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Greater Boston Chapter



QUACK, QUACK, QUACK FOR THE BOSTON DUCK TOUR!

JOIN US FOR THE ASSE GBC ANNUAL SOCIAL & ELECTIONS

Sunday, May 7, 2006
Departure at 2:30 PM

Join us for our annual social and chapter elections aboard Boston Duck Tours! The fun begins as soon as we board our "DUCK", an authentic, renovated World War II amphibious landing vehicle. Our tour will cruise by many of the places that make Boston the birthplace of freedom and a city of firsts -- from the golden-domed State House to Bunker Hill.

The afternoon will be punctuated with dinner at the historic Union Oyster House, Americas' oldest restaurant. Before dinner, we'll conduct our annual Chapter elections for the 2006-7 program year.

Following dinner, transportation will be provided back to the Prudential. Pre-registration and payment is required. Registration will be first come first serve. Visit our website for the latest information and [registration form](#).



2006-7 GBC ELECTIONS

Elections for the 2006-7 Greater Boston Chapter program year will be held concurrent with the annual Social event. Elections will be held May 7th, 2006, at Union Oyster House, Boston, MA. The following represents the proposed slate of officers for the new program year.

Candidate for Chapter President - Remi P. Fleurette
Mr. Fleurette is currently the Health and Safety Engineer for International Rectifier in Leominster, MA. Mr. Fleurette received a BS in Safety Studies from Keene State College and has more than 10 years experience in the health and safety profession. Mr. Fleurette has held positions as the Health and Safety Manager for Boston University, Project Scientist/Health and Safety Manager for Rizzo Associates in Framingham, MA and as a Safety Manager for the United States Postal Service in Boston, MA.

Mr. Fleurette's involvement in the ASSE began as a member of the Keene State Student Section. Mr. Fleurette has served the Chapter in several capacities including President Elect (2005-2006), Vice President, Finance (2004-2005), Vice President, Communications (2002-2004) and Professional Development Chairperson (2001-2002). He is a member of the Academic Practice Specialty and participated on a national committee for the ASSE Practice Specialties Fire Prevention Branch that developed a series of informational fact sheets addressing college campus fire prevention and safety.

Beyond ASSE, Mr. Fleurette is a former member of the Providence Rugby Football Club where he was a player and held positions of Treasurer and At Large Member of the Board of Directors. He has also been involved in rugby coaching, having served as an assis-

tant coach for Brown University and as the head coach for New England College Men's and Bridgewater State Women's Rugby clubs. Mr. Fleurette resides in Rindge, NH with his wife Kelly and their two daughters, Isabelle and Camille.

Candidate for President-Elect - Melissa Merrill

Mrs. Merrill is currently a loss prevention consultant with Beacon Mutual Insurance Company, located in Warwick, RI. Previously Melissa worked as a Safety Coordinator at My Bread Baking Company/Interstate Brands Company, in New Bedford, MA. She was previously employed at Nashua Label Products in Omaha, NE. Melissa received a BS in Occupational Safety from Keene State College and she served as their Student Section President from 1997-1998. Melissa has been a member of ASSE since 1996, having served as the Greater Boston Chapter Membership Chair from 2003-2004 and Secretary from 2002-2003, and she served as the Great Plains Chapter Vice president from 2000-2001 and Membership Chair from 1999-2000.

Candidate for Vice President of Finance - Kara Haley

Ms. Haley is currently an Environmental Health and Safety Consultant at RPF Associates, Inc. in Northwood, NH. She has five years experience as a Safety Professional. She is currently the VP of Finance for the 2005-2006 year and she had previously served as the ASSE Greater Boston Chapter Treasurer from 2003-2005. She also contributed to the chapter as the Membership Chair from 2001-2003. Kara received a BS in Occupational Safety and Business Management from Keene State College; she served as the Student Section Vice President from 2000-2001.

