



# ASSE NEWS

Colorado Chapter  
American Society of Safety Engineers  
May 2008

## May Meeting

- DATE:** May 13, 2008
- PLACE:** Garcia's Restaurant  
5050 S. Syracuse St.,  
Denver, CO 80237  
(Location Directions on page 2)
- TIME:** 11:00 am Registration  
11:30 am Lunch  
12:00 pm Program
- COST:** \$17.00 with reservation by 5:00 pm Friday, May 9, 2008  
\$22.00 at the door without a reservation  
Reservations: please e-mail [hmerchant@ehsdocuments.com](mailto:hmerchant@ehsdocuments.com)  
Or call 303-986-1067

## Colorado Legislative Update

With Chris Romer

Come find out what's going on in Colorado from a Legislator's point of view. Chris Romer will talk to us about public and private partnerships currently in development that may make a difference in the lives of many Coloradans, and will update us on transportation issues affecting our state.

Chris Romer has been an investment banker for 23 years specializing in municipal finance for cities and states. He has financed municipal infrastructure totaling over \$10 billion in Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas and Arizona. He is a recognized expert in solving state and local budget problems and in helping to finance construction projects for schools, colleges, hospitals and transportation. He also developed programs to fund student loans and affordable housing. Chris graduated from East High School in 1978 and with honors from Stanford University with a degree in Economics. Chris represents State Senate District 32 and sits on the following committees: Appropriations; Agriculture, Natural Resources & Energy; Finance, Vice-Chair; and State, Veterans & Military Affairs, Vice-Chair



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**NOCO Section Meeting:**

**DATE:** August 5, 2008

**PLACE:** Manno's Grille  
Collindale Golf Course  
1441 E. Horsetooth Rd.  
Ft. Collins, CO 80525

**TIME:** 11:00 am Registration  
11:30 am Lunch  
12:00 pm Program

**COST:** \$20.00 at the door - RSVP needed by 5:00 pm Aug. 1, 2008  
Lunch – TBD  
Reservations: (970) 266-1801 or [clyde.serna@pinnacol.com](mailto:clyde.serna@pinnacol.com)

**TOPIC:**

Keep watching your e-mail for  
upcoming topics from NoCo!!

**Attention All Past Presidents!**

You should have received an invitation recently in your e-mail for this year's Past Presidents Dinner

The correct date is:

**Friday, May 16, 2008**  
(not Saturday!)

If you have questions, or to RSVP, contact  
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2007-2008 President

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**RSVP by May 2, 2008**

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**DIRECTIONS TO  
MEETING  
LOCATIONS**

**Garcia's:** I-25 South to  
Bellevue – east on  
Bellevue to Syracuse  
1 block north

**Manno's:** I-25 north to  
Harmony Road. West to  
Timberline. North on  
Timberline to Horsetooth  
Road (1 mile). West on  
Horsetooth 1 mile – golf  
course on left side of the  
road.





## upcoming events

### **Managed Fall Protection**

Webinar - Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
11am-12:30pm CST

Presented by: Randall Wingfield  
Gravitec Systems Inc.

Z359 Accredited Standards Committee Chairman and Z359.2 Subgroup Chair Randall Wingfield discusses the duties and responsibilities of program participants and implications of the Z359.2-2007 "Minimum Requirements for a Comprehensive Managed Fall Protection Program" standard.

For more information about the conference call or ASSE Teleconferences, please contact Dan McNeill at [dmcneill@asse.org](mailto:dmcneill@asse.org) or 847-768-3437.



## upcoming events

### **Cultural Safety: 4 Clues That Your Organization is Out of Balance**

Webinar - Wednesday, May 28, 2008  
11am-12:30pm CST

Traditional health and safety risk assessments are focused on hazard identification. But what if the hazards are not physical or chemical? What if they are cultural? How can you identify cultural hazards that have a profound affect on safety, productivity, and quality?

Join Rodney Grieve in a virtual classroom session that tackles one of the most elusive workplace safety hazards of them all - cultural pressures!

