



American Society of Safety Engineers

Chapter of the Year Petition

Oklahoma City Chapter

2013-2014 Chapter Year

Communication Efforts
Community Support
Leadership and Training

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The ASSE Oklahoma City Chapter is pleased to submit our petition for ASSE 2014 medium Chapter of the Year. We submitted the highlights of our 2014 OKC chapter activities in the areas of communications, community support and leadership to ASSE Chapter Services on August 15, 2014. Our chapter is considered a medium chapter; the June 2014 membership roster identified 428 OKC Chapter members.

Our chapter is comprised of the central Oklahoma City activities as well as the Texoma Section, North central Section and the University of Central Oklahoma Student Section. The 2014 results we achieved were possible due to the continued efforts of our previous chapter officers, our dedicated executive committee and member participation.

The OKC Chapter believes that we have the most active and engaged ASSE Chapter. We focus on offering opportunities for members to connect and grow professionally. Highlights indicated within this report do not capture all the details of our regular chapter meetings, scheduled facility tours, networking that follows ASSE events or the mentoring that is generated through these events or activities held by the executive committee.

The ASSE OKC Chapter is honored to provide this overview of our 2013-2014 chapter year.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Schroeder, CSP
ASSE OKC Chapter President, 2013-2014

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Communications – Example 1: Newsletters

The OKC chapter newsletter is an excellent source of information about the Oklahoma Safety and Health field. During the 2014 ASSE Chapter year we published eleven newsletters filled with details about local events, changing regulations, OSHA updates, member recognition and advertising. Our 2014 newsletter editor, Bill Young (2012 OKC Chapter President), voluntarily dedicated his newsletter drafting expertise to share the ASSE message with our members and colleagues.



The OKC newsletter highlighted local professionals and ASSE UCO students in our monthly spotlight articles. The spotlighted individuals were asked a series of questions to allow them to showcase their background, experience in the safety arena and project a vision for the future of the safety profession. The OKC Chapter began this column in 2010 and to date we have spotlighted 31 ASSE OKC members. This column allows us to highlight stellar ASSE members while encouraging member networking and growth. In October 2013, we highlighted the Texoma Section President, Robert Williams (pictured at left). In the spotlight he shared his perspective on the future of safety: “Programs and systems can be great assets in accident prevention, but it’s the people who make the systems work and truly develop the culture.”

On the worksite, people make decisions to work safely. During 2014, Bill Young included a new safety photo element to the newsletter. The “Safe or Not” photo can be submitted by any ASSE member and elicits the reader to evaluate the scene and determine whether the situation is safe. The photo to the right was submitted by Jesse Hilley, 2014 OKC Secretary, and was featured in the September 2013 newsletter.



OKC Chapter members were notified of the following events or programs through the OKC Chapter newsletter

- OKC Chapter Meetings, Annual Site tours, ASSE training, 2013 Clay Shoot and OKC 2014 PDC
- OK AIHA Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 Conferences
- Oklahoma Safety Council Monthly Leadership Lunch and Breakfast Meetings
- 2014 Oklahoma Safety and Health Conferences
- 2014 National ASSE Conference
- OSHA Safety Stand down for fall prevention

OKC Chapter newsletters were published to our members through monthly emails and were sent two weeks ahead of the chapter meetings. They were also added to our chapter website for easy reference. Visit our chapter website to see all 2014 newsletters: <http://okc.asse.org/files/>

Communications – Example 2: Social Media

The OKC Chapter utilized social media to create interest and relevance during 2014. We created Gmail and YouTube accounts to enable sharing videos with our group. Mark Huddleston (Delegate) and Leslie Stockel (President-Elect) created Facebook and Twitter accounts for posting updates about our activities. We established a LinkedIn group during 2013 and were very active about sharing details of upcoming events.

We contributed to ASSE chapter leadership conversations. The OKC Chapter executive committee also established ground rules for the maintenance and access to ASSE OKC Chapter social media accounts.

We have included screen clippings from our LinkedIn and Twitter sites but to get the whole picture of our online presence, we invite you to click on the accompanying links below and visit all of our sites.



