



# ASSE News

## Colorado Chapter

### September 2009

## Meeting Notices:

### September Chapter Meeting September 8, 2009

- Board Meeting 10:30-11:30am
- Lunch & Learn 11:30am-1:30pm

**Speaker:** Trish Ennis, CSP  
**Subject:** Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!

**Garcia's Mexican Restaurant**  
5050 S. Syracuse St.  
Denver, Colorado.

11:00 a.m. Meeting Registration  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
12:00 p.m. Guest Presentation

**RSVP to:** [hmerchant@ehsdocuments.com](mailto:hmerchant@ehsdocuments.com)

## Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!

This will be an interactive presentation from the perspective of a seasoned safety professional who has spent the past nine months assessing the multifaceted safety challenges within a zoo environment. Challenges discussed will include fall protection over animal habitats, personal protective equipment, and lock out tag out. Every challenge you can think of has an unexpected twist when working in a zoo!

### Trish Ennis, Denver Zoo

Trish is a CSP and has more than 20 years experience in safety and loss control, providing safety services for a number of municipalities, public and private entities, insurance brokers, carriers and construction firms nationwide. She started at Denver Zoo in January 2009 and works closely with all of the zoo's departments to further strengthen safety programs.

### About Denver Zoo

Denver Zoo is home to 3,500 animals representing more than 650 species and is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). AZA is a leader in global wildlife conservation and accreditation by AZA assures that an institution is meeting the highest standards of animal care.

Since 1996, Denver Zoo has been involved in 495 conservation and research projects in 53 countries. In 2008 alone, Denver Zoo was involved in 94 projects in 28 countries on five continents (Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America).

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## Message from the Chapter President:

August 12, 2009

Dear Colorado Chapter Members,

Your 2009/2010 Executive Board has been working this summer on several goals for this new year. Our mission is to get our membership more involved and more active in the events and operations of the chapter. In order to do this, our goals for the year are:

- 1) Finalize the development of our Colorado scholarship and award by April 15, 2010.
- 2) Conduct a phone survey to pinpoint the needs of our members.
- 3) Complete duty checklists for each of our officer positions so turnover is easier.
- 4) Create a process by which accomplishments by our members can be distributed to local news agencies and the Society's publications.

In addition to these yearly goals, we have many things that we will continue to participate in and provide for our members. At the end of August, we will be sending three people to the regional operating conference in Reno, in September we will co-host the Fall Tech Conference, and in October we will send two executive board members to Leadership training in Chicago. I will continue to update you through newsletters, the website, and our monthly meetings. Thank you for your continued support and please don't hesitate to call me with questions or suggestions.

Holli Merchant

ASSE Colorado Chapter President

## Upcoming Education & Professional Development:

**AIHA/ASSE 15<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Technical Conference**  
"Environmental Health & Safety Broadening Our Alliances"  
Arvada Center  
September 16 & 17, 2009  
To register go to [Attendee Registration](#)  
For more information: <http://www.aiha-rms.org/>

### Webinars

[Risk Assessment and Hazard Control - Systems Safety and Process Safety](#)  
Thursday, August 27, 2009 – 11am-12:00pm CDT

[Green Beans & Ice Cream - The Definitive Recipe for Employee Engagement, Motivation and Recognition](#)  
Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 – 11:00am – 12:30pm CDT

[Managing Safety, Productivity and Quality to Increase Profit](#)  
Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 – 11am-12:30pm CDT

[Behavioral Methods for Boosting Hand Safety](#)  
Wednesday, September 23rd, 2009 – 11am-12:30pm CDT

[Changes to the ASSE/ANSI Z117.1 Standard - Safety Requirements for Confined Spaces](#)  
Wednesday, September 30th, 2009 – 11am-12:30pm CDT

## Job Postings:

Check out [www.coloradoasse.org/jobs.php](http://www.coloradoasse.org/jobs.php) for details on local job listings.

Or

Visit [www.nexsteps.org](http://www.nexsteps.org). With just a few clicks of the mouse, job seekers can easily post their resume on Nexsteps for employers to view, and receive automated notifications when jobs are available that match your interests. There is no cost to post your resume or search available positions. Employers can post listings for available positions, search resumes online and setup a resume agent to alert you when new resumes are posted that match your criteria. Job posting prices vary.



## Announcements:

### ***Littleton, Colorado Safety Professional Christine Sullivan Receives Prestigious Award from ASSE***

**LITTLETON, CO** (July 16, 2009) – For her continued support of the occupational safety and health profession and her ongoing effort to protect people, property and the environment, Christine Sullivan, ARM, CSP, of Littleton, CO recently received the prestigious Council on Practices and Standards (CoPS) Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award from the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE).

The CoPS SPY award recognizes achievement of a safety professional in the specialized areas of ASSE's Practice Specialties and pays tribute to their outstanding accomplishments in these areas. Practice Specialties include: academics, construction, consultants, engineering, environmental, fire protection, healthcare, industrial hygiene, international, management, manufacturing, mining, oil & gas, public sector, risk management/insurance (RM/I), and transportation.

Sullivan serves as vice president – risk control services manager at Lockton Companies, LLC in Denver, CO. As an active professional member of ASSE, Sullivan is a member of the Council on Professional Development (CoPD) as well as ASSE's RM/I and Management Practice Specialties. She currently serves as editor for the RM/I Practice Specialty (PS) technical bulletin. Last year, Sullivan received the ASSE RM/I SPY award and also chaired the Professional Development Conference (PDC) committee. She is also a member of the ASSE Colorado Chapter.

CoPS SPY recipients are evaluated within five categories: demonstrated knowledge and expertise; practice specialty/ASSE activities; professional contributions; leadership/management' and endorsement from respective PS leadership. In addition, the CoPS SPY recipient is then nominated by CoPS for ASSE's Edgar Monsanto Queeny SPY the following year.



## New Technical Articles and Compliance Tools:

### NIOSH

- [H1N1 Influenza Virus \(Swine Flu\)](#)
- [NIOSH Offers Interim Guidance for Worker Medical Screening, Hazard Surveillance Pertaining to Engineered Nanoparticles](#)
- [Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards](#)

### OSHA

- [OSHA establishes "Watch List" to strengthen integrity of Outreach Training Program](#)
- [OSHA offers tips on working safely in hot weather](#)
- [Worker Safety and Health Guidance for H1N1 Flu](#)
- [OSHA's new guidance document focuses on mandatory respirator selection provisions added to existing Respiratory Protection standard](#)

### ASSE/ANSI

- [ASSE Safety Tips Archive](#)
- [The Safety Professional Handbook](#)

