



American Society of Safety Engineers Southwestern Ohio Chapter

News & Meeting Announcement – August, 2016



NOTE: For detailed news, job postings, resource materials and links feel free to visit our website at <http://swohio.asse.org>

August Chapter Meeting – Combustible Dust

On August 9, Chapter President Jonathan Zimmerman spoke on the subject of combustible dust in the workplace. Here he is, in safety orange:



Jonathan covered OSHA's National Emphasis Program, applicable NFPA code provisions, and best practices for handling combustible dust hazards. Woodworking, food and metals industries were highlighted as the top three in terms of combustible dust concerns. **Note: The standards require completion of a formal Dust Hazard Analysis by 2019 at the latest for workplaces with combustible dusts.** See our website for meeting notes and the PowerPoint presentation.

Thanks to members Joseph Blower, Karen LaRue, Sherry Leadbetter, Mark Muse, Scott Mirizzi, Scott Walton, Lori Ridgeway, Brandon Freeman, Jason Newland, Scott McAlpine, Don Chapman and Brad Weber for participating. These members will earn 0.3 Continuing Education Units for attending this meeting, along with those in September and November – but if you missed out, there is good news. We will offer CEUs for attendance at three meetings in 2017 as well. Stay tuned for details!

Upcoming Chapter Activities

Save these dates!

- **September 13** – Medical Marijuana/Drugs in the Workplace by Brad Weber @ Sheakley-*see page 3 for details* [*CEU Eligible*]
- **October 11** – Plant tour of Miller/Coors brewery in Trenton OH, hosted by member Leah Spears
- **November 8** – Update of ANSI B11 Series presented by Stan Brubaker of Liberty Mutual [*CEU Eligible*]
- **December** – Vendor Night, co-hosted with AIHA, date and details to come
- **December 2** – Give Back to The Community Event – a volunteer opportunity for our Chapter to support Ronald McDonald House, *see page 2!*
- **January 10, 2017** – Strategic Planning Meeting: Help the Chapter set its course for 2017 and beyond.
- **February 14** – Virtual Meeting via Webinar, subject TBA
- **March 14** – Lockout Exception, presenter Troy Uahinui
- **April 11** – Construction Leadership by Linda Goldenhar of CPWR

Available to greet attendees at a Chapter meeting, or looking to help in other ways? Contact scm@djj.com for more info.

New Chapter Members

This month we welcome new Chapter members **Ross Gordon** and **Theresa Tompkins**. Ross and Theresa, we look forward to seeing you at upcoming Chapter activities!



Ronald McDonald House - Giving Back to the Community

One important goal of our Chapter is to find tangible ways to support the community in which we live and work. Every year we look for ways to do this through “giving back,” either financially or by volunteering time and energy to worthy programs.



This year we have arranged to sponsor a supper for families staying at The Ronald McDonald House in Cincinnati. Our Chapter will donate to cover the cost of the food, and we also need ten member volunteers to prepare and serve the meal.

WE HOPE YOU WILL VOLUNTEER!

DATE: December 2, 2016 (Friday)

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (4 hours)

PLACE: Ronald McDonald House
350 Erkenbrecher Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45229

CHAPTER DONATION: \$400

PERKS: Further the mission of the Chapter, work with your fellow ASSE members doing something worthwhile and fun, and we get to eat supper too.

The Ronald McDonald House provides a place to stay for out-of-town families whose children are receiving essential medical care at Cincinnati's hospitals. You can read about their “Taste of Hope” meal program at <http://www.rmhcincinnati.org/tasteofhope>.

Please email Secretary Scott McAlpine at scm@dji.com to volunteer, or with any questions about this Giving Back event.

Call for Nominations: Region VII Leadership Opportunities

ASSE is looking for candidates to fill the following roles:

- Region VII Regional Vice President
- Area Director – North (Michigan and northern Ohio)
- Area Director – Central (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia)
- Area Director – South (Tennessee)

These positions are important links in the support and coordination of ASSE Chapter operations in the six states comprising Region VII. Terms are from now until mid-2018 or mid-2019. Candidates must be able to travel for Chapter visits and Regional Operating Committee meetings and be available to perform other duties.

To qualify you must be a professional member in good standing and have served as Chapter President or in another senior leadership position for one year, be available for travel, and hold Chapter membership in the area to be represented.

If you have been looking for an opportunity for service within ASSE, one of these positions might be just what you are looking for! [Nominations are due by September 1.]

For information from Region VII leadership detailing the position duties, applicant requirements and the process for filling the positions, send a request via email to scm@dji.com.





