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# The Beanpot



Newsletter of the American Society of Safety Engineers  
Greater Boston Massachusetts Chapter

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Margie Lobaton

It's hard to believe that my time in the seat as President is now past the halfway point in our chapter year! For those of you that are not familiar, the chapter year starts on July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The past 8 months have gone by quite fast, and we've had a number of successes. No worries we still have four months to go and we have several great events planned.

The nominating committee is hard at work identifying a strong group of volunteers to lead the chapter and keep it running strong. This year we will have at least one vice president's position open as we move people into the leadership role. As I stated in the past, the chapter is only as good as the members make it. It takes a commitment from all of those willing to step up and volunteer. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please let it be known. You may contact anyone on the board of directors or myself. You don't have to run for an officer position; there are several committees that need to be chaired.

A special ASSE thanks to Leon Tuttle, Safety Manager from HP Hood/Crowley Foods, for kicking off our February Technical meeting on Substance Abuse Testing 101 - Various Analysis Methods for Substance Abuse Testing. I also would like to thank our many speakers Glen Hannington, Attorney at Law, Private Practice, Canton MA, Steve Turko, National Accounts Director, Construction, Avitar, Inc. Canton, MA, Fred Delfino, Director of Key Accounts Diagnostics, Varian Inc. Ellington, CT and Bill Dausey, Vice President-Sales, Psychemedics Corp. Acton, MA for their excellent presentations. We had a great showing of long time ASSE members and even drew several peo-

ple from our sister organizations such as AAOHN and NEHRA.

Upcoming events include a joint technical meeting with the Granite State Chapter, UMass Lowell and Keene State College Student Sections, (Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2006). This promises to be an informative meeting and excellent networking opportunity for all. Once again, we will be holding the ASP fundamentals exam preparation workshop (March 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>) and participating at the NE Building and Facilities Maintenance show April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget the Greater Boston Chapter Spring scholarship! To help promote the safety profession the Greater Boston Chapter awards two (2) \$750 scholarships (submission deadline April 1, 2006). The Greater Boston Chapter will once again judge and present awards at the Massachusetts State Science Fair at MIT (May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) and we will hold a joint breakfast meeting with the Ocean State Section (Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>). Finally we have our annual social (May 6<sup>th</sup>) and will hold a joint meeting with NEACHMM during the month of June. For more information regarding any of these events please feel free to contact me or visit our website.

Yours in safety,  
**Margie Lobaton**  
Greater Boston Chapter President 2005-2006



**ASSE FOUNDATION**

Follow up article to promote the ASSE Foundation

In the Feb - Mar issue of the Beanpot there was an article advising our membership about the value and goals of the ASSE Foundation. It briefly described the growth, goals to perpetuate and enhance the influence in the Safety Profession. The maintenance and continued creation of qualified and viable leaders are paramount in assuring that our work force will be protected for years to come. This venue will provide just these means!

Have you considered your own commitment to provide a donation? Do it now! Have you approached your current employer or institution to donate or at least match your gift?

Try it! You just might be surprised.

Walter L. Lockhart, CSP  
GBC Foundation Chair



## GBC ASSE Volunteer Opportunities

### The GBC Needs You!

The Greater Boston ASSE is dedicated to providing its members with quality technical programs, and professional resources through networking. The efforts of dedicated volunteers help to assure the quality of services remains first rate. Volunteers are always needed.

Many people think that volunteering has to be a huge contribution of time and effort; however the reality of the current Chapter needs are that many times a volunteer is needed for only a discreet event. Help coordinating a technical meeting, contributing a single newsletter article, arranging a facility tour, or helping to keep members informed of a developing issue in the EHS profession are all short time commitments that benefit everyone.

Volunteering benefits all- the person providing the service feels a sense of contributing to the group and the membership benefits from the

various talents of the volunteers. The GBC ASSE asks that you consider sharing your particular talent with us.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Margie Lobaton, Chapter President, at [mlobaton@atlanticcharter.com](mailto:mlobaton@atlanticcharter.com); Remi Fleurette, Chapter President Elect, at [rfleuet1@irf.com](mailto:rfleuet1@irf.com); or any of the board members to express your interest. Your participation will be appreciated.



