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I encourage everyone to become more involved in the operations of our chapter. We currently have two leadership opportunities available. The first involves serving as the chapter liaison for the Council on Practice Specialties (CoPS). ASSE has thirteen practice specialty sections which provide valuable information and networking opportunities for members within a common discipline. I hope that you belong to at least one practice specialty (there is no limit). The value you receive from being a member far outweighs the nominal cost. If your role involves human resources, there is a new HR Branch, which will be sponsored by the Management Practice Specialty (MPS). The society is not only seeking members for this new Branch but also those interested in Branch leadership positions.

The second opportunity involves serving as the chapter liaison for the Council on Governmental & Professional Affairs (CoPA). The goal of CoPA is to ensure that any decision by federal or state government that impacts the safety, health and environment of workplaces is based on good science and sound technology. Our chapter plans to establish a Governmental Affairs Committee with the CoPA liaison as the chair. If you are interested in serving as the CoPS or CoPA liaison, please notify a member the Executive Committee. These positions are very important to the success our chapter.

I would like to encourage everyone to visit our website often at www.triadasse.org. Information about the Triad Chapter members and events, the National ASSE, as well as the safety and health profession is at your fingertips and updated regularly. Since we have so much going on this year, this is one place to find the information you need. We welcome any suggestions on how to make our web site even more beneficial to you. I look forward to seeing you at the *Triad ASSE Summer Social*. As always, feel free to contact me at any time by email (rgraves3@triad.rr.com) or by phone (336) 407-0169. I would like to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Ron Graves

Now On Sale!

The ASSE's most expansive publishing endeavor is now on sale at bargain prices for members. **The Safety Professionals Handbook**, edited by Joel M. Haight, is a thorough reference for managing and improving safety, health, and environmental programs. The 2-volume set took 8 years to produce and is reportedly full of "tried and true" information. It includes resources from over 300 authors with 79 chapters covering 12 topic areas. Introductory pricing is now in effect for ASSE members. Get both volumes for \$189. Additional information, including how to order, can be found at www.ASSE.org.



Are YOU a Leader?

**Which of these volunteer opportunities are you most interested in?
Your chapter needs YOU!**

Council on Practice Specialties (CoPS) - Take this opportunity to serve as chapter liaison . This important role serves as our chapter’s link to thirteen practice specialty sections which provide valuable information and networking opportunities for members within a common discipline. More information about their work within ASSE is available at www.asse.org. You can make a difference, learn a lot, and become the “go-to” person for up to date information on a variety of topics. If your interest is Human Resources, get in at the ground level for the new HR Branch, sponsored by the Management Practice Specialty (MPS).

Council on Governmental & Professional Affairs (CoPA). Do you want or need to get more involved in compliance and regulation issues? The goal of CoPA is to ensure that any decision by federal or state government that impacts the safety, health and environment of workplaces is based on good science and sound technology. Not only are we planning to establish a Governmental Affairs Committee with the CoPA liaison as the chair; this opportunity can help you be “in the know” about what is going on at the state and federal level.

Contact a member the Executive Committee for more information. You can make a difference to the future success of our chapter.



Upcoming Meetings

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
8/28	Chapter Social	4-6 PM	Natty Greene’s
9/30	LEPC/ASSE PDC	TBD	Gboro Coliseum
10/21	October Meeting	TBD	Logan’s Roadhouse

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Professional Development Opportunities

Region VI Professional Development Conference, September 15-19

Kingston Plantation Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC.

LEPC/ASSE PDC, September 30, Greensboro, NC

ASSE Leadership Conference, October 2-4, Chicago, IL

The Loss Control Experience Symposium, October 7-8, Chicago, IL

Delivering a High Performance Safety Management System, October 13-14,

Dallas, TX

Region VIII New England Area PDC, November 18-19, Worcester, MA

Solutions in Construction Safety Symposium, November 20-21, Scottsdale, AZ

Check out www.ASSE.org for more details!