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**June 9-12, 2008**  
**Las Vegas Convention**  
**Center**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Be part of the largest safety, health and environmental (SH&E) event of the year ... SAFETY 2008! SAFETY 2008 will bring together 6,000 safety professionals and exhibitors in an educational and social environment. Be on top of the latest SH&E news, topics include:

Basic Safety Management  
Overview of regulatory compliance  
Hazard identification and control

Workplace health  
Environment  
Risk management

**It's almost here – join us, won't you?!!**

### **2008 Professional Development Opportunities Close to Denver**

July 13-19, 2008 – St. Louis, MO  
July 21-25, 2008 – San Francisco, CA  
October 13-16, 2008 – Dallas, TX  
November 16-21, 2008 – Scottsdale, AZ

Registration open now at [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org)



## ***DOT Hazmat Trainer Needed!***

A small paper warehousing and distribution company based in the greater Los Angeles area is looking for a DOT Hazmat trainer to train approx. 15 folks in their Denver location. The company is moving into graphic arts supplies, and will soon begin handling and transporting DOT regulated chemicals.

If you can help out, contact:  
**Connie Kolajtowicz, CIH**  
**Paperlinx, Inc.**  
**Tel: 562-698-1199, Ext.206**  
**Email: [cak@paperlinxna.com](mailto:cak@paperlinxna.com)**

### **NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK MAY 4 – 10, 2008**

Due to the efforts of many, millions of people go to and return home safely from work every day. However, in the U.S. alone, 5,840 workers died from on-the-job injuries in 2006 and millions more suffered workplace injuries and illnesses. These can be prevented.

32,000 ASSE SH&E professionals work day in and day out identifying hazards and implanting safety and health advances in all industries and at all workplaces, aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses.

Businesses who have adopted safety into their core business strategy continue to see how safety contributes positively not only to their bottom line, but to the company's brand and reputation and employee and vendor morale.

Workplace safety also contributes to a reduction in health insurance and workers compensation costs and provides a safe working environment for employees and for the community they do business in. Society as a whole benefits when there are fewer accidents and on-the-job injuries increasing everyone's quality of life.

You are one of those who make a difference in people's lives – celebrate your accomplishments and the strides made by your organizations this week!!

From Diane Hurns, ASSE, April 28, 2008 – [dhurns@asse.org](mailto:dhurns@asse.org)

## Job postings:

### **Health & Safety Coordinator (4/9/08)**

Bill Barrett Corp. has a position open for a Health & Safety Coordinator in our Roosevelt, UT or Silt, CO office.

This position requires specific Exploration & Production experience and a solid Health & Safety background that includes experience with oil and gas E&P issues. The position is responsible for all H&S related issues for BBCs operating areas, including, implementing and updating the company and contractor H&S plans and policies, training, audits and inspections of BBC and contract personnel on the job, incident investigation and reporting, safety incentive program.

Position reports to the Denver-based EHS Manager and will require approx. 25-40% travel between operating areas.

Requires: good driving record with valid drivers license, experience as noted, high school degree, advanced education or certification a plus. BBC offers a competitive compensation package with salary and benefits commensurate with experience.

Respond to [sdonato@billbarrettcorp.com](mailto:sdonato@billbarrettcorp.com) with resume and salary history/requirements. No phone calls please.

### **Risk Control Field Manager (4/4/08)**

**Location:** Greenwood Village, CO

**Summary:** Reports to the Regional Director. Manages work assignments for staff in assigned territory, provides input to Regional Director on staff performance and development, and acts as Risk Control liaison to local business partners. Depending on the size of their staff, he/she may deliver risk control services and/or account consultant services to clients in assigned territory. Assists in marketing of insurance products. Provides technical advice and account information to underwriting business partners for risk assessment and analysis. Monitors expenses and provides input on compensation, bonuses, and budgetary matters as well as performance measurements.

#### **Primary Duties:**

- Manages work assignments for assigned staff in managers territory.
- Constructs an individual development plan on a yearly basis for each staff member.
- Conducts co-surveys or survey/file reviews with local staff as required by our formal QA process. Provides regular feedback regarding performance and improvement needs.
- Coordinates training for local staff in conjunction with regional initiatives.
- Completes performance evaluations on each staff member on an annual basis.

- Monitors business partner plans and maintains staffing to meet workload demand.
- Build and maintain productive relationships with underwriting and service teams assigned to CL business, with the broker/agent community, with Claim, with other Risk Control staff, and with clients.
- Provide education and training necessary to keep our business partners current with available RC products and services.
- Conduct or assist with marketing presentations to clients, agents or other outside groups.
- Conduct risk control surveys at client locations to determine potential hazards and risk factors to be considered in underwriting/risk selection.
- Consult with clients on ways to control hazards in order to reduce or prevent losses. Influence clients to implement recommendations.
- Assist with the coordination of large CAG accounts: including getting them in MARS and the development of Service Strategy Development Plans.