## Elections for the 2006-07 year will be held at the Chapter Social on Sunday May 7, 2006.

Below are the candidates.

### **Remi P. Fleurette**

Candidate for Chapter President

### **Melissa Merrill**

Candidate for Executive Vice President  
(President Elect)

### **Kara Haley**

Candidate for Vice President of Finance

### **Peter Brewer, CHST**

Candidate for VP of Chapter Development

### **Bryan Murray**

Candidate for Vice President of By-Laws and Long Range Planning

### **Kathleen Clair**

Candidate for Vice President of Government Affairs & Standards

### **Adam Sotirakopoulos**

Candidate for Vice President of Member Services

### **Kristin Hoffman**

Candidate for Vice President of Communications

### **Richard DiBona, CSP**

Candidate for Secretary, Greater Boston Chapter



## ASSE GBC Sotirakopoulos Named Safety Professional of the Year

New England Area  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

January 24, 2006 - Adam Sotirakopoulos of Haverhill, Massachusetts, has been selected as the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) New England Area Safety Professional of the Year for 2004-2005. Adam was selected by the Area Operating Committee for the scope and depth of his contributions to the safety profession and the Society.

"In selecting Adam, the Area Operating Committee noted the safety improvements he's made for his employers and the leadership he's exhibited within ASSE," said Bernie Silkowski, New England Area Director. "Adam exemplifies safety professionalism: working hard to improve safety at his company and contributing to the body of safety knowledge for the benefit of others in the profession."

Adam is the Environmental Health and Safety Engineer at Analog Devices in Wilmington, Massachusetts. Among his many duties, he manages the company's 95-member Emergency Response Team. He has been active in ASSE, serving the Greater Boston Chapter as Vice President of Member Services and Programs Chair. After serving several years on the registration committee for the New England Area's annual Professional Development Conference, he became Conference Chair for 2005 and organized the most successful conference to date. Adam holds a B.S. in Occupational Safety from Keene State College in New Hampshire.



Adam Sotirakopoulos  
ASSE's New England Area  
Safety Professional of the Year, 2004-2005



## GBC Spring Scholarship Announcement

Greater Boston Chapter ASSE is announcing two \$750 student scholarships for students who have demonstrated academic excellence while completing college work in the field of occupational safety & health.

### Eligibility:

Member of the Greater Boston Chapter, or Member of the Greater Boston Chapter Student Section, or immediate family of a chapter member (spouse or child)

### Academic Requirements:

The student must have a grade point average of 2.5 (or higher) out of 4.0 at time of application

### Availability:

Starting with a second-year or sophomore level.

### Deadline:

April 1, 2006

### Awarded:

May Social - TBA

Applications are available on line at  
<http://www.asseboston.com/asse.htm>

Submit application to Michael Sample, ASSE-GBC Student Affairs Chair at

[michael.sample@libertymutual.com](mailto:michael.sample@libertymutual.com)

Fax: 718-642-6599



## Upcoming GBC Events

**April 19-20** ASSE ½ Day PDC at the NE Plant & Maintenance Show. Tentative Topic: Machine Guarding 101

**April 26** Joint breakfast meeting with Ocean State Section

**May 7** Annual Social and Chapter Elections

**June 20** Joint Technical Meeting with NEACHMM

Check the chapter website for more details at <http://www.asseboston.com/events.htm>



## Support NAOSH Week

**April 30 - May 6, 2006**

The goal of the annual North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) Week is to focus the attention of employers, employees and the general public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, and to improve their understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health. Help support this effort by participating in one of the many events scheduled across the nation. Visit the [NAOSH Week website](#) for ideas on how you can get involved.



### 2006-07 Member Recruitment Challenge

ASSE's [2006-07 Member-Get-a-Member Campaign](#) is underway. Sponsor as many new, full ASSE members as you can before March 31, 2007, and you could [win a trip to Hawaii](#).