Candidate for Vice President of Communications - Kristin Hoffman

Ms. Hoffman is a Principal Consultant at Environmental & Occupational Risk Management (EORM) in Woburn, MA. Kristin previously held health, safety, and environmental leadership roles at Honeywell, AT&T Broadband/Comcast, Textron, and Hasbro. She holds a B.S. in Safety from Keene State College and has worked in the health, safety, and environmental field for more than 16 years. Kristin joined ASSE as a student member and became a member of the GBC in 1993. She has since served the chapter through various roles, including VP of Communications, VP of Government Affairs & Standards, Program Committee, and Newsletter Editor. Kristin is a member of the Management Special Practice division of ASSE.

Candidate for Vice President of Chapter Development - Peter Brewer, CHST

Mr. Brewer served in the USMC Air Wing Div. 1974-1980. Relocated to RI in 1980 and started a company specializing in hazardous materials remediation and the construction of hazardous materials storage facilities primarily for Armed Forces Installations. From 1986 to 1992, he operated an environmental consulting firm in RI, providing a wide range of services to the architectural, engineering, and construction industry relating to hazardous materials mitigation and project safety. From 1993 - 1999 Mr. Brewer was the Safety Director for AM Construction Company. From 1999 - 2001 he was with the RI OSHA Consultation Program. As an Outreach Trainer, Mr. Brewer has provided the OSHA 10 hr safety-training program to over 3,000 construction workers. Mr. Brewer is currently a Senior Loss Prevention Consultant, at Beacon Mutual Insurance Co. Warwick, RI, where he assists construction firms in developing safety programs and audits, and provides opinions to the Underwriting Department relative to an insured's operation.

Candidate for Vice President of Member Services - Adam Sotirakopoulos

Mr. Sotirakopoulos is an Environmental Health and Safety Engineer for Analog Devices Inc. in Wilmington MA. He previously worked as an EHS Engineer for UniFirst Corporation in Wilmington, MA, and at Anheuser Busch in Merrimack, NH. Adam's joined ASSE in 1999 as a student member at Keene State College. Adam served as the VP of Member Services for the 2005-6 program year and Programs Chair for the 3 preceding years. Adam served as the New England Area Professional Development Conference Chair for 2005. Before chairing the PDC, Adam served as the Registration Chair in 2003 and 2004 and on the Registration Committee the two years prior to that. Adam is presently the Acting PDC chair for the 2006 NEA PDC as well as sitting on the Membership Development Committee for the Management Practice Specialty. Outside of ASSE, Adam is a member of the Semiconductor Environmental Safety and Health Association. He is also participating in Team Haverhill, and serves as the Secretary and Newsletter Editor for the Greater Haverhill Landlords Guild. He is a member of AHEPA Acropolis Chapter 39 of Haverhill, MA. Adam received a BS in Safety Studies with a minor in Business Management from Keene State College and has more than 6 years experience in the Health and Safety profession.

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

Mr. Murray is currently the Safety and Training Supervisor at Covanta of SEMASS in Rochester, MA (VPP Star Site) and previously worked as a Safety Manager at United Rentals Highway Technologies in Kingston, MA. He served the ASSE Greater Boston Chapter as Awards and Honors Chair from 2003-present and Student Affairs Chair for 2003-2004. Past contributions to the Chapter included establishing the UMass Lowell Student Section in 2004, volunteering at BOSGO Golf Outings, and assisting the chapter whenever needed; Bryan received a BS in Marine Safety and Environmental Protection from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and has an MS in Industrial Hygiene from UMass Lowell.

Candidate for Vice President of Government Affairs & Standards - Kathleen Clair

Ms. Clair is an EHS Consultant for EORM in Woburn, MA and previously worked as Health and Safety Manager at Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA for 3 years. She has also been employed at Hygienetics Environmental in Boston and Antaeus Energy, Wakefield, MA. Kathleen has been a member of ASSE since 1997 and has served the ASSE GBC on the Planning Committee 2001-2004. Kathleen received a BA in Spanish from Plymouth State College and has a Continuing Education Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety from Northeastern University in Boston. She is currently pursuing her Masters of Applied Science in Environmental Policy and Management at University of Denver, CO. Kathleen has more than 12 years of experience as a safety professional. She is a member of the National Safety Council and works as a part-time instructor in the Defensive Driving Program.

