Recent Events:  
In the Summer 2015 newsletter we reported that there had been some adjustments to the board positions within the chapter due to Mike Cavanaugh’s announcement that he would not be able to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the president position. The board met and the following list is the outcome of the realignment of board positions:

- President – Steve Danon (photo)
- Vice President – Eric Schermerhorn
- Treasurer – Kimball Kinnersley
- Secretary – Eric Allen
- Delegate – G. Wes Dicken Jr.
- Alternate Delegate – Crystal Anderson
- Newsletter – Kimball Kinnersley
- Foundation & Scholarship Chair – Beth Fye
- Government Affairs Chair – Doris Burns
- Awards & Honors – Beth Fye
- Membership Chair – Bill Banks
- Program Chair – Crystal Anderson
- Communications Chair – Steve Polich

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and into these very important roles. As always, if you’d like more information on our board members, or would like to get in contact with a board member, please visit our website at http://greatplains.asse.org and click on the “About” tab. You can also see an archive of our previous board meeting minutes, as well as current and previous newsletters at the “Files” tab.

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

Kimball Kinnersley, Treasurer/Newsletter

Meetings & Events Highlights:
Our October 23, 2015 member meeting featured an OSHA Update presented by Darwin Craig and Phil Pisasale from OSHA. We had approximately 30 in attendance with a mix of members and non-members. Jeff Funke, OSHA’s new Omaha area director was unable to attend the event due to a scheduling conflict. We are hopeful to have Jeff speak in the future.

Unfortunately, our November 13, 2015 meeting was cancelled due to a lack of registrations. The event was to be about DOT Safety and was scheduled to be an all-day event held at the National Park Service facility on the Omaha riverfront.

Our next event is our Holiday Celebration, to be held on December 11, 2015. We will be featuring Denny Rourke (flyer attached). Denny will be presenting “The Lost Art of Human Memory.” This event will be held at Spezia, 3125 S 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68124.

Upcoming events are as follows:
- Slings & Rigging – 1/8/16
- Controlling Contractor Liability – 2/12/16
- International Nutrition Accident Review – 3/11/16
- Electrical Safety Seminar NFPA 70E – 4/8/16 (all day)

http://greatplains.asse.org/events/ for more details.

The chapter would like to thank all of these speakers and future speakers for their time and invaluable information that they share. We would also like to thank Spezia. They never fail to deliver a fantastic meal with our presentations. The food included in the price of the meeting is a great value and is fantastic!

Please join us soon as one of our upcoming events!
Dennis Rourke is a memory expert. He’s taught sales people and managers at companies as diverse as Boeing Aircraft, Union Pacific, the FBI, and the United States Air Force.

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**ASSE Leadership Conference**

On October 8, 9, & 10, Great Plains board members Bill Banks (Membership Chair) and Kimball Kinnersley (Treasurer) traveled to Oakbrook, IL for the ASSE Leadership Conference. The conference was held at the McDonald’s Campus (Hamburger University).

Anyone who is serving in roles such as (but not limited to) chapter officers are encouraged to attend. You will learn about fulfilling your role as well as enhancing your success in leadership from your volunteer position to your career. Fulfilling an officer position requires leadership skills and a practical working knowledge of your position. Along with learning about your role, and developing leadership skills, you can network with officers from other chapters. You may pick up some tips and strategies to use for your chapter, or share some that other chapters can use.

Thursday was the kick-off of the event and attendees were treated to a reception and dinner at the ASSE headquarters.

Friday featured leadership workshops, skill development, roundtable discussions, and breakout sessions. Attendees learned about the structure and operations of ASSE as an organization. Friday finished with a Region Night Out. Great Plains is a part of Region 5. Chapters from within Region 5 had a wonderful time meeting and networking. Thank you to Diana Stegall, Region 5 Vice President, for hosting a fun night!

Saturday began with a roundtable discussion during breakfast. After breakfast attendees were treated to a presentation by Harry Kraemer on Becoming the Best – Values Based Leadership. Harry is the author of “From Values to Action: The Four Principles of Values-Based Leadership.” Harry was very informative and entertaining.

The Leadership Conference is highly recommended to anyone stepping into a chapter officer role.

**Foundation & Scholarships**

**Did you know...**

...the Great Plains Chapter has a scholarship fund? Through the ASSE Foundation, the Great Plains Chapter offers an annual $1500 scholarship to an area student who is pursuing education in the area of environmental safety & health. The application process runs from September to December. If you were unaware of the scholarship program and missed this year’s deadline, please watch for it next year. We will do our best to remind you.

**Speaking of the ASSE Foundation...**

The Foundation is the charitable arm of the American Society of Safety Engineers, focusing on educational programs that advance the profession we serve, developing tomorrow’s safety leaders, and supporting research to expand the knowledge of the safety community. The ASSE Foundation uses 71% of its money for education, 21% for leadership development, and 8% for research.

You can learn more about the foundation at [http://foundation.asse.org/](http://foundation.asse.org/).

**Awards & Honors -** Please begin to keep in mind potential nominees for our annual Great Plains Chapters Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award coming up in 2016. More information will follow in our Winter and Spring newsletters.

**Final thoughts**

We’re always looking for ideas and input for upcoming meetings for our members. If you have an idea, or if there’s a topic you think would be well received and attended, please let us know. We are here to serve you!