<http://okc.asse.org/>



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<https://plus.google.com/100221904949091408070#100221904949091408070/posts>



<https://www.facebook.com/OKC.ASSE.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/UCO.EHS>



http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2b8Y2B_3IJ6hZJHumBft3g



<https://twitter.com/ASSEOKC>



ASSE OKC PDC is only 2 days away!

Stephanie Schroeder, CSP
Occupational Safety & Health Specialist

Will you be joining us for a great local conference with an amazing keynote, breakout sessions and vendors on Friday, April 11.



The 2013 OKC Chapter Clay Shoot was awesome!

Stephanie Schroeder, CSP
Occupational Safety & Health Specialist

Thanks to the event organizers, sponsors, members and volunteers who made it happen!

What was your favorite part of the event?



[ASSE OKC 2013 Clay Shoot youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASSE_OKC_2013_Clay_Shoot)

The ASSE OKC Chapter hosted our 5th annual sporting clay competition at Silverleaf Shotgun Sports in Guthrie during November 2013. We enjoyed beautiful fall weather and a great location. The event

included a 100 clay shoot competition, concealed...

Communications – Example 3: OKC Chapter notified members of 60 employment opportunities

The ASSE OKC Chapter routinely notified members of employment opportunities during 2014. The chapter officers encouraged employers share local jobs through the OKC chapter websites, social media outlets, newsletters and email or to post jobs at jobs.asse.org. Additionally we sent emails to our members to publish job announcements to them quickly. During 2014 we announced more than 60 jobs. A few examples of jobs posted on the ASSE website and emails to members are attached below.

More job listings can be found at <http://okc.asse.org/jobs/>

Safety and Environmental

Posted Apr 25th, 2014 • North Texas

My Company, Terracon Consultants, Inc., has an opportunity in our North Texas Office for an Environmental/Safety person. The work will initially be for a client in the oil and gas...

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HSE Regional Manager

Posted Apr 25th, 2014 • Oklahoma City, OK

Department: HSE Reports To: HSE Director Division: Cactus Wellhead, LLC FLSA Class: Exempt Approved By: Helen Harris & Marian McNeill Date: 3/28/2014 JOB...

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Safety Consultant

Posted Apr 23rd, 2014 • Oklahoma City, OK

Safety Consultant Location: Field – Oklahoma Salary: \$37,000 – \$45,000 FLSA Classification: Exempt Reports to: Loss Prevention Manager Supervisory Duties: No CompSource is seeking a full-time Safety Consultant. ...

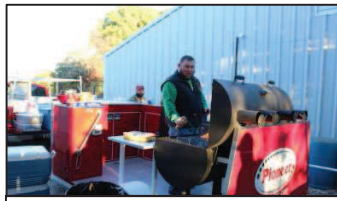
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Community Support – Example 1: 2014 Clay Shoot fundraises & provides networking opportunities

The ASSE OKC Chapter hosted our 5th annual sporting clay competition at Silverleaf Shotgun Sports in Guthrie, Oklahoma, during November 2013. We enjoyed beautiful fall weather and a great location. This fundraising event included a technical briefing about gun safety, Oklahoma concealed carry briefing, 100 clay shoot competition, lunch, raffles and giveaways.



Mark Huddleston and Jim Ross cooked lunch for the event.

The event coordinators Mark Huddleston, Cody Vinyard, Jim Ross and Landon Link managed the details of the event as a team. All of these members have served on the OKC Chapter executive committee. They coordinated 13 event sponsors and in kind donations of lunch, networking breaks and multiple giveaway items. The team set up advertising, speakers, and registration details.

This year the ASSE UCO student section served as volunteers to operate the event registration, serve lunch and coordinate cleanup activities. The students also offered raffle items to support ASSE UCO student functions and raised more than \$500 at the event.



More than 10 ASSE UCO Student section members volunteered.

The sporting clay competition drew eighteen four person teams to compete. Teams were comprised of ASSE members, prospective ASSE members, local clay shooting teams, sponsors and family members. Each team utilized personal protective equipment throughout the event. Each shooting station was also sponsored by an event sponsor. Lunch was prepared by the clay shoot team and enjoyed by all. Following lunch we held a technical briefing, giveaway raffles and the infamous minnow races as fundraisers.



Jim Ross coordinated minnow races for entertainment and fundraising.