## NATIONAL ASSE WORKSHOPS

Providence, RI

ASP August 14 - 16      CSP August 17 - 19

National offers early bird discounts as well as member and non-member pricing.

Cost before early bird dates: \$625 member/\$675 non-member.

Cost after early bird deadline: \$675 member/\$725 non-member.

AIHA + CHMM members get \$25 off the non-member price.

Instructors are nationally recognized Langlois, Weigand & Associates.

Visit [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org) for more information.



## TOP INDUSTRIES GEAR UP TO CELEBRATE NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

DES PLAINES, IL – Major organizations and companies are joining with the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE) to increase public awareness of the importance of workplace safety and health during the April 30 - May 6, 2006 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH, [www.asse.org/naosh06](http://www.asse.org/naosh06)). The national kick-off will take place Monday, May 1, 2006 in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Department of Labor while other events will take place countrywide.



## ASSE SAFETY 2006

June 11-14, 2006  
Washington State Convention & Trade Center  
Seattle, WA

SAFETY 2006 is a full 3-day conference featuring more than 200 sessions, an exposition with 300 exhibitors, special pre- and post-conference seminars, conference proceedings on CD, numerous networking events and more!

Visit [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org) for more information.

## EDITOR'S SOAPBOX

Submitted By David Paine



## News and Notes

### From Department of Fire Services CO Monitors Required in Homes

In November 2005, Governor Mitt Romney signed "Nicole's Law" which places certain requirements on owners of all residential properties to install and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations has developed the regulations (527 CMR 31.00) establishing the specific requirements of the law including the type, location, maintenance and inspection requirements for the alarms.

CO detectors are required in most residences by March 31, 2006 on each level of the home that is habitable including basements and attics.

For more detailed information please visit:  
[http://www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/fire/Files/consumers\\_guide.pdf](http://www.ci.haverhill.ma.us/departments/fire/Files/consumers_guide.pdf)



## UL Counterfeit Extension Cords

Underwriters Laboratories Inc. is notifying inspection authorities, retailers and consumers of extension cords that do not meet UL safety requirements and may pose a hazard to users. These products have not been evaluated for safety by UL and bear counterfeit UL Marks for the United States and Canada.

Name of Product: Household Extension Cord.

Units: Unknown quantity.

Manufacturer: The manufacturer of these products has not been identified.

Hazard: The wire in the extension cord is undersized creating a risk of fire and electric shock.

Identification: On the product the cord is green in color with a plug on one end and a three-plug receptacle on the opposite end. The cord has a counterfeit UL holographic label attached near the plug with the description: "CORD SET," "E-218475," "BW-4126," "13A," "125 V" and 1625 W."

On the package: The packaging, which contains a counterfeit cUL Listing Mark, is marked: "RAL-LONGE DOMESTIQUE HOUSEHOLD CORD," "2M 6 pi.2M-GR."

To view photos of the product, visit <http://www.ul.com/media/newsrel/nr030106.html>

What you should do: UL recommends that users stop using the extension cord immediately and return it to the place of purchase.

For more information, contact Joe Hirschmugl in Northbrook, Ill., by phone at +1-847-664-1508; or by e-mail at [Joseph.F.Hirschmugl@us.ul.com](mailto:Joseph.F.Hirschmugl@us.ul.com).



## OSHA Posts Avian Flu Info

From OSHA

OSHA has important information on its Web site spotlighting precautions for workers who may become exposed to avian flu, commonly called "bird flu." A [safety and health information bulletin](#) focuses on protecting poultry workers, while a [safety and health guidance](#) page alerts workers and employers about the hazards of the virus. The guidance provides specific recommendations for farm workers and animal handlers, laboratory workers, medical personnel, food handlers, airline flight crews and travelers. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recently posted a new page on its Web site highlighting the issue. [Avian Influenza: Protecting Workers from Exposure](#) includes an overview and description of the disease, and provides links to numerous national and international resources that discuss the topic.



