

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS PINE BELT CHAPTER



Mission Statement

The Pine Belt chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is a regional association, which provides professional development, a network of practicing safety professionals, and resources for those engaged in the practice or study of safety, health and the environment. The Pine Belt chapter of ASSE provides services to the private and public sector to protect people, property and the environment.



The President's Pen

July 2009

Dear Friends:

I hope all of you are well and enduring this summer's heat. We are well into a new chapter year and hope for another great year!

Please review the May 26, and June 30, 2009 meeting minutes for approval at our Tuesday, 7/28, meeting.

Yours in safety,

Doris A. Kemp

05/26/2009 Minutes

The ASSE monthly meeting was held at the Holiday Inn located at 10 Gateway Drive in Hattiesburg. There were nine members in attendance. Doris Kemp called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Doris started the meeting with a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting seconded by Mark Beisecker. Discussions were regarding National Safety Week and where we want to be in a year.

It is important that each of us make an attempt to invite prospective new members to our monthly meetings and sponsor them on the ASSE Membership Application Form. We need contact information on prospective members so that one of the officers can personally call them and invite them to our meetings.

Doris turned the meeting over to Chad Shook, attorney of the firm Aultman, Tyner, Ruffin and Swetman, Ltd. Located in Hattiesburg, MS. Mr. Shook spoke on the Importance of Workers Compensation in Mississippi stressing the point of using Lexis Nexis as a tool to look up important data regarding workers compensation.

Possible topics for monthly meetings were discussed and some members recommended topics and others volunteered to do presentations. If you would like to suggest topics and possibly do presentations please discuss this with Doris or Hal. Topics include power line safety, emergency response, OSHA, construction (primary responsibility and personal liability where there are a lot of subcontractors).

Next meeting June 30 at the Holiday Inn

Doris ended the meeting at around 1:00 p.m.

(Submitted by Joyce Entrekina, Chapter Treasurer)

Be sure to visit the Pine Belt Chapter's web site:

<http://icce.usm.edu/pbasse/Home.htm>

Pine Belt Chapter of ASSE

06/30/2009 Minutes

The monthly meeting was held at the Holiday Inn located at 10 Gateway Drive in Hattiesburg. There were 6 members in attendance. Doris called the meeting to order shortly after 12:00 noon. She asked Mike Flowers to give the prayer and we ate.

Doris gave a power point presentation entitled "Year End Review" in which she mentioned that in March 2008 our Pine Belt Chapter status was 22 members and that we needed 40 to retain chapter status with national ASSE.

Where do we go from here? How do we get there? These were important questions for us as the Pine Belt Chapter to ask at that time. We discussed officers, meeting times, meeting places, meeting topics, etc. Things that would help our chapter get to where we were benefiting our profession and our chapter membership.

Doris talked about the reports that had to be completed and submitted to National ASSE. She mentioned that it took a lot of effort and work from all our resources to have the good year that we had from March 2008 until now in 2009. We averaged 12 members attending our meetings during that time period, which is as good or better meeting attendance than a lot of much larger chapters.

Now we have 46 members, 2 committee chairs, and were the first chapter in our region to submit our annual reports.

Doris gave out plaques to last year's officers and recognized our officers and committee chairs for 2009-2010. They are as follows: Doris Kemp-President, Hal Walley-VP, Mike Flowers-Secretary, Joyce Entrekina- Treasurer, Mike Moore-Membership Chair, Scott Roberts- Public Relations Chair, and Kelly Tames- Delegate.

Joyce Entrekina talked about how good a job that Doris did last year as our President and she was given a round of applause. Doris mentioned that we needed to keep the momentum going and that this was a real "team effort" and the reason we do what we do is to "Keep Folks Safe". She also mentioned that if we can accomplish in 2009-2010 what we did in 2008-2009 that we again will again have a "good year".

There were a lot of other good comments and ideas mentioned. Doris mentioned that we continually need as much input from our members to have another good year and better serve our membership. She ended the meeting shortly after 1:00 p.m.

(Submitted by Mike Flowers, Chapter Secretary)

May Meeting: Tuesday, 7/28/09

Location: Holiday Inn Restaurant – Hwy

49 Hattiesburg

Time: Noon

Cost: Members --\$12.00 Students --\$6.00