Hello everyone, it looks like we have finally reached the changeover to Spring weather outside. As a lot of us get back to mowing our lawns again or starting up projects that involve power tools, I encourage everyone at manufacturing and construction firms to offer to let their employees take their safety glasses and ear plugs home to use, if they do not have their own at home. It’s good for us to watch out for our employee’s safety and health both on and off the job.

In my last letter I had wondered if we would see some OSHA & EPA regulations rolled back or delayed by the new Trump Administration. There have been several environmental regulation rollbacks, but the one that will affect those working in the safety profession the most is the rollback of the OSHA Recordkeeping Rule updates that were introduced in the last year of the Obama Administration. The changes were rolled back in early 2017 by Congress and recently signed by the President. What it means for all of us is that the current OSHA Recordkeeping Rules will remain the status quo. Under the provisions of the Congressional Review Act that was utilized to roll back the planned recordkeeping updates, OSHA will not be allowed to issue “substantially” similar regulatory changes in the future.
From May 7th – 13th, we will celebrate the annual North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) week. Please make sure to visit our website to learn more about it. There is a link at the website that will allow you to enter a contest to win prizes.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming monthly meetings – we have good presentations and good food, so it’s hard to go wrong. If you are new to the Greater Chicago Chapter or considering joining our Chapter (either non-ASSE or from a different Chapter), the first meeting you attend will be free. Please indicate to the Chapter Treasurer or other person collecting the meeting fees on the day of the meeting and you will not be charged.

If you have comments, questions or suggestions, please contact me at: ryan.mannion@zf.com. Thanks.

Ryan Mannion

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**Society Update**

**Changes to Dues and Society Name up for a Vote**

This year at the National PDC in June our delegates will be voting on two Society changes. There will be a vote for a dues increase over the next 3 years and there will be a vote for a name and logo change for Society. You should have received emails about both of these changes, but if you have not or would like to learn more review the links below. If you have thoughts or comments on these changes that you want to let your delegates know about use the send a message or contact us area at each of these sites.

[Dues Increase](DuesIncrease)
[Name and Logo Change](NameAndLogoChange)

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**Elections for 2017-2018 Officers**

It is that time of year when we vote on our officers for the upcoming year. Below is our officer slate, which we plan to vote on between May 15th-25th, so please watch for upcoming emails that will show you how to submit your vote.

President – Ryan Cole
First Vice President – Mariana Lever
Second Vice President – Eric Dangoy
NAOSH Week

May 7-13, 2017
The goal of NAOSH week is to help focus employers, employees, partners and the public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home, and in the community.

Click on the following link for more information and to post your event:

http://www.naosh.org/english/

UIC Student Section, Year-In-Review
This semester has been no less than a blur with the majority of our humble Greater Chicago Chapter student section hustling toward graduation. This brass ring has not stopped us from getting it done in 2016-17! Aside from holding monthly general meetings since August, members have grown professionally while sharing their passion for safety. 2 student members attended the 2016 ASSE Future Safety Leaders Conference. Student members also presented at the following events:

- NIOSH Education and Research Center (ERC)symposium, Ann Arbor, MI
- NIOSH ERC Advisory Board networking lunch, Chicago, IL
- ASSE local monthly meeting
- Annual AIHA local dinner

Research topics ranged from scissor lift safety, transit worker injury severity indicators, and applying the hierarchy of controls to self-driving automobiles.
Graduating members are ending the school year strong with 3 earning
scholarships from the ASSE Foundation and 6 earning spots to present capstone research posters at Safety 2017!

Accomplishments have not been all individual. In February, we brought EHS awareness to a cohort of Latino students seeking careers in medicine. The University of Illinois in Chicago Hispanic Center for Excellence connected our student section to 40+ undergraduate scholars enabling us to introduce them to occupational safety and industrial hygiene as potential career paths. We engaged the participants in interactive case studies with titles like The Tragedy of the Wobbly Ladder, Panic at the Popcorn Plant, and "Did my job make me sick?". Pre/post assessments of the workshop showed a 14% improvement in knowledge of professional safety, governing agencies, and society membership benefits. As I barrel towards graduation, I cannot help but look back at how ASSE has impacted my education and how it has helped us to make strides as both individuals and as a student chapter. At the same time I cannot help but look forward and be enthused about the strides we will each make professionally. Thank you for being there ASSE!

Eric Dangoy

ASSE Greater Chicago Student Chapter President

Master of Public Health, anticipated May 2017