

Bi-Monthly Newsletter 2018-19

August 2018

Presidents Message:

And welcome to the dog days of summer! It has been a hot one, but fall is just around the corner and attending the September PDC out in Skaneateles would be a great way to welcome in the new season. Sign up today. We are still accepting vendor registration if you would like to represent your business there or know anyone who might.

We are looking forward to an informative and fun year with a diverse schedule of events planned out. We are having a dinner meeting or two and even giving a breakfast meeting a try again to accommodate as many members schedules as possible. In line with our meetings we are just finishing up revamping the pay pal account including (hopefully) an option to buy attendance for a years' worth of monthly meeting at a discount. Sorry will not include the PDC.

I have some sad news to report out. After many years of dedicated service our secretary Judy Smith is stepping down. Judy will be missed as an officer by all. I am also at the end of my two-year stint as president and will be leaving that office as well. We have also been lacking for qualified delegates as of late. At the January meeting we will be looking for nominations for officers. At the April meeting we will be voting. So, we hope for feedback from you for some new officer material to keep us moving forward.

Eric

New Members:

Alexander Gifford Nicolas Steinhiser Michael Amore Joshua Bossard Welcome to all new members!

New Jobs Listed:

Safety Specialist – Borg Warner, Ithaca, NY Go to <u>https://cny.assp.org/current-openings/</u> for more info!

EVENTS CALANDER SIGN UP AT HTTPS://CNY.ASSP.ORG/

Sept. 27th, PDC Work Place Crisis The Lodge at Welch Allyn Skaneateles

Oct. 18th , Lunch Meeting Construction site visit. Dig safe office expansion

Nov. 15th Dinner Meeting DOT Regs. Loc. TBD

Dec. 6th Holiday Party Loc. TBD

Jan. 17th. Lunch Meeting OSHA Update Dinosaur B-B-Q

Feb. 21st Lunch Meeting Active Shooter Loc. TBD

March Dig Safe Excavation Seminar. SRS Arena.

April 25th. Breakfast Meeting Waste Water Plant Tour Onondaga WWTP

May 16th WiSH Conf.

June 21st Happy Hour Awards Meeting

FOCUS ON SAFETY – "Basic Lock Out Guidelines"

When it comes to lockout procedures, a shortcut in the process can literally mean the difference between life and death. Long considered an important part of an industrial safety program, lockout procedures protect not only the employees working on a piece of equipment, but also co-workers and others on the premises.

Lockout refers to the specific steps taken to safeguard employees from the unexpected startup of machinery and equipment, or the release of hazardous energy, during setup, service, or repair. To lock out equipment, a lock is placed on the energy source, control, or isolating device. Although specific lockout procedures vary by industry, type of equipment used, and procedures and assigned responsibilities within your plant, there are some basic common guidelines of which employees should be aware.

The following are the critical elements of an effective lockout policy:

• Clearly define when a lockout needs to occur. It's important that there is a clear distinction between normal production operations and instances when a lockout is

needed.

• Identify all potential energy sources. A simple disconnect of the main power switches is not sufficient, as other types of energy may exist, such as hydraulic, electric, thermal, radioactive, pneumatic, gravity, and chemical energy. It's also important to drain, release, or

block any stored energy.
Correctly locate energy isolating devices. To achieve proper equipment isolation, an energy isolating device – such as a circuit breaker, disconnect switch, or gate valve – must be found, tagged, and locked out in the closed position.

• Inform all machine operators of the lockout. A sudden loss of power could be dangerous if workers are not aware of the situation and are still working on the machinery

• Attach locks along with a warning tag indicating the date, purpose, and length of the lockout and who installed the lock. If there are several employees working on a job, each worker should attach his or her own lock to a multiple-locking device.

• Use uniquely keyed locks that come with only one key to ensure that employees cannot remove each others' locks.

• After the lockout procedures have been performed, test the operation of the machinery to ensure that all energy sources have been secured.

• Return locked-out equipment to service only after all start-up procedures established by the organization have been followed. Special attention should be given to make sure all obstructions have been cleared, machine safeguards have been replaced, locks have been removed (in the correct order), and all workers have been notified and are free of the area.

• **Train employees.** Provide technical training to employees authorized to apply locks and tags to equipment and awareness training to those affected by the equipment such as: machine operators, workers in close proximity, and management contacts.

• Conduct an annual review of the lockout program to verify effectiveness.



ASSP Publishes New Wind Turbine Standard

The new ANSI/ASSP A10.21 standard, Safety Requirements for Safe Construction and Demolition of Wind Generation/Turbine Facilities, has been approved by ANSI and is available in the ASSP Store.

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The new ASSP website is on line at- https://www.assp.org/

Other Stuff

Are You Ready for Safe + Sound Week?

Safe + Sound Week is slated for August 13-19. Participate by planning safety focused activities at your workplace.

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Your 2017 -18 CNY ASSP Officer Line Up: President – Eric Fickbohm, V.-President – Glenn Murdock, Secretary - Judy Smith, Treasurer – Jim Flint, Membership Chair – TBD, Member at Large – Jeanette Kinsella, Chapter Delegate – TBD