## ACGIH Action on TLVs

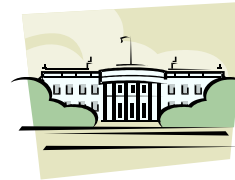
From ACGIH

### ACGIH ACTION

There have reports that ACGIH has made its decision of several Notices of Intended Change on several substances that may be of interest to NSSGA member companies. This has not been formally published on the ACGIH web site yet, but the new TLV Booklets come out in March so there should be some official notice soon. The most important news is the action on **crystalline silica**. The ACGIH Board **accepted** the proposal of its silica TLV author (Dwight Culver) and TLV Committee, for a 50 %reduction in the silica TLV to **25 ug/m3**, the second 50% reduction in 5 years, from the former 100 ug/m3 TLV.

Action, on the following substances has been postponed:

Calcium Carbonate TLV postponed  
Copper TLV postponed  
Beryllium TLV postponed



## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE



### AROUND NEW ENGLAND

NH 6235 2005 (Final Proposal) Replaces expired rules Lab 601, 602, and 602 and readopts with amendment Lab 602.02. Calls for employers to establish safety programs. Provides requirements for establishing Joint Loss Management Committees as well as safety programs and filing Safety Summary forms as required by the statute.

NH 6288 2006 (Proposed Interim Rule) Identifies and clarifies minimum safety work methods and procedures in workplaces which include but is not limited to furnishing personal protective equipment, safety appliances and safeguards.

VT S 270 (Pending) Establishes statewide requirements for the collection, reuse, and recycling of electronic devices and that contain hazardous substances.



## ACTIVITIES ON BEACON HILL

### Happenings on Beacon Hill

MA 8351 2004 (Adopted) Amends rules to require certain companies that use listed toxic chemicals above specific reporting thresholds to explore ways to decrease toxic chemical use and waste, implements them if possible, and measures and reports the results on an annual basis. Requires the companies to evaluate their efforts and update their use reduction plans every other year.



## PRODUCT RECALLS

### [InFocus Corp. Recalls Portable Projectors and Projector Lamps Posing Shock and Fire Hazards](#)

This recall involves portable projectors designed for use with laptop computers, and a replacement lamp module sold for use with these projectors. The recalled projector models are InFocus LP120 and ASK Proxima M1 built between October 2005 and January 2006. The model number and serial numbers are written on the bottom of the projectors.

### [Grainger Weller Modular Soldering Iron Heaters](#)

Grainger sold the recalled soldering irons. The following Grainger item numbers have been affected: 2AC08, 2AC09, 2AC10, 6A908, 6A909 and 6A910. Soldering irons with date codes on the soldering body, not the packaging, that are between May 05 and August 05 have been affected and should no longer be used. For more details contact Cooper Hand Tools' customer service at 800-645-5945.

### [Porter-Cable 890 Series Routers](#)

The recalled Porter-Cable routers are tools used in conjunction with various bits to cut and shape wood. The model and serial numbers are printed on the nameplate on the top of the router. Routers marked with a "T" above "PORTER+CABLE" on the nameplate are not included in this recall.

### [Polycom Inc. Recalls Conference Phone Batteries for Fire Hazard](#)

The recalled batteries were sold with the SoundStation2W wireless conference phones, and separately as replacement batteries. The SoundStation2W Part Number is printed on the underside of the telephone.

### [Olympus Recalls Film Cameras for Overheating, Poses Burn Hazard](#)

The recall includes the Infinity Twin, AF-1 Twin, Infinity Zoom 200 series, AZ 200 series, and Quantary Infinity Zoom 222 Olympus-brand 35mm film cameras. The model name is printed on the face of the camera. These cameras have a built-in flash.

### [Lasko Recalls Box and Pivoting Floor Fans Posing Fire Hazard](#)

This recall involves various models of Lasko, Galaxy, Air King and General Electric fans manufactured between January 1999 and July 2001, and sold through February 2004. Styles and model numbers of recalled fans are either stamped or on a label on the bottom of the fans.

