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group based on the size of our membership. The Triad Chapter won this award several years ago and we would like to win it again next year. In order to accomplish that, we need the help of our entire membership. So, plan to join us at the Summer Networking Event and learn how you can help us achieve our goal.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new members to our Executive Committee. Shannon Backus will be serving as the Government Affairs Chair and Chip Howard will be serving as the Jobs Chair. We have a full slate of returning committee members that include Dick Dunmire (President Elect), Van Johnson (Secretary), Todd Beck (Treasurer), Debbie Meurs (Membership Chair), Elesa Hurley (CoPS Chair & Newsletter Editor), Jim Gwyn (Delegate), Javonn Peaks (Communications Chair), and Kulema McCoy (Programs Chair). There are several positions still open, including Public Relations Chair, Awards & Honors Chair, Professional Development Chair, and Chapter Student Affairs Chair. If you believe that you can serve in one of these positions, please contact me or one of the Executive Committee members.

I strongly encourage everyone to visit our website often at www.triadasse.org. Information about the Triad Chapter members and events, the Society, job opportunities, as well as the safety and health profession is at your fingertips. As we have so much going on this year, this is one place to find all 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 Networking Event on August 20*. As always, feel free to contact me at any time by email (rgraves3@triad.rr.com) or by phone (336) 407-0169. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ron Graves, Triad Chapter President

**Leadership Opportunities are Still Available
And YOUR Involvement is Needed!**

The following positions on the Executive Board are still available:

**Public Relations Chair
Awards & Honors Chair
Professional Development Chair
Chapter Student Affairs Chair**

Contact a member of the Executive Committee if you are interested.

Get involved—you can make a difference for yourself and others.

A small investment of time may make a huge difference in your long-term career development!

Career Opportunities

The current state of the economy has affected many of our members and/or their families. This space is devoted to free advertisement of safety-related openings that might be of interest to our membership.

<i>Safety Director</i>	<i>First Health of the Carolinas</i>	<i>Pinehurst, NC</i>
<i>Senior EHS Specialist</i>	<i>Novartis Vaccines & Diagnostics</i>	<i>Holly Springs, NC</i>
<i>NC Association of County Commissioners</i>	<i>Risk Control Manager</i>	<i>Raleigh, NC</i>
<i>City of Greensboro, Water Resources</i>	<i>Safety Manager</i>	<i>Greensboro, NC</i>
<i>Unknown</i>	<i>EH & S Engineer</i>	<i>Eden, NC</i>
<i>Sr. Loss Control Consultant</i>	<i>Berkley Mid-Atlantic Group</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Health, Safety, Environ- Mental & Security</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>South Carolina</i>
<i>Risk Control Rep.</i>	<i>Church Mutual Insurance</i>	<i>NC, SC, & VA</i>

Please contact Elesa Hurley or Javonn Peaks if you would like to list an opening here and on our website. Check the website for more details if you are interested.

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
9/29	HAZWOPER Training	8-5	Gboro Coliseum
9/30	LEPC/ASSE PDC	7:30—3:30	Gboro Coliseum
10/20	ASSE Meeting	Noon	Logan's Roadhouse
	Dennis Parnell, NCIC		
11/17	ASSE Meeting	Noon	To Be Determined
	Todd Beck, Homeland Security		

Watch your e-mail and our website for more information

Lunch meetings—Networking at 11:30, Lunch at 12:00.

Evening Meetings—Networking at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Meet Your Executive Board

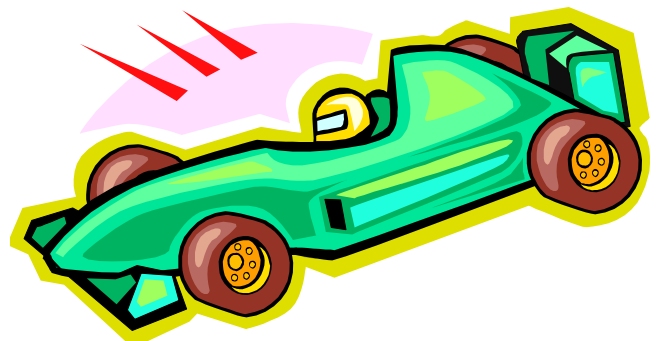
He's the friend you can depend on no matter what. The one you love to have on a committee because you know he will always come through for you and do exactly what he said he would do (or what you need him to do—sometimes without asking). He's that quiet guy that might sit in the corner and not say much, but when he has something to say, it is worth listening to.

