



Hello, Penn-Jersey, and welcome to the March 2017 newsletter. In this edition, you'll find information on the following:

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## President's Message to Chapter

Good Day Penn-Jersey!

We recently hosted the Central and Southern NJ Safety Awards. Due to some delays that were out of our control, he had two successful dinners with little planning and preparation time. Thank you to all of those who help and participated this year.

Spring is in full swing and the weather is finally turning for the better.

College graduation season is upon us. There is no better time to get involved with ASSE and the Penn-Jersey Chapter to network. If you know someone who recently graduated, recommend them to the Society.

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Michael McGowan, CHMM  
President, ASSE Penn-Jersey

## What's New

### OSHA News:

Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction employees, accounting for 350 of the 937 construction fatalities recorded in 2015 (BLS data). Those deaths were preventable. The National Fall Prevention Stand-Down raises fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries.

Though the stand down is observed during the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> please do not limit yourself. There is never a time constraint to pause for a moment and talk about fall hazards in construction and general industry.

<https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html>



### ASSE Local Chapter News - REMINDER:

Recently the Chapter sent out an email regarding three major items that are up for a vote at the June 2017 House of Delegates (HOD) Meeting in Denver, CO. The topic are branding recommendations which have two separate votes involved and the other for Society dues Increase. Please take a moment and read the email that was send prior to this newsletter and also the links within this article.

Branding Recommendation: two separate votes will be heard.

1) Society Name change from American Society of Safety Engineers to the American Society of Safety Professionals. This change is to align the society to its participants (the majority of membership are safety Professionals, not safety Engineers). If the vote passes at the HOD, membership will also have to vote to approve the name change. If the vote fails at the HOD, the proposal will be voided.

2) In conjunction with the name change, Society is looking up update our Logo. This will be a separate vote. The logo change only requires HOD approval. Membership will not vote on this topic, hence the importance to let us know your thoughts before the HOD meeting. Supporting documentation for the above

can be found at the following links:

[https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/ASSE\\_Brand\\_Presentation\\_-\\_Chapters.pptx](https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/ASSE_Brand_Presentation_-_Chapters.pptx)

[https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Brand\\_Evolution\\_-\\_Chapter\\_handouts.pdf](https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Brand_Evolution_-_Chapter_handouts.pdf)

Society Dues Increase:

The third vote will be on the proposed \$30 increase in Society dues. The increase will be implemented as a \$10 increase over the next 3 years. Supporting documentation on the dues increase can be found at the following links:

[https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Dues\\_Increase\\_Presentation\\_with\\_talking\\_points.ppt](https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Dues_Increase_Presentation_with_talking_points.ppt)

[https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Dues\\_Increase\\_FAQs.pdf](https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Dues_Increase_FAQs.pdf)



Check out the latest [Howard Talks Tech](#) written by our very own Howard Spencer. These articles are perfect discussion starters that are useful in guiding others to safety so please take a moment and explore the collection of topics.



If you are currently signed-up for LinkedIn don't forget to connect with the ASSE Penn-Jersey Chapter network. We have 61 members and counting! Will you be the next member?

Are you always wondering how to support the ASSE Foundation than look no further because we are still selling "I LOVE SAFETY" t-shirts for \$20/each. All proceeds from the sale benefit the ASSE Foundation. Please contact Danielle DiGironimo if you are interested in making a purchase at [ddigironimo@hotmail.com](mailto:ddigironimo@hotmail.com).



## Technical Session:

May Meeting

ASSE Penn-Jersey / Philadelphia Chapter  
Joint Technical Meeting Announcement

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 16th, 2017  
Meet & Greet: 5:30pm  
Presentation: 6:00pm

Where: Maggiano's Little Italy  
Cherry Hill Mall  
2000 NJ Route 38  
Cherry Hill, NJ

Cost: \$45 per person

RSVP: Please RSVP by Friday, May 12th to  
[michael.mcgowan@onebadgarage.com](mailto:michael.mcgowan@onebadgarage.com)

Payment: Prior to the event via PayPal - Please visit the Philadelphia Chapter website at <http://phila.asse.org/>  
At the event: Cash, Credit Card or Check (made out to Philadelphia Chapter of ASSE)

Topic: "Moving from Risk Management to Risk Elimination": The focus is on using the elements of prevention through design during construction and to the benefit of clients long after the building is occupied.

Presenter: Mr. TJ Lyons, Gilbane Company: Mr. Lyons is a Certified Safety Professional living in Warwick, NY supporting construction teams on military sites across the US and overseas. With a strong background in construction safety and industrial hygiene, he focuses on reducing or eliminating risk through proper planning, implementation of best practices and lessons learned at the project level.

## App of the Month

Given the emphasis on fall hazards and the horrible fact that 1 out of 4 fatal falls in construction result from a fall from a ladder here is an amazing app for both Apple and Android phones. Best part about it is that it is **FREE**

The Ladder Safety App, NIOSH's first mobile application, is designed to improve extension and step ladder safety — a concern for those working

in construction or any other task that requires ladder use.



If you have any questions please reach out to Danielle at [ddigironimo@hotmail.com](mailto:ddigironimo@hotmail.com). Keep in mind some of the apps are free and some of them you have to pay for.

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### Have Something to Share with the Chapter?

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