October Newsletter

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 19th 5:00pm-8:00pm
Getting off work early? Last call brewery tour begins at 5pm!

Join us for an evening of networking and brews at Chicago's own Lagunitas Brewery!

**Location:**
Lagunitas Brewery  
2607 W. 17th St.  
Chicago, Ill. 60608

**Agenda:**
5:00pm Facility and Brew Process Tour  
6:00pm-8:00pm Networking

**Cost:**
Free.  
Drink ticket and appetizers on us!

**Parking:**
Parking is available at the address above at no cost.

[Click Here to Register]

President's Message

Greater Chicago Members! It was great getting to see a few of you at our Joint September meeting with the Risk Management Professionals, RIMS, in which we toured the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab and had the opportunity to network afterwards. For those of you who were unable to attend I hope you all had a good September and that some of you were able to take advantage of the Chicagoland Safety Conference.
Another event that I got to take part in during the month of September was the ASSE Regional Operating Committee, or ROC for short. For those of you that do not know we hold these ROCs twice a year and it is an opportunity for all the leaders from the Regional Chapters to get together to share best practices and discuss society happenings. I have had the chance to attend a few of these in the past and every time I do I get excited and come back with great ideas to try and implement in our chapter, and this one was no different. One of the items that I took away was a better connection with the leadership from the other Chicagoland ASSE Chapters and a plan to better support and promote each chapter’s events. In addition to this, as we have often done in the past, the three chapters plan to work together in December to do some community service with The Greater Chicago Food Depository, so keep eye out for details on that.

Leading up to that event in December we have two other events planned in October and November. The first of which is a networking event at Lagunitas Brewing Company on the evening of October 19th. Then on November 14th we will be heading back to Cucina Biaggio for a lunch time technical talk focused on the OSHA Injury tracking application. I hope to see some of you at these events and remember if you ever have any thoughts on how the chapter can better serve you or if you would like to get more involved don’t hesitate to contact me at president@chicago.asse.org.

Ryan Cole  
Chapter President  
ASSE Greater Chicago

Chapter News

In 2016, the Greater Chicago Chapter attained gold status in providing value to members and the ASSE. Past president Ryan Mannion (right) received an award recognizing his leadership during the September meeting.

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their service to the safety profession? Contact updates@chicago.asse.org today!

Getting to Know Your Executive Board

Name: Mariana Lever

Position: Chapter Vice President

Job Title: Safety Health and Environmental Supervisor

Employer: Unilever

How did you get involved in the Safety Field and what drives your involvement?

My involvement in the Safety Field started while working at Chiquita-Fresh Express. I started out as a Production Intern. As the internship came to an end, I was offered a position as a Safety Assistant Supervisor as I had expressed interest in moving into the Safety
Department. The Safety Manager at the time encouraged me to join ASSE, attend the monthly meetings and take courses online and in the Corporate Offices. Since then, I have been an active member of the Chicago Chapter.

What drivers my involvement in the Safety Field is knowing that we are always looking for ways to reduce risks in the workplace. It is very rewarding when employees are positively impacted by safety improvements.

How do you spend your free time?

I enjoy reading and spending time with friends and family. Ask me about my favorite book!

What are your hopes for the chapter this year?

We are bringing a lot of new ideas to the chapter and our hope is to attract more members and get them involved in the activities we have planned for the year. These are great opportunities for Safety Professionals to benchmark, expand their network and learn about different industries.

Student Section Happenings

In September, ASSE Greater Chicago Chapter student members teamed up with the AIHA student section and Student Alliance for Public Health and the Environment (SAPHE) for a beach clean up. This coalition of UIC public and environmental health students are driven to beautify Chicago's Oak Street Beach and share information on the importance of protecting drinking and recreational waters.

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Around the Web

OSHA's Final Rule to Protect Workers from Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica
OSHA began enforcement of the respirable crystalline silica standard for construction on September 23rd, while offering compliance assistance to employers making good faith efforts to comply during the first 30 days. See the September 20, 2017 memorandum.

Read more

**OSHA Cites Chicago Container Manufacturer After 4 Workers Suffer Injuries**

**CHICAGO, IL** – A Chicago manufacturer of rigid metal, plastic, and hybrid containers faces $503,380 in proposed penalties after inspectors from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) responded to four separate reports of workers suffering injuries at the facility.

Read more

**Upcoming Events**

**October 11, 2017**
Local AIHA Chapter Event
*Meeting of the Minds in IH and Safety*
4:15-7:30 at Pompei Restaurant in Little Italy
[Click Here for More Info and Registration](#)

**November 14, 2017**
Greater Chicago ASSE Technical Talk
*OSHA Injury Tracking Application*
11:30-2:00 at Cucina Biagio in Harwood Heights
Invitation and Information Coming Soon

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