



Safe Plains Newsletter

Spring 2015

A Message from our Chapter President:

I know your time is valuable, therefore, on behalf of the ASSE Great Plains Chapter I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read our Chapter Newsletter.



The purpose of the Great Plains Chapter is to promote the advancement of the safety profession and safety professionals throughout our geographical area. That area includes the State of Nebraska, as well as the following

counties of these states:

Iowa counties; Plymouth, Cherokee, Woodbury, Ida, Monona, Crawford, Harrison, Shelby, Pottowattamie, Cass, Mills, Montgomery, Fremont, and Page.

Minnesota counties; Rock, Nobles, Pipestone, and Jackson.

South Dakota counties; Lincoln, Minnehaha, Hanson, Hutchinson, Bon Homme, and Yankton.

We welcome you to visit any of our membership and/or board meetings. The meeting schedule will be listed in this newsletter. If you would like more information about the Great Plains Chapter I encourage you to visit our website at <http://greatplains.asse.org>. There you will find a variety of information regarding our chapter, including the most important item, how to join ASSE.

Once again, thank you, and we look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Wes Dicken, President

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Behind the Mirror of Safety – Ten Myths of Safety

March 13, 2015, 11:30am – 1:00pm

Location: Spezia
3125 South 72nd Street
Omaha, NE 68124

Price: \$20.00 Member rate
\$25.00 Non-member rate

Legal Drug Use Poses “Pot Holes” for Employers

April 10, 2015, 8:00am – 3:30pm

Location: National Park Services
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, NE 68102

Price: \$79.00 Member rate
\$99.00 Non-member rate

Great Plains Chapter Leadership:

President -	G. Wesley Dicken, Jr.
Vice President -	Mike Cavanuagh
Treasurer -	Dennis Rourke
Secretary -	Kimball Kinnersley
Delegate -	Eric Schermerhorn
Alternate Delegate -	Crystal Anderson
Foundation & Scholarship Chair –	Beth Fye
Government Affairs Chair –	Doris Burns
Awards & Honors -	Beth Fye
Membership Chair -	William Banks
Program Chair -	Steve Danon
Communications Chair -	Steve Polich

Safety Professional of the Year (SPY)

Awards



It's that time of year again to nominate and recognize an outstanding Safety Professional from the Great Plains Chapter. The SPY award can open many new opportunities and re-emphasize the importance of a Safety Professional in your organization. A copy of the nomination forms required is enclosed. Documentation required:

- The completed nomination form and/or letter of endorsement from the nominating member.
- A letter of endorsement from nominee's employment supervisor. Should be one page or less.
- A one to three page resume' of the nominee's professional background.
- A petition that lists in the order obtained the nominees achievements.
- Any additional endorsements.

Please forward applications to Beth Fye no later than March 20, 2015. If you have previously submitted applications and are re-submitting, please make sure your application is up to date with current information. If you have any questions, please contact Beth at 402-597-8184. Fax to 866-295-0032. Email bethf@omahasteaks.com.

Meeting Highlights

The monthly members meeting for February was held on the 13th. The meeting began with lunch at the Food Bank for the Heartland at 10525 J Street in Omaha. Attendees brought food donations for the Food Bank. During lunch, attendees were treated to a presentation and

overview of Majors Plastics Inc. by none other than Majors Plastics President and CEO Mark Swanson. After lunch and the presentation, the group walked across the street for a guided tour of the plant by Mr. Swanson.

The group saw firsthand the processes of custom injection molding, particularly many safety products and medical supplies and containers. Majors manufactures many items that pertain to the field of safety, such as, but not limited to; safety glasses, respirators, and face shields. The medical supplies are processed through a clean room. The process and attention to detail of clean room operations are very fascinating. The group was extremely impressed with the overall operations.

Majors Plastics, Inc. is an impressive facility and the group thoroughly enjoyed the tour.

A board meeting was held on January 30, 2015 at the Millard American Legion Post 374.

The board discussed the SPY award for 2014/15. There was also a discussion of the upcoming election of board officer positions.

The board reviewed the upcoming April 10 meeting, i.e. speakers, fees, food and the means of contacting potential attendees.

Treasurer Denny Rourke gave an informal update on the chapter funds.

Final thoughts

The chapter website contains a variety of information. You can find information on safety related area job postings, upcoming events, legislative updates, board member listing, Chapter Bylaws, past newsletters, Board Meeting Minutes, and links to a variety of ASSE websites and Chapters.

Don't forget to visit our booth at the upcoming National Safety Council Annual Summit.



