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**NEWSLETTER**

The ASSE Hawaii Chapter’s Executive Board wishes each and everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR... and a Safe, Happy and Very-Very Productive VALENTINE’S DAY too!!

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:**

**“MALAMA O PA”**

As we embark on a new and reflect on the past year, we must look at the direction of what our work brings. Ensuring the Safety of the people you work with as well as the community for which we belong, we have a responsibility as professionals to do the best that we can. Most of you know your roles of which continuous learning is part of. ASSE Hawaii has always provided opportunities to educate and grow to better serve. This year I urge you to increase your participation in our events not only to gain knowledge in your field of expertise, but to connect with other Safety & Health Professionals and exchange ideas and solutions. Who knows what can come of “Brain Storming” or should I call it “Brain Sharing”? I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our new members for joining and I which to meet all of you soon.

Respectfully,

Joanna K. T. Clark  
Chapter President, ASSE Hawaii

**UPCOMING PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES:**

**ELECTIONS FOR 2007**

Mary Silva will be assembling an election committee this month. If you are interested in running for office please call email Mary.

## **ETHICS WORKSHOP**

The AIHA Hawaii Section has invited us to attend a 1/2 day ethics workshop. The workshop will be held on Friday, February 16, 2007 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter. Registration starts at 7:30am and the AIHA/ASSE member price is \$25 and non-members are \$30.00. There will be a continental breakfast and buffet lunch. Parking is free and please bring valid ID for access to Fort Shafter.

Please RSVP no later than **February 8<sup>th</sup>** by calling or emailing Nira Cooray, [nira.cooray@us.bureauveritas.com](mailto:nira.cooray@us.bureauveritas.com), or 531-6708

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## **FUTURE LUNCHEON SPEAKERS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Subject</b>
February 27	Gary King	3M	New hexavalent chromium standard
March 12*	Paul Zoubek, CSP	NA	NFPA 70E, Basic Electrical Safety
April 13**	OSHA HI Workshop	NA	TBD
May	TBD	TBD	TBD

*\*Joint 1-day workshop with AIHA*

*\*\*To be held at the HI State Convention Center*

*If you have any suggestions for speakers, call our VP & Program Chair @ 540-4368.*

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## **MEMBERSHIP:**

As of October 2006, the Hawaii Chapter has 186 members including 15 associate, and 2 student members.

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## **UPDATING YOUR ASSE EMAIL ADDRESS**

Please update your information on the ASSE roster if there was a change in your contact information, especially your email address. "Evites" to meetings and events are sent via email as a reminder and your opportunity to make your reservation to attend the event. To change your contact information:

- Go to [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org)
- Click on "members only" tab at top of page
- Type in User ID (this is your member number which can be found just above your name on the cover of your Professional Safety journal)
- Type in Password (this is your last name)
- Click "Login"
- Click "ASSE Membership Directory" in upper left hand corner
- Click "Update Your Address"
- Enter your ASSE Member ID again
- Enter your last name
- Click "Next"

Update your information

- Click "Submit"

Your information should be updated immediately.

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## **ASSE NATIONAL PROJECTS**

### **PREVENTING WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES FOCUS OF NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK 2007**

**DES PLAINES, IL** (December 5, 2006) – The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE), and its thousands of occupational safety, health and environmental professional members, along with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will work to raise the public's awareness of the importance of being safe at work during the annual North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week next May. Events for NAOSH Week, Sunday May 6 – Saturday May 12, 2007, will be held continent-wide along with Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day celebrations on Wednesday, May 9.

The national NAOSH Week kick off will be held Monday, May 7 at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. with an ASSE awards ceremony to follow on Capitol Hill.

Each year more than 5,000 people die from on-the-job injuries and millions more suffer from on-the-job illnesses and injuries.

"At the same time, millions of people go to and return home from work every day safely due, in part, to the work of occupational safety, health and environmental professionals and the businesses committed to protecting their workers," ASSE President Donald S. Jones, Sr., P.E., CSP, said today. "During NAOSH Week, ASSE, its members and its NAOSH partners representing thousands of businesses and workers will provide information to communities, businesses, and schools on ways people can stay safe at work."

As transportation-related accidents are the number one cause of on-the-job deaths, NAOSH Week 2007 will focus on all modes of transportation safety. A tool aimed at preventing motor vehicle injuries is the American National Standard Institute's (ANSI)/ASSE Z15 "Safe Practices for Motor Vehicle Operations" Standard. The standard provides safe motor vehicle operation guidelines including the operational environment; driver considerations; vehicle considerations; and incident reporting and analysis. The ANSI/ASSE Z15 standard committee represents 35 companies and organizations including the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Con Agra Foods Inc., the American Public Transportation

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Association, the American Gas Association, the Motor Freight Carriers Association, the National Association of Fleet Administrators, and the American Automobile Association (AAA).

NAOSH partners, including the OSHA Alliance Program participants, will distribute materials including the free "Preventing Roadway Crashes" brochure and the NAOSH 2007 poster featuring the winners (age 5-14) of the fifth annual ASSE Kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest. These materials, along with information on how to participate in NAOSH Week, are available for downloading from the NAOSH web site at [www.asse.org/naosh07](http://www.asse.org/naosh07) and by contacting ASSE customer service at 847-699-2929 or [customerservice@asse.org](mailto:customerservice@asse.org).

The publication, "Guidelines for Employers to Reduce Motor Vehicle Crashes" developed by OSHA, the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) can be found on OSHA's web site at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

Founded in 1911, ASSE is the oldest and largest professional safety society and is committed to protecting people, property and the environment. It's more than 30,000 occupational safety, health and environmental professional members manage, supervise, research and consult on safety, health, transportation and environmental issues in all industries, government, labor and education.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthful workplace for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure the safety and health of America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual process improvement in workplace safety and health. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

### **IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:**

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**"MALAMA O PA" & HAVE A SAFE DAY**

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