Construction Roundtable Meets Bi-monthly

Jason Sisk, Safety Director for Wayne Brothers Inc. in Davidson, NC volunteered to chair the first ever ASSE Tarheel Chapter Construction Roundtable. The first roundtable was held September 22, 2017 and was sponsored by DeWalt, and the topic was understanding the new upcoming crystalline silica standard.

DeWalt demonstrated their new line of dustless power tools. Their current tools come with a variety of attachments that operate in conjunction with their HEPA vacuum. Also, as part of meeting Bob Claiborne, CIH, CSP, demonstrated how to conduct respirable crystalline silica sampling.

The second meeting was November 17th and was sponsored by CTE (formerly Carolina CAT). CTE demonstrated several new technologies they have developed around employee fatigue and the proximity of employees working in blind zones near heavy construction equipment.

The January 19th Construction Roundtable was sponsored by JDF and Associates. They are a manufacturer’s representative for MSA and several other companies. At this roundtable MSA will present current trends in retractable gear, air monitors and hard hats.

The intent of the Construction Roundtable is to provide ASSE member and guest with valuable information and knowledge that they can use to improve safety at their company and the industry. We look forward to valuable learning opportunities in the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 9th and will be held at the offices of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of the Carolinas, the topic is dropped object protection. They are located at 610 Minuet Lane, Charlotte NC.

Blacks in Safety Engineering (BISE) Common Interest Group

Craig Cupil heads the Tarheel chapter Blacks in Safety Engineering (BISE). It is a Common Interest Group and has the established mission of promoting and encouraging the collaboration, interest, recognition and promotion of blacks within the safety profession and within ASSE.

BISE strives to provide networking opportunities; offers a forum through which members can address timely issues, share ideas and exchange information that supports black OSH professionals; provides mentoring opportunities for those
new to the profession, those seeking to grow and those contemplating career moves within OSH; conducts outreach and helps educate black students about career opportunities in OSH; addresses issues of safety and cultural diversity; and support the growth of blacks in the OSH profession by promoting and supporting OSH-related certifications.

Kevin Earp leads Professional Development

Kevin Earp, a past Tarheel chapter president, coordinates ASSE Tarheel Chapter with the Fire & Safety Bowl partnership, the Safety Poster contest, and our annual outing with the Charlotte Knights. (BTW, ask him about his AAA baseball championship ring)

Membership Chair is LaQuandra Jones

The Membership Chair is responsible for all tasks related to Chapter membership. The main goals of the Membership Chair is to recruit new members and engage and retain current members. Activities include:

- Manage recruiting campaigns
- Exhibit at chapter conferences & events
- Identify chapter prospects
- Organize member appreciation (years of membership, volunteers and life events)
- Acknowledge new members
- Facilitate networking

Jennifer Law Heads Women in Safety Engineering (WISE)

The Chapter WISE representative assigned to their local chapter is responsible for coordinating local WISE events. Activities for each chapter vary depending on the representative and WISE members of the chapter.

Key Responsibilities:

- Act as a liaison between WISE and the chapter.
- Attends monthly conference calls with the national chapter WISE team to share ideas about shaping chapter WISE and to share information about activities or events planned/completed at the local level.
- Forward monthly updates, information and key talking points to their chapter members via meetings, emails or website.
- Tracks chapter activities for national recognition or awards.
Tarheel Chapter Officers and Executive Committee Members

President
Dan Deller
Vice President / President-elect
Scott Baranowski
Secretary
Greg Santo
Treasurer
Ted Wilburn
Chapter Communications/Public Relations
Alex Eggleston & Allan Oracion
Women in Safety Engineering
Jennifer Law
Blacks in Safety Engineering
Craig Cupil
Young Safety Professionals
Julianna Jankowski & Shawn McCormick
SPALW
Sergio Franco
Social Media
Open Position
Foundation Liaison
Kulema McKoy
Membership
LaQuandra Jones
Professional Development
Kevin Earp
Public Relations
Open Position
Governmental Affairs
Julian Mercer
Audit
Craig Cupil
Construction Roundtable
Jason Sisk
Webmaster
Dan Collins

All past presidents are members of the executive committee. The committee meets monthly just before the regular monthly meeting.

Kulema McKoy and Dan Collins serve as the Tarheel Chapter Delegates to the ASSE House of Delegates

The Chapter Delegate to the House of Delegates serves as the liaison between the chapter’s members and Society, and represents chapter members’ interests to the House of Delegates, keeps the chapter membership informed on House of Delegates actions and proposed actions, and acts on House of Delegates ballots on behalf of the chapter membership. Kulema McKoy and Dan Collins, both past presidents of the Tarheel Chapter, serve in this capacity.

Key Responsibilities:

- Represent the chapter membership to the Society House of Delegates (HOD) by voting on Society issues and providing feedback from the chapter to the Society on issues related to the profession throughout the chapter year
- Communicate with chapter membership to determine overall chapter viewpoint on Society issues
- Attend the HOD annual meeting in June or appoint a proxy if unable to attend
- Attend chapter general membership and executive committee meetings
ASSE Foundation Liaison for Tarheel Chapter is Kulema McKoy

The Chapter Foundation Liaison ensures that chapter members are aware of opportunities from the ASSE Foundation and facilitates members’ participation in these opportunities. Kulema McKoy is our ASSE Foundation liaison.

Key Responsibilities:

- Act as liaison between the ASSE Foundation and the chapter
- Inform chapter members of Foundation scholarship and professional development grant opportunities and strongly encourages participation in the program
- Coordinate chapter efforts to raise donations for the Foundation either through soliciting/suggesting individual donations and/or organizing chapter events resulting in donations
- Work with Awards & Honors chair to recognize chapter members who have received a scholarship or professional development grant from the Foundation or made a significant contribution to chapter’s support of the Foundation
- Attend chapter general membership and executive committee meetings as needed/requested.

2018 Fire & Life Safety Bowl scheduled for March 18, 2018

Kevin Earp is coordinating the Tarheel Chapter’s participation in the 40th annual Fire and Life Safety Bowl that will be held at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte. It is open to 4th and 5th grade students, and is a fun and exciting safety competition. Students learn an extraordinary amount of safety information that they will use for life and pass along to others. In addition, Cash Prizes, Awards, Food, Games will be awarded. Fun educational activities during competition down time! Sponsors provide over $5000 in prizes.

Recent New and transferring members to Tarheel Chapter

Danny Blanding is joining as a student member...Todd Overpeck is with Enpro Learning System...Megan Plummer is with Lidl Inc...Christopher Russell is with the Town of Mooresville...Lisa Steigerwald is with Lane Construction...Brian Smith joins us from Colonial Pipeline Company. David Jones transferred from the South Carolina chapter, Calvin Smith transferred to the Tarheel Chapter from the Spacecoast chapter. Dustin Wooden is a new member, He is with UTC Aerospace Systems... and finally Christin Anniannis joins us from Ingersoll Rand.

Welcome everyone!