



Hello, Penn-Jersey, and welcome to the new Chapter year December newsletter. In this edition, you'll find information on the following:

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## President's Message to Chapter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Welcome to 2018! On behalf of the Penn-Jersey Executive Team, I hope you have had a relaxing holiday season with family and friends. With the new year, resolutions are a plenty. Some are kept and some are broke by the end of January. Let's resolve to continue to push forward and create a safe working environment for our staffs and families, lets resolve to not be afraid to speak up and stop something that is unsafe. Most importantly, let's resolve to volunteer time and promote our Chapter. We are always looking for new members and future leaders of our Chapter. I look forward to seeing you at a meeting this month.

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Michael McGowan, CHMM  
President, ASSE Penn-Jersey

## What's New

### OSHA News:



With frigid temperatures, we need to get prepared for protecting workers. OSHA's webpage has great resources and links to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) page which has a lot of good information.

## PREVENTING SPREAD OF SEASONAL FLU

'Tis the season....along with fun, merry and jolly for seasonal flu. OSHA webpage provides great resources on how to prevent the spread within work environment. Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated guidance for protecting individuals from seasonal flu. Refer to their page for updates on the most recent seasonal flu vaccine. Each year the vaccine is revised to protect against the influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common this season.

### ASSE Local Chapter News:

#### GET INVOLVED

**REMINDER....**The Penn-Jersey Chapter is always looking for assistance with the Chapter. Elections are coming up. Becoming engaged in Executive committee with the chapter will help you develop leadership skills that are transferable to the workplace. It will provide you an opportunity to network with other leaders in safety to find solutions to your latest challenges and share best practices. If you are interested in helping out on a committee or potential running for one of the elected positions, please let any member of the executive board know. The Chapter is always happy to have more volunteers.

#### UPDATED BYLAWS

With the upcoming name change for Society, our chapter bylaws need to be revised to align with Society bylaws and reflect new name. During December meeting Executive board voted the proposal for revision and this is available on

[https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Penn\\_Jersey\\_Bylaws\\_PR\\_OPOSED\\_11.2017.pdf](https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Penn_Jersey_Bylaws_PR_OPOSED_11.2017.pdf).

Please review and provide the comments, if any. There will be a vote during February 2018 Technical meeting.



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).

## CHAPTER UPDATE

### January meeting:

**When:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm

**Where:** Villa Mannino, 73 Route 130, Bordentown, NJ

**Cost:** \$30 to all members

**Topic:** How to Keep Yourself and Your Company Protected

**Speaker:** Joseph M. Boyan, Esq.

**Bio:** Joseph M. Boyan, Esq. is an attorney with Hedinger & Lawless L.L.C., a full service construction and labor law firm serving clients primarily in New Jersey and New York. Mr. Boyan has over 20 years of experience in the areas of construction and labor law. Mr. Boyan has counseled clients in matters before state and federal departments of labor, counseled prevailing wage and union audits, OSHA investigations and litigation and other labor matters.

Please RSVP to our treasurer : [treasurer@penn-jersey.asse.org](mailto:treasurer@penn-jersey.asse.org).

## App of the Month



This FREE Occupational Health & Safety app will keep you at the forefront of OHS and Workplace Safety training, best practices, and information on the following key topics from our featured experts and publishers including Occupational Health, Workplace Safety, OH&S Training and Tutorials, OH&S Jobs across the USA, Australia, UK and Canada, Facebook & Twitter Discussions, plus a whole lot more! This app is free but available only for IOS devices and google play.

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## Have Something to Share with the Chapter?

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