Van Johnson grew up in Stoneville, NC and graduated from N C State University with a B. S. in Textile Science. He went to work as a management trainee and eventually supervisor at Dan River Mills, and later joined Sara Lee in Eden, NC as a supervisor. Like many of us, his career in safety happened; it wasn't really planned, but in 1996 he assumed responsibilities for safety while at Sara Lee. Much of his initial training in safety was OJT and through the MESH program. In 2004 Van joined Lorillard as a Safety Specialist. Today, he continues in that position and is responsible for safety training, accident investigations, safety policies and compliance, and safety awareness activities. In addition, he coordinates meetings for 15 safety teams, and this is the part of his job he likes the best—working with people. For Van, much of his enjoyment comes from helping people, and he believes most employees appreciate what you do to help them work safely.

Van became involved in the Triad Chapter of ASSE in 2005. No standing by and watching others reap the benefits—he immediately volunteered as Government Affairs Chair, later becoming Secretary of the Chapter, which he will continue to do this year.

Van is married to his wife of 21 years, Jackie. They have 2 children they are very proud of. Josh is 21 and in college to become a graphic artist. Jessie is 19, and studying medical textiles at N C State. You'll never guess Van's hobby—DRAG RACING! With a few "off-times", since 1989 they have been racing in 2 classes. On Thursday nights and 2 Saturdays each month you'll find him, his father, and his brother at Piedmont Drag Strip. Look for the Johnson Racing car. Dad is the supervisor. Brother is the driver. Van is the crew chief. Look for him in the pits and the car in the lead—they are #1 in the points currently for the Thursday night class. Congratulations, Van!

Van is a winner on the track and a winner in life. Thank you, Van, for your support of ASSE. We appreciate you!



New SH&E Auditing Standard Developed

Summer is moving into high gear and that can mean only one thing – Yes! It is time to start thinking/hoping about the Chicago Cubs in the World Series and SH&E Auditing – Hurrah! But, on the serious side, ASSE has a long-standing professional relationship with the Board of Environmental, Health and Safety Auditor Certifications (BEAC). BEAC and ASSE have participated on a number of projects together over the years and we are excited that BEAC has recently published a voluntary national consensus standard addressing SH&E Auditing.

We know from member feedback and data that auditing is a significant management issue and quality technical materials are always needed. Member feedback also indicates that with the current economic climate, there are even more requests for workplace audits to ensure SH&E programs are positively impacting the organizational bottom-line. ASSE is now

an authorized seller of BEAC's recently revised SH&E auditing voluntary national consensus standard titled: **"Performance and Program Standards for the Professional Practice of Environmental, Health and Safety Auditing."**

The document notably:

- Describes the role and responsibilities of EH&S auditing to all levels of management, boards of directors, public bodies, internal and external auditors and related professional organizations
- Establishes the basis for guidance and measurement of EH&S auditing performance
- Improves the practice of EH&S auditing and advance the EH&S auditing profession

Of additional importance is that this standard also defines what is required to conduct a competent audit and apply these requirements to:

- Audit programs and procedures
- All EH&S auditing professionals, whether they are employed by organizations internally or as external contractors/consultants functioning in an EH&S auditing role

This standard is a revision of their popular 1999 version and the final document includes a breakdown of the key changes between the 1999 and 2008 versions and is available in both hard copy or electronic copy.

You can order the document directly through ASSE's website www.asse.org or by calling the customer service department at 847-699-2929. If interested in this auditing national voluntary consensus standard please access the ordering information via the link below:

<https://www.asse.org/cartpage.php?link=beac001>

Don't Miss Out! FREE Training!

Is your company watching the budget more than normal this year? Limiting or eliminating travel? Counting paper clips (or so it seems!)? You are not alone. Don't forget though, that even in tough economic times you are still responsible for keeping up with changes in the safety profession and continuously gaining knowledge that will benefit your employer. Where better to do that than this?

THE 2009 SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE IS SEPTEMBER 30TH. AND ONCE AGAIN THIS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY IS FREE TO ALL ATTENDEES.

Check out the website for more information, including registration:

www.guilford-lepc.org

It's not too late to be a vendor or sponsor, either. For a nominal fee, you can get free advertisement. Over 400 people attended last year. Contact Debbie Meurs for more information. Vendors and sponsors help make this conference possible.

Please share this information with anyone you know who might be interested.

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Professional Development Opportunities

Region VI Professional Development Conference, September 21-25, 2009

Kingston Plantation Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC.

LEPC/ASSE PDC, September 29-30, 2009, Greensboro, NC

(Don't Miss HAZWOPPER training on 9/29/09 for a nominal fee)

2009 Leadership Conference, October 1-3, 2009, Lombard, IL

Proactive Safety Management High Impact Workshops,

November 12-13, 2009, Miami FL

Seminarfest, February 14-20, 2010, Las Vegas, NV

Safety 2010, June 13-16, 2010, Baltimore, MD

Check out www.ASSE.org for more details!