Candidate for Secretary - Richard DiBona, CSP

Mr. DiBona is the Corporate Safety Manager for Polaroid in Waltham, MA. He has been with Polaroid more than 25 years, holding positions in Chemical Engineering and Operations Management prior to moving into the Safety field. He served as Chapter Secretary for both the 2003-4 and 2004-5 years, is active in the Health and Safety field and serves on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Safety Council. Rich also participates in community activities as a member of both the Waltham and Burlington Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCS) and the Board of Directors for the Burlington Pop Warner Association. Rich has a BS in Chemical Engineering from UMass Lowell and an MBA from Northeastern University. He has more than 15 years experience in the Health and Safety field and is a Certified Safety Professional.

Rich is also an OSHA Outreach Instructor for both General Industry and Construction.



GARAGE/SHOP SAFETY FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES

By Dave Crowley and Leon Tuttle

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If you are an SH&E professional with responsibilities for a motor vehicle safety program that includes fleet maintenance, then take heed! In addition to the usual issues that range from defensive driver training to the numerous Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements that impact companies which have trucks and CDL drivers, locations that have fleet maintenance garages should get their usual dose of safety on a regular basis. Certainly, much like in a manufacturing plant, sites that have maintenance shops or a repair garage should undergo some sort of safety inspection on a weekly or a monthly basis.

The question needs to be asked, "What sort of things should one look for on a safety inspection at a vehicle maintenance facility?" Getting the mechanics involved in creating the checklist is an effective way to be sure you're adding the right safety items. What better way is there to get the employees to use this type of form religiously? Get them to take ownership of it by getting them involved. Our mechanics gave us tremendous insights about what types of safety issues could arise in a garage and what should be done to prevent hazards and to correct them.

We wanted to put together a user-friendly safety inspection checklist for use at our locations that have fleet maintenance responsibilities. It is our belief that a company is set up for success when all employees are conditioned to keep a watchful eye on safety. Knowing that the safety inspections would be performed by both the maintenance supervisor and the hourly mechanics, we wanted to create a checklist with an easy-to-understand format. Recognizing this, we laid out the checklist in a grouped fashion—matching like items together.

We ended up with sections dedicated to general shop safety; personal protection; emergency equipment; hazard communication; electrical safety; hot work/welding; fall protection; and tool safety. Also, by laying it out in this manner, we can address most of the subjects covered in OSHA's outreach course for general industry as well as some customized items according to our company safety program. The checklist follows a simple scoring method where "A" represents "acceptable" and a "U" means "unacceptable."

Training on this checklist and its meaning is vital. Individuals who use this checklist have been trained in each area to recognize when circumstances are viewed as acceptable or unacceptable. The checklist has been presented to the maintenance shops within our company. Some are company-operated garages and others are viewed as a "captive shop" where mechanics from our lease agent maintain and repair our trucks. Either way, the checklist can be used to monitor safety compliance at locations where our trucks are maintained. The checklist is offered here as a sharing tool to other members interested in using it to help strengthen safety matters in the maintenance shop at your location.

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

By Remi Fleurette, GBC President Elect

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

Many people think that volunteering involves a huge commitment of time and effort; however, the realities of current GBC needs are that there are

many times when a volunteer is needed for a discreet event. Helping to coordinate a meeting, contributing a newsletter article, arranging a facility tour, or helping to keep members informed about a developing issues in the EHS profession are all short time commitments that benefit everyone.

Volunteering benefits all - the person providing the service feels a sense of contribution to the profession, and membership benefits from the various talents of volunteers. We welcome and encourage members to volunteer. If you'd like to know more about what you can do, please contact Chapter President, Margie Lobaton, or President-Elect, Remi Fleurette.

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