### [SFC America Announce Recall to Repair Fire Extinguishers](#)

The recall includes Strike First 2.5 lb and 5 lb dry chemical fire extinguishers with model numbers WBSF-ABC110AP, WBSF-ABC210AP, and WBSF-ABC340AP. The model number is located under the manufacturer's address on the far right hand side of the instruction label.

### [DESA Heating Products Recalls Portable Propane Convection Heaters](#)

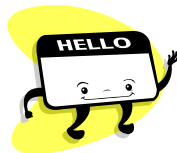
DESA 40-80,000 BTU Portable Propane Convection Heaters generate from 40,000 to 80,000 BTUs an hour. The following model names and number are

involved in this recall: Reddy Heater (RCP80VC), All-Pro (SPC-80CC), MASTER (TC80VC), Universal (80-CC), and Dayton (6BY73). These heaters have serial numbers between 017390000 and 017632220. The model and serial numbers are on the carton and on labels attached to the heater. The designation "Made in China" is on the carton and model label attached to the heater.

#### Fire Hazard with Oscillating Heater Sold in Wal-Mart

The recalled model is CH920. The ceramic portable electric heaters are the oscillating tower type. They are grey and have a control panel attached to the top of the unit. "Maxi-Heat(tm)" is printed on the control panel. The model number is printed on the ETL label on the bottom of the backside of the unit.

For additional information about these and other consumer product recalls visit [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).



## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH ASSE

The most efficient method of communication with chapter members continues to be through electronic mailings and the continually updated GBC website - [www.asseboston.com](http://www.asseboston.com).

Please assist us in continuing to make contact with you electronically by keeping your contact information up-to-date with ASSE National, as we rely on National's roster to connect with you!

To update your contact information, call ASSE Customer Service, 847-699-2929 (8:30-5:00 CST), *or* log on to the "Members Only" area of [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org) and use the following steps:

1. Log onto [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org). Click on the tab "Members Only" located at the top of the home page.

2. Once the "Members Only" page loads, you'll be prompted to login using your User ID (your member number) and Password (your last name).
3. Once you login, go to the top left of the screen and click on "ASSE Member Directory".
4. Click on the "Update Your Address" and once again enter your User ID and Password.
5. Proceed to fill out the change of address form and then click submit!



## JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

ASSE has replaced the former Job line service with a new, more powerful employment tool. The new service is called Nexsteps - for job seekers and for companies looking to fill EHS positions. Browse through current positions or post a job listing for your company. The Next-steps website offers greater access to new job opportunities, so visit today at: [www.nexsteps.org](http://www.nexsteps.org). In addition, the Greater Boston Chapter posts positions that may be of interest to members on the Chapter's website. To see current postings, go to: [www.asseboston.com/jobposting.htm](http://www.asseboston.com/jobposting.htm). To place a posting, please contact Steve Maffettone at [Steve\\_Maff@members.asse.org](mailto:Steve_Maff@members.asse.org).

Featured job opportunities posted on the GBC website include:

- [Safety & Health Consultant](#)
- [Loss Prevention Sr. Technical Consultant](#)
- [Environmental Health & Safety Manager](#)

To view the full job descriptions and company contact information of these opportunities and others please visit the GBC job posting website at the following web link:

<http://www.asseboston.com/jobposting.htm>



## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND SUBMISSIONS

The Greater Boston Chapter welcomes members to submit technical articles, committee updates and information about upcoming events for inclusion in our newsletter, "*The Beanpot*". Submissions for the June/July edition of the newsletter are welcome through May 15th! Articles should be submitted to David Paine at [MrSafety1113@comcast.net](mailto:MrSafety1113@comcast.net). Please make sure to include "ASSE GBC" in the subject box!



### Please Welcome These New Members to the GBC

Howard Brightman, Env. Health & Eng. Co.  
Sean Dolan  
Guy Lanzi, Beacon Mutual Ins. Co.  
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