholarship, please ask them to visit our website for more information.

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