The sporting clay event raised more than \$4,500 and fully funded the initial seeding for the ASSE OKC Chapter \$1000 professional development grant. The grant will benefit OKC chapter members indefinitely and will begin distribution in ASSE chapter year 2015.

Associated Social Media

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/groupItem?view=&gid=3982949&type=member&item=5815928649076989953&qid=8129cc8c-dc43-4012-97a0-640fb6560993&trk=groups_items_see_more-0-b-ttl

YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JVKY3W9g9A&feature=player_detailpage

Community Support – Example 2: Collaboration with local groups

The Oklahoma City chapter collaborated with government, professional and charity groups throughout the year to benefit workers in Oklahoma.

The OKC Chapter installed two billboards near local roadways during NAOSH week, May 4-10, 2014. Mike Messner, (2005 Chapter President) has coordinated the installation of the chapter sponsored billboards during NAOSH week for the last five years. We also highlighted the NAOSH week in our April 2014 chapter newsletter and emailed our members on May 7th Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day, to say thanks for all their hard work throughout the year.



We also supported the Oklahoma Community thru the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program for the sixth year. Members provided unwrapped toys during December even though our meeting was cancelled due to icy road conditions. Our dedicated ASSE OKC Member, Danny Thomas, collected toys in the freezing weather to ensure a collection point was provided. More info is available at the USMC Reserve Toys for Tots website <http://okc.toysfortots.org/>

The Oklahoma City Chapter hosted an Alive at 25 class for the family members of our members in March 2014. The Alive at 25 program is focused on young adults between the ages of 15-24. The average age of the students who attended from the OKC Chapter was 16 years old. The purpose of this program was to educate young drivers to adopt safer driving practices, take responsibility for their behavior in various driving situations, and to be aware of peer pressure, environmental distractions, State Graduated Driver's License (GDL) requirements, and driving hazards in general. Students learn about the devastating consequences of practicing risky driving behaviors. For more details on the course visit: <http://www.oksafety.org/aliveat25.php>

The professional members of the OKC Chapter routinely share their knowledge with local professional groups. Five of our OKC Chapter members are on the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Safety Council. <http://www.oksafety.org/aboutus.php> Four OKC Chapter members spoke at the Oklahoma Safety and Health Conference in June 2014. The topics included risk assessments, emergency response, job hazard analysis, introduction to leadership, combustible dust and fall hazard identification.

We supported local professional groups by sponsoring a networking break during the Oklahoma AIHA 2014 Spring conference event. The event provided attendees with the foundational knowledge necessary for being a competent user of 4-Gas/PID portable gas detection instrumentation. <https://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/oklahoma/2014%20Spring%20OKAIHA%20Brochure.pdf>

Finally, during 2014 the OKC Chapter also established the Oklahoma ChapterWISE (Women in Safety Engineering) initiative to focus on women in the safety field. During the 2014 year we held two OKC ChapterWISE meetings, participated in monthly teleconferences and promoted the WISE materials at Chapter Meetings. More details about these efforts can be found at our chapter website: <http://okc.asse.org/sections/women-in-safety-engineering/>

Community Support – Example 3: ASSE OKC Chapter and Tulsa Chapter establish alliance with OSHA

The ASSE OKC Chapter and Tulsa Chapter signed a collaborative agreement during June 2014 with the U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA Oklahoma City Area Office. This alliance will provide ASSE members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect the health and safety of workers. The alliance compels the ASSE Oklahoma Chapters and OSHA to provide training, sharing of information and statistics that will be helpful to our members over the next two years. The Oklahoma City OSHA area office sent a supporting story with some of the alliance signing photos to their national office. When the ceremony is published on the OSHA website it will appear here:

http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/compliance_assistance/index.html

Associated Social Media

YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8u0My6VGj4&feature=youtu.be>

(Alliance referenced at 1:44 minutes)



OSHA and Oklahoma ASSE signed a collaborative alliance at 2014 Oklahoma Safety and Health conference. Pictured from L to R: David Bates, (OSHA Oklahoma Area Director), Stephanie Schroeder (2014 OKC Chapter President), TJ Bennett (2014 Tulsa Chapter President, and Diana Jones (Oklahoma DOL Director)

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Leadership and Training – Example 1: Local conference provides value for members and the Chapter

The Oklahoma City (OKC) Chapter provided quality educational and networking opportunities for our members by conducting a one-day professional development conference (PDC) on April 11, 2014. The PDC was held jointly with a fundraising golf tournament on April 10, 2014. The PDC Chairman, Sean Hickey, CSP, ASSE OKC Chapter President 2012-2013, skillfully managed resources to offer this local conference at the low registration cost of \$80 while raising \$7800 towards the OKC Chapter professional development scholarship.

