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## AUGUSTA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## May 12th Meeting Best Practices & Elections

Don't miss our next meeting in May where we'll share best practices and vote for our slate of new chapter officers for 2015/2016.

The Best Practices portion will include a presentation on avoiding heat illness and what one organization does to evaluate their own risk management program each year. The floor will be open for general and any other best practices that you may want to share. Please join us for a night of networking and new information.

Our Officer Elections are scheduled too. The slate of Officers is as follows.

Josh Livingston – President  
Eric Moore – VP  
David Beckum – Secretary  
Norm Diebold - Treasurer

Please attend to give your support to these volunteers as they take up the reins for YOUR safety association.

## Tuesday, May 12th, 2015

**5:30pm-7:30pm**

**MANDATORY RSVP** at the website [www.asseaugusta.org](http://www.asseaugusta.org)  
or call the ASSE Voicemail at 706-790-6551 x2773 (ASSE)

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## IH Corner IH History

There has been an awareness of industrial hygiene since antiquity. The environment and its relation to worker health was recognized as early as the fourth century BC when Hippocrates noted lead toxicity in the mining industry. In the first century AD, Pliny the Elder, a Roman scholar, perceived health risks to those working with zinc and sulfur. He devised a face mask made from an animal bladder to protect workers from exposure to dust and lead fumes. In the second century AD, the Greek physician, Galen, accurately described the pathology of lead poisoning and also recognized the hazardous exposures of copper miners to acid mists.

In the Middle Ages, guilds worked at assisting sick workers and their families. In 1556, the German scholar, Agricola, advanced the science of industrial hygiene even further when, in his book *De Re Metallica*, he described the diseases of miners and prescribed preventive measures. The book included suggestions for mine ventilation and worker protection, discussed mining accidents, and described diseases associated with mining occupations such as silicosis.

Industrial hygiene gained further respectability in 1700 when Bernardo Ramazzini, known as the "father of industrial medicine," published in Italy the first comprehensive book on industrial medicine, *De Morbis Artificum Diatriba* (The Diseases of Workmen).

Need a good IH? Give me a call, I know a few.

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## President's Message

Often I'm asked the question, "what project are you working on now?" When asked this amusing-to-me question, my mind races through all of the projects that consume portions of my time and attention. EHS people juggle and rarely have the luxury of working on one project at a time. Admittedly, I'm no different! Having too little focus may rob completed projects of potential excellence. In the environmental, health & safety world achieving "excellence" or not could mean the difference of someone getting hurt. We must achieve greater focus.

Stealing an idea from Greg McKeown, Author of *Essentialism*, I offer this advice. Be focused and focus. In other words, prioritize your projects from most important to least important. Be a focused person on the most important one. On the other hand, allow yourself to focus (optics). Imagine if you woke up in the morning and never focused. You'd walk around burry eyed all day. Not good! Allow yourself to focus on the most important project and with relentless focus (don't get distracted), tackle that project and make it great! Our organizations

On a side note, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as ASSE President for the past two years. Thank you for your support and for the role you play in your organizations. Please join us for our May 12<sup>th</sup> best practices meeting where we'll also vote for our new chapter officers.

Thanks for all you do!  
Rob Loose



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## Quote of the Month

"The truth is incontrovertible. Panic may resent it, ignorance may deride it, malice may distort it, but there it is."

Winston Churchill

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## Call for Speakers

We are seeking nominations, referrals, suggestions, ideas, recommendations, proposals, hints, etc for speakers for the ASSE meetings. Please contact any of the board members with your thoughts!!!

## Newsletter Stuff

If you are not receiving this from [matthew.parker@earthcon.com](mailto:matthew.parker@earthcon.com) please send an email to him to request it.

## Membership Stuff

Ready to join? Don't know how? You can apply online:

<http://www.asse.org/membership/becomeamember.php>

## Next Meetings

The Augusta Chapter does not meet over the summer. The next meeting will be September 8th, 2015 – Topic TBD

## Leading Indicators

The National Safety Council's Campbell Institute has published a new white paper entitled Practical Guide to Leading Indicators: Metrics, Case Studies & Strategies. The white paper debuted at the 2014 NSC Congress & Expo. The institute, which is the NSC center of excellence for environmental, health, and safety management, developed this paper to provide a standardized set of best practices and benchmarks for leading indicators used by Campbell Institute member companies.

The paper contains a matrix of leading indicators that includes their definitions and metrics for how each indicator can be tracked. Case studies are also included showing how leading indicators are being put into practice with member companies.

<http://www.thecampbellinstitute.org/>

## The Georgia Conference

**The 2015 Georgia  
Safety, Health, and Environmental Conference  
will be held**

**September 9-11, 2015**

**at the**

**Savannah Marriott Riverfront  
Savannah, Georgia.**

**The website has been updated and registration is open!!!**

**[www.georgiaconference.org](http://www.georgiaconference.org)**

**Sign Up Now, the hotel filled up last year.**

**Get your room while they are still available.**

## OSHA in Georgia

**Dollar General store allows blocked and locked exits, fire and other hazards, faces more than \$83K in fines.**

**BOWDON, Ga.** – Dollar General Corp. has been cited again by the OSHA, this time for four repeated safety violations found in a December 2014 inspection of the Bowdon store. OSHA initiated the inspection after receiving a complaint and has proposed penalties of \$83,050.

Dollar General stores around the country have received more than 40 [citations](#) after more than 70 OSHA inspections since 2009. The violations typically found include blocked exits and electrical panels and improperly maintained fire extinguishers.