**American Society of Safety Engineers
Southwestern Ohio Chapter
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
11:30 AM—1:00 PM**

“Medical Marijuana: Drugs in the Workplace”

Our speaker, Bradford Weber, has held positions in the health and safety profession for 18 years. He currently is Operations Manager of the Health & Safety Services Consulting Team, a division of Sheakley, with expertise in drug/alcohol awareness and safety team development. To be addressed in this presentation:



- America makes up about 4.5 percent of the world’s population but consumes 60 percent of the world’s production of illegal drugs
- How do physical dependence and psychological addiction differ?
- What is marijuana and where does it come from?
- What are marijuana’s harmful side effects, and what are treatment options?
- Where can we get more information?
- What is the distinction between medical and recreational marijuana?
- Specifics of House Bill 523 for Ohio 2016

Won’t you please join us!

Agenda:	Arrival and Registration	11:15 – 11:30 AM
	Chapter Business	11:30 – 11:45 AM
	Presentation and Tour	11:45 – 12:45 PM
	Q & A and Adjournment	12:45 – 1:00 PM

Location: Sheakley Group of Companies Offices (meet greeter in lobby)
One Sheakley Way, Cincinnati OH 45246

Cost: \$10 for Chapter Members and guests if pre-registered and paid via PayPal (lunch provided - specify for vegetarian option)
\$15 if not pre-registered, paid at the door – no meal

Please register online at <http://swohio.asse.org>



Member Spotlight: Jason Newland

In last month's issue Past President Brad Weber cited our Treasurer and Webmaster, Jason Newland, as an example of perseverance and dedication. Here is a bit more of his story.

Jason received a B.S. in Aviation Technology from Purdue University in 1993, and for the next 18 years worked as an aviation mechanic at Comair. He added safety responsibilities in 2000 when he became a union safety representative for his work group. As time passed Jason's work with the management team led to tangible safety program improvements.

Jason enjoyed working as an airline mechanic but found himself drawn to safety as a career. His interest was personal, due to numerous injuries his father suffered at work, two of which could have ended much worse than they had. Jason saw firsthand how workplace injuries affect a family, and understood the role of safety programs in protecting both workers and the company.

Jason began researching educational programs to change his career. He found one he liked; Eastern Kentucky University's Master's degree program in Safety, Security and Emergency Management. In May 2010, having been out of college for 17 years, Jason took the plunge and enrolled – then found he had his hands full in mastering online systems and tools for researching, reviewing coursework and submitting papers that had not existed when he was last in school.

Jason originally planned to complete his degree in four or five years while he kept working at Comair. This changed when, four months into the ECU degree program, Comair began a downsizing process that reduced their fleet of aircraft by 75 percent. Feeling increased urgency, Jason committed to earn his degree in just two years while continuing to work full-time.

It took a lot of late nights, but in May 2012 Jason completed his degree and officially “retired” from Comair. But that first full-time safety job proved elusive, and Jason continued to support his family with aviation jobs while seeking a safety position – for four years. Despite his busy schedule he joined the Chapter's Executive board and served in a number of positions. At last, persistence paid off and in July he was hired by Honda Manufacturing of Indiana in the Plant Safety Department as Lead Technical Specialist. A core part of his responsibilities will include developing work instructions that pertain to Honda's safety compliance programs and the manufacturing operation. A month into his new career, Jason is really enjoying the experience.

For those considering a career change, Jason suggests making a plan and involving family members who will be affected by that change. He says, “I had the support of my wonderful wife Abby, who was a full time Senior Researcher at Procter & Gamble for the past 15 years. She did double duty for two years, with our daughters' homework and school activities while I was working toward my Master's degree.” Despite the hard work and sacrifices both he and his wife made, he feels it was worthwhile and the change was the right one for his and his family's future.



A Message from Jonathan Zimmerman ASSE SW Ohio President 2016-17

Go For the Gold

With the Olympics just concluding and all of the talk of gold medals and success of our Olympic teams, you may not be aware that ASSE recognizes chapters annually for their performance. Last chapter year the Southwest Ohio Chapter of ASSE was a silver level chapter. Let's celebrate that! However, why stop there? Let's commit to becoming a gold level chapter this year. With your help and a little bit of your time you can help us get there.

Are you good with computers, web pages, and social media? Do you participate in career days, local organizations, or other forms of community outreach that promote safety? Are you interested in being a liaison between our chapter and the student section at the University of Cincinnati? Are you interested filling a leadership role within the chapter or presenting to fellow members on a safety topic? If you answered yes to any of these questions please consider stepping up and volunteering, it will help your professional growth and you will get back much more in return than you put into task.

Just like the Olympic athlete we as safety professionals have put a lot of effort into becoming the best professional we can be, with the ultimate goal of keeping every single person we come in contact with safe. If we are a seasoned professional why not share our knowledge with others or give back to the profession by serving in a leadership capacity within the chapter? If we are new to the safety profession or looking for those continuing education credits why not come to a chapter meeting to learn something new and to network with fellow professionals that we might be able to learn from?

On behalf of workers in Southeast Indiana, Southwest Ohio, and Northern Kentucky I am grateful for everything all of you do to spread the safety message. THANK YOU!!! Let's get that gold medal this year and stand atop the podium and celebrate!