The 2014 PDC Planning Committee elicited sponsors for the PDC event and received five cash sponsorships by local vendors and in-kind sponsorships of the conference facility, printing of conference material and networking breaks food and beverages. We reserved the venue through a local Technology Center that hosted the event without a fee.

The OKC Chapter PDC provided a keynote and one full day of speakers, which was attended by 63 registrants. We utilized three separate tracks for eight topics which were selected based on member suggestions. The Chapter worked with ASSE to receive IACET authorization to provide 0.6 CEUs for 2014 PDC attendance.

The Chapter also made time for networking breaks between each of the presentations. The OKC Chapter included eleven vendor exhibits at its annual April 2014 PDC (workshops) to help keep its members informed of the products and services available for the protection of people, property, and the environment. Additionally, during 2014, we conducted mock job interviews for the ASSE University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) student section members. The college students were matched with professionals in their field of interest and participated in a resume review and interview session.

During the PDC we also proudly recognized the 2013 OKC Chapter Safety Professional of the Year, Sean Hickey, CSP, and the OKC Chapter UCO Student Scholarship winner, Trey Gallaway.

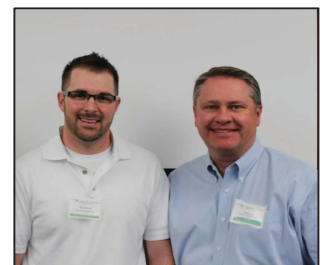
The event registration and schedule are included.



2013 OKC Chapter PDC Committee: From L to R: Jim Ross, Mark Huddleston, Cody Vinyard, Jesse Hilley, Leon Osburn, Stephanie Schroeder, Ed Bugby, Denis Baker(Keynote), Sean Hickey(2014 PDC Chairman), Leslie Stockel, Mike Messner, Bill Young
Not pictured: Brandon Grissom



Jim Ross (right) presented Sean Hickey, CSP, the 2014 OKC Chapter SPY Award.



Robin Lacy (right) recognized Trey Gallaway as the 2014 OKC Chapter scholarship winner.

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Leadership and Training – Example 2: OKC Chapter leaders create a legacy for future leaders

The OKC Chapter has strong support from previous Chapter presidents and executive committee members that provide institutional knowledge to its new leaders. OKC executive committee members serve an average of eight years. This allows new executive members to be mentored by previous executive committee members. The dedication to ASSE demonstrated by these executive committee members also encourages new members. Executive Committee members share lessons learned among the group. Our performance and organization continues to improve.



Chapter Presidents from left to right are: Wayne Shelton (1984), James Heath (1971), Stephanie Schroeder (2014), Dan Forcum (1997), Jerod Moser (2003), Bill Young (2012) and Sean Hickey (2013).

During Christmas 2013, the OKC Chapter honored the history of our chapter during the inaugural “Past President’s” dinner. We invited each of the chapter presidents dating back to 1950 to dinner with the current members. A list of our previous Chapter presidents can be found at <http://okc.asse.org/past-presidents>. At the event we discussed the progress of the chapter throughout the years and rekindled friendships. The earliest president in attendance was James Heath, 1971 OKC ASSE OKC Chapter President.

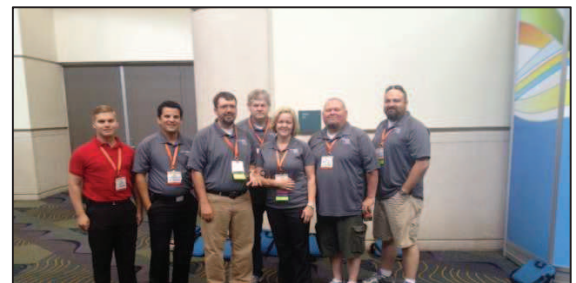
The OKC Chapter earned the ASSE Chapter Star (Gold Level) consecutively since 2008. We again reached the Gold level for our activities during 2013-2014. To ensure continued success, the

Chapter has developed a succession plan that includes officer recruitment and training. The Chapter continually seeks to increase volunteer involvement. We get to know our members by asking them to volunteers on small projects and committees. We also request their attendance as a visitor to our executive committee. For the past two years, we have succeeded in bringing in at least two new Chapter members to the Executive Committee.