"Dollar General has been repeatedly cited for blocked exits and electrical panels in stores around the country, but we continue to find these hazards. This appears to be an example of a corporation not sharing safety information with all its entities and employees," said OSHA's Atlanta-West Area Office. "The company needs to address these issues at its locations immediately."

Repeated citations were issued for the employer failing to ensure that exit doors were unlocked and exit routes and electrical access panels were not blocked by merchandise, display racks or supplies. Store management also failed to have portable fire extinguishers inspected annually. This employer was previously cited for these same violations in 2014 and 2010.

With headquarters in Goodlettsville, Tennessee, Dollar General is a discount retailer with more than 100,000 employees nationwide. Workers are typically engaged in stocking shelves and selling merchandise.

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## Picture of the Month



**Locksmith Electrician**

## Safety Officer Charged

The San Diego-based company, former safety manager Saul Florez, and Angel Rodriguez, the director of plant operations, were each charged with three felony counts of committing an occupational safety and health violation that caused a death, according to the Los Angeles County district attorney's office. If convicted, Rodriguez and Florez each face up to three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The company could be fined up to \$1.5 million.

On Oct. 11, 2012, Jose Melena, 62, entered a 35-foot oven at the company's Santa Fe Springs plant to make a repair inside the machine, which is used to sterilize thousands of cans of tuna at a time. Unaware that Melena was inside the oven, other plant workers loaded several carts that altogether held about 12,000 pounds of tuna, shut the door and turned on the oven, prosecutors said. Temperatures peaked at around 270 degrees, and Melena cooked to death, prosecutors said. His charred remains were found by another plant worker.

**National Safety STAND-DOWN**  
TO PREVENT FALLS IN CONSTRUCTION  
MAY 4-15, 2015

**Stop Falls Stand-Down**

- Plan a toolbox talk or other safety activity
- Take a break to talk about how to prevent falls
- Provide training for all workers

For more information:  
[www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown](http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown)  
#StandDown4Safety • (800) 321-OSHA (6742)

Logos for OSHA, CDC, TOSH, and Safety Pays, Falls Cost.

## Another Reason to Protect Workers

According to a new report released by OSHA, the costs of workplace injuries are borne primarily by injured workers, their families, and taxpayer-supported components of the social safety net. Changes in state-based workers' compensation insurance programs have made it increasingly difficult for injured workers to receive the full benefits (including adequate wage-replacement payments and coverage for medical expenses) to which they are entitled. Employers now provide only a small percentage (about 20%) of the overall financial cost of workplace injuries and illnesses through workers' compensation. This cost-shift has forced injured workers, their families and taxpayers to subsidize the vast majority of the lost income and medical care costs generated by these conditions. The report presents some data that will make you scratch your head and wrinkle your nose, but it is an interesting discussion. Read it here:

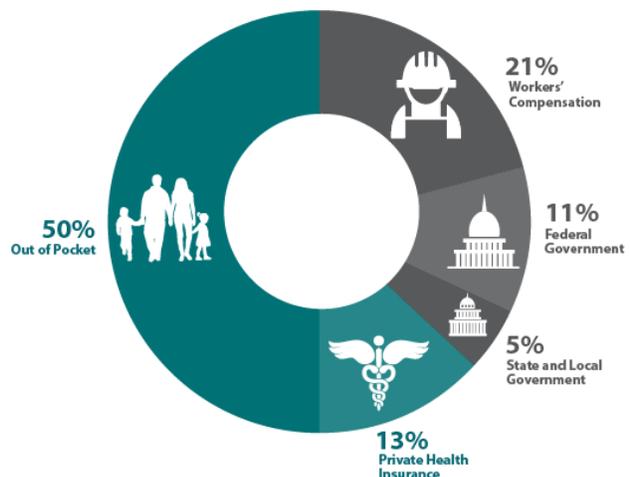
<http://www.dol.gov/osha/report/20150304-inequality.pdf>

## Jobs

<http://jobs.bcsp.org/jobseeker/search/results/state/Georgia/>

Be sure to scroll/click through the entire list, the date ordering does not work correctly.

Who bears the cost of worker injuries?



## Chapter Education Assistance

The Augusta Chapter Educational Assistance Program provides money to individual members for educational assistance in the fields of environmental, safety or health. The money must be used for training, education or certification in these fields. The Chapter will issue annual awards to approved recipients in the amount of \$250 or \$500. The amount and approval will be determined by the Chapter Board of Directors. Any request must be accompanied by a complete and separate application questionnaire. Recipients must be an active member in good standing. Monies will be paid to the institution/organization providing the training or certification. The Application form is provided below

### Request for Financial Award Questionnaire

By completing this questionnaire, I am applying for financial assistance, which may be awarded from the American society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter. I understand this award is to be in the amount of monies to be determined by the American society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter and will be donated once per year. Future awards will be considered by the American Society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter by separate applications.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you an active member of the local ASSE & National ASSE? (*Attend a minimum of five (5) monthly meetings per year*)
2. Are you working in an Environmental, Safety & Health job at this time?
3. Are you pursuing certification or a degree in the Environmental, Safety & Health field?
4. What training/certification or degree are you pursuing?
5. Does your employer pay for any of your educational expenses? How much?
6. What is your current mailing address?

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Please give a brief summary of your immediate and long term goals as related to the profession and professional development.

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8. What institution/organization are you enrolled in for pursuing this certification or degree?

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