#### **Other:**

- Conduct research for underwriters or clients on class of business, operations, OSHA issues, or any other technical subject requiring similar analysis.
- Maintain current knowledge of regulatory environment and emerging safety issues.
- Apply the Safety Management System concepts in helping clients develop ongoing systems for continuous safety improvement.
- Develop and document success stories relating to measurable reductions in loss frequency and/or severity.
- Maintain timely, frequent and relevant communications with the Regional Director.

#### **Major Competencies:**

##### **Business Knowledge:**

- Understands insurance products.
- Knows and understands the business plans for each major marketing business unit.
- Fully understands Risk Control performance standards and business plan.

##### **Technical Expertise:**

- Capable of handling regular all lines assignments generally assigned to a field staff member.
- Has a solid understanding of all lines of insurance (Property, GL, Products, Auto Workers Compensation, etc) their exposures and safety related controls.
- Has mastered all relevant computer systems applications.

## Analytical Skills:

- Applies Safety Management System concepts in helping clients develop systems for continuous safety improvement.
- Analyzes loss information to identify root causes and develop loss sensitive recommendations.
- Analyzes information provided by potential insureds in order to provide a written report to Underwriting that will help them make their decision on pricing and acceptability of a given account.

## Communication:

- Builds open communications with all staff members.
- Makes complex technical information and recommendations understandable and clear to audiences with varied levels of technical knowledge.
- Builds open communications with business partners.
- Takes initiative to keep business partners informed of emerging account issues.
- Influences others to take action on recommendations.
- Listens effectively.

## Customer Service:

- Builds credibility with internal and external customers.
- Creates customer satisfaction by demonstrating the value of loss control services and responding to their needs.
- Balances customer expectations and expense constraints.

## Coaching/Developing:

- Sets example for staff in areas of technical expertise, customer service, and communications.
- Observes deficiencies and developmental needs of staff and provides timely and appropriate feedback and guidance.

## Resource Management:

- Continually assesses workload in light of business priorities; directs own efforts accordingly.
- Identifies methods for improving personal productivity and shares these with staff.
- Makes sound judgments about appropriate service levels for customers.
- Assist the regional director in locating and hiring/replacing personnel.

## Contact:

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Regional Director  
Commerical Risk Control  
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## ***Health, Safety & Environmental Advisor (3/19/08)***

The position is for a project in Snowmass, CO and falls within PCL's Mountain Division of the Denver District. The project has a current value of \$102 million with a projected total value between \$165 million and \$175 million. This is an Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP). Bi-lingual skills are a plus. I have included a link to the web page that contains a description of the position, the requirements, and a brief overview of PCL.

The PCL family of companies is a group of independent construction companies and with an annual volume approaching \$5 billion, ranked the 8th Top US Contractor by ENR. PCL has also been named by FORTUNE as one of The Best 100 Companies to Work For in 2006 and 2007. PCL Construction Services, Inc established an office in Denver in 1976. The US Headquarters office is located in the same building as well.

## ***Safety Director (3/17/08)***

**Employer:** MTech Mechanical Technologies Group - Denver, CO

MTech Mechanical Technologies Group serves the demanding commercial, industrial and service HVAC market. We are a Denver based mechanical contractor with revenues of \$50 million plus seeking an experienced Safety Director to continue and rejuvenate our commitment to safety and loss control. This position includes duties such as developing, maintaining and assisting in implementation of the Company's safety policies and procedures, providing efficient safety related training programs for all employees, performing jobsite inspections and an innovative approach to the reduction of hazards and workplace injuries. Furthermore, the Safety Director will oversee administration of the workers comp program, which includes leading the accident investigation process, working with insurance personnel and ensuring MTech has proper medical providers.

Knowledge and practical experience in construction safety, OSHA regulations and safety program development are highly desired. Safety related degree or equivalent training and experience, 10+ years of construction safety experience including OSHA 30 and/or 500 certification and finally, a proven ability to influence diverse groups of employees.

In return, we will offer you a competitive salary, and benefits, dynamic working environment with a unique culture that allows growth, family balance and career opportunities.

Send resumes to [nathan.miller@imacorp.com](mailto:nathan.miller@imacorp.com). Visit [MTech's website](#).