During 2013-2014, all OKC chapter officers participated in the ASSE online training modules. Our officers also attend the regional operating conference, regional and national ASSE conferences and student leadership conferences. Leslie Stockel (president elect) and Jesse Hilley (secretary) attended the ASSE Leadership Conference and provided a brief overview of the highlights of their experience at the next executive committee meeting.

During each June chapter meeting we hold an officer installation ceremony using the ASSE officer installation script. Each attending member participates in the installation ceremony.

The OKC Chapter conducts strategic planning each June thru August. During this timeframe our executive committee meets to complete Chapter annual planning. We work together to designate key dates and requirements, key chapter representation opportunities and chapter programming in the areas of communications, leadership & training and community support.



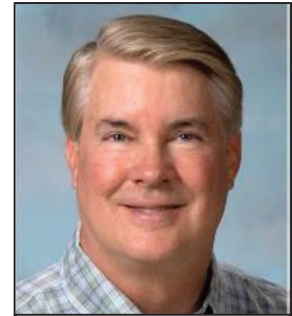
OKC Chapter current, past and future officers attended the 2014 ASSE National PDC Committee together: From L to R: Caleb Phillips (2015 Secretary), Jesse Hilley (2014 Secretary), Sean Hickey (2013 President), Leon Osburn (2007 President), Stephanie Schroeder, (2014 President), Mark Huddleston (2009 President), Jim Ross (2008 President)

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Leadership and Training – Example 3: UCO Student Section

The OKC Chapter supports a local ASSE student section. The University of Central Oklahoma is a vibrant section with year round activities. They hold monthly meetings, networking events, attend the ASSE Student Leadership conference, and coordinate a session during the annual OKC Chapter PDC. During the 2014 year, the UCO Safety and Health degree program had 300 students and the ASSE UCO student chapter maintained about a roster of 60 members.

For the past six years Robert Delano has been the faculty mentor for the UCO student chapter of ASSE. He serves on the OKC Chapter executive board and the student president is also requested to attend each executive committee meeting. He provides consistent leadership and guidance to the student section to encourage growth of the student section. He has worked tirelessly to draft grant proposals to benefit the UCO safety program.



Bob Delano, Associate Professor, University of Central Oklahoma

In October 2013, the OKC Chapter and Tulsa Chapter hosted a joint meeting with all the Oklahoma Universities that provide a Safety and Health degree program. Our speaker, Denis Baker, CSP, provided an invigorating presentation to ASSE students and professional members. Mr. Baker provided advice on first impressions and discussed the right approach for professional yet personnel interactions at the work site. Flogistix, LP sponsored the free meal for the students. This event also served as a fundraiser for the attending students sections. The ASSE UCO Student Section and OSU Students Sections each received \$75 dollars to benefit their programs. During the meeting the students discussed what efforts were productive to garner a job offer, interview techniques and the value of ASSE membership. Students from different colleges were not competitive between each other but functioned in collaboration at the joint meeting. The joint meeting presentation is available at our YouTube channel

http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2b8Y2B_3IJ6hZJHumBft3g



Student Chapter Officers for 2013-14
Left to Right: Abdullah Hassan, Treasurer; Micah Mairs, President; Kaylee Sanner, VP, Allie LaFluer, Secretary, Katie Loken Event Coordinator, Josh Holman, Event Coordinator

Networking events coordinated by the students and the faculty advisors include a “Burger Bash” in the fall and a “Fish Fry” in the spring. These events are heavily attended by UCO students both in and out of the Safety and health major and coordinated by the student chapter. OKC Chapter executive committee members attended both events.

The executive committee also supported the UCO student section this year by funding registration costs for six students to attend the Region II Student Leadership conference.

Associated Social Media

<http://okc.asse.org/sections/uco-student-section/>

<https://www.facebook.com/UCO.EHS>

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