March Program Change

Behind The Mirror Of Safety-Ten Myths of Safety

*“It ain’t what you don’t know that’s a problem...
it’s what you know that ain’t so.”* Will Rogers

*Food for thought from a “behaviorial” perspective that will shatter
some firmly held belief’s about safety that just ain’t so!*

Date: March 13, 2015

Where: 11:30am-1:00pm (Steak Lunch, Meeting & Presentation)
Spezia Italian Resturaunt, 3125 S 72nd St, Omaha

Speaker: Steve Danon, Director Risk Control & Safety Services
Marcotte Insurance Agency



Steve has more than twenty-seven years Occupational Safety, Life Safety, & Contingency Planning, experience. He has held professional life-safety positions with several California jurisdictions and as an adjunct instructor for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. While in the Air Force Reserve he served on special assignment to the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a Contingency Planning Specialist. As a Senior Instructor for the Omaha Public Power District-Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Station he was responsible for the development and instruction of safety, emergency response, and nuclear fire protection-suppression procedures. As an Occupational Safety & Health Director with a chapter of the National Safety Council he managed all occupational safety program development, providing training and consultant services to business and industrial operations throughout the Midwest. For the last seventeen years Mr. Danon has focused on the Risk Services-Loss Control-Safety; past positions with two of the largest business insurance companies in the U.S. and the largest insurance Agency in the world. He actively provides direct assistance to businesses in the Midwest and nationwide.

Lunch Cost Member: \$20.00
Non-Member: \$25.00

Use This Link To Register:

<http://greatplains.asse.org/events/?ee=26>



**The American Society of Safety Engineers
Guide to the Chapter Safety Professional of the Year
Petition**

Issue Date: July 1, 2010

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NOTE: Once the Chapter SPY becomes a Region SPY nominee – please look at the Region SPY criteria to ensure the petition packet meets the criteria for submittal. In addition, the Chapter Awards committee should consult the judging criteria for the Region SPY.

FACT SHEET

I. PURPOSE & ELIGIBILITY

The ASSE Chapter SPY award is an honor acknowledging the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to a specific Chapter. To be eligible nominees must:

1. Be a Professional Member or Member in good standing of their Chapter and the Society.
2. Not have received this award within the past five (5) years.
3. Be engaged in full-time employment in the profession of protecting people, property and the environment.

Nominees are not eligible if they are currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors or the Chapter Awards Committee, or have been elected an ASSE fellow.

II. JUDGING CRITERIA

The nominee's most recent three (3) years of activities will be considered as a minimum. (note: for Region SPY requires 3 years and Society SPY requires 5 years. At the time of nomination for the Chapter SPY you may consider 3-5 years to make subsequent submittal at the region and/or society level more efficient.)

1. Demonstrated technical expertise in the broad field of safety and a thorough knowledge of the operational aspects of his/her safety employment.
2. Demonstrated outstanding contributions to the, Chapter or Section, activities, including committee or task force chair, officer, services to members, lecturer at seminars, etc.
3. Leadership in establishment, maintenance, and improvement of technical or Chapter programs in the organization nominee serves or elsewhere.
4. Other personal achievements related to safety and health.

5. Professional contributions to advance the safety profession, such as fostering professional development, public/community services, instructor at educational institutions, involvement in codes and legislation, articles written, work with allied groups, etc.
6. Awards and innovations, including citations, honors, plaques; or new procedures or systems developed.
7. Endorsements by superiors and verifications by associates, in the form of letters on appropriate stationery of the employer, Area Director, where applicable and Regional Vice President.

III. AWARD AND PRESENTATION

The Chapter may choose to present the SPY statue or present some other recognition.

The recipient, if ordered by the Chapter, receives an engraved Bronze statue for presentation at a Chapter meeting.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

Petitions must be submitted in writing by a Professional Member or Member in good standing of their Chapter to the current Chapter Award Committee. (Note: to be nominated for Region SPY after receipt of Chapter SPY it is suggested that nominations be received no later than February 1 to be considered that same year.) Individual members of the chapter and Sections of the chapter may submit a nomination.

The nominee's entire submission should include the following items:

- The completed **nomination form** and/or **letter of endorsement** from the **nominating** member or Section.
- A letter of endorsement from the nominee's immediate employment supervisor. These parts should be one page or less.
- A one to three-page resume of the nominee's professional background.
- A petition that lists in the order obtained the nominees achievements. Word processing guidelines for the petition include: 8 ½ x 11 paper size with type on one side only. (Note: for subsequent nomination to Region SPY this cannot exceed 9 pages.)
- Submit the petition according to guidelines established by the Chapter Awards Committee.

IV. ENDORSEMENTS

Provide endorsements from the candidate's employer (must be candidate's immediate superior as verified by employer) and from those in the candidate's Chapter if possible. For consultants, this factor can be a major or long-term recipient of candidate's services.



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NOMINATION FORM

(Please print or type)

(To be filled out by individual member or Section submitting the name of a nominee for this award)

CANDIDATE'S NAME _____

TITLE _____

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

Briefly describe nominee's current or recent ASSE activities:

(As the sponsoring individual or Section, I/We have reviewed the petition and believe all statements to be accurate, and a faithful reflection of the nominee's safety activities in the Society, for an employer and in the community).

SPONSORING INDIVIDUAL or Section _____

(I the Nominee have reviewed the petition and believe all statements to be accurate, and a faithful reflection of the safety activities in the Society, for an employer and in the community)

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE _____

IF A SPONSOR IS A SECTION, INDICATE SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVES

NAME _____ TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE () _____