



## CENTRAL INDIANA ASSE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

**January 2017**

“Happy New Year Central Indiana!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. For me, it was nice, quiet, and just what was needed to get ready for 2017. The first few months are very busy for the Chapter. First up is the moving of our monthly chapter meetings to Fridays from 11 AM - 1 PM. We have unlimited openings for January 20th where Ben Peetz and Chet Brandon will discuss Prevention of Combustible Dust Events. Reserve your spot today via the chapter website and see you at The Heritage Group office on the north side of Indy. For those of you on the south side of town, mark your calendar for February 17th when we meet at Poe Brothers Cafeteria in Mooresville. Last but not least, our biggest event of the year is the Indiana Safety and Health Conference, February 28, March 1 and 2. Join us for a fun filled educational 3 day event as we celebrate the "Everyday Hero's" of Safety!"

Christina Merriott, CHST – Chapter President  
Central Indiana Chapter ASSE

### **Central Indiana Upcoming Chapter Meetings**

Thanks to all of those who were able to attend our last ASSE Chapter Meeting where we were able to tour a Deep Rock Tunnel. We had a great turn out and hope to see you all this month!

#### **January 20, 2017, 11am-1pm:**

**Topic:** Prevention of Combustible Dust

**Speaker:** Ben Peetz, Nebula Group & Chet Brandon, ATI Physical Therapy

**Location:** Heritage Group - 3719 West 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268

#### **February 17, 2017, 11am-1pm:**

**Topic:** Safety Culture Case Study

**Speaker:** IU Safety Students

**Location:** Poe Brothers Cafeteria; 1280 Old State Road 67 South, Flagstaff Business Park, Mooresville, IN 46158

#### **February 28 - March 2, 2017**

## Indiana Safety and Health Conference

**Location:** Indiana Convention Center, 100 South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46225

**Register Here:** <http://www.insafetyconf.com/registration/>

Indiana Safety and Health Conference



Please join us for the Indiana Safety and Health Conference in Indianapolis, IN February 28 - March 2, 2017!! Information on Keynote Speakers and how to register is below. We look forward to seeing you there!

**To Register:** <http://www.insafetyconf.com/registration/>

## Keynote Speakers



### Opening General Session

**Wednesday, March 1 – 8:15 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Richard Hawk**  
**Making Safety Fun**

Learn how to leverage influence to instill a spirit of fun in your company's safety culture. Richard Hawk, world-renowned expert on making safety fun, uses stories, props, songs and

innovative interactions to share what he's learned from working with hundreds of leaders in all kinds of industries. Audiences can't help but have fun while they discover new ideas they can put into action right away.

### **About Richard Hawk**

Richard Hawk has been in the safety and health field for more than 30 years. He spent 15 of them as a safety professional in the nuclear industry and safety consultant on construction projects. Richard's background also includes theater where he toured with acting companies and wrote a musical which was produced by Emerson College in Boston. His depth of knowledge and extensive experience make for content-rich, behavior-changing learning programs that are truly "fun."

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### **Morning General Session**

**Thursday, March 2 – 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Captain Larry Brudnicki**

**Leadership Secrets from the Perfect Storm: 7 Steps to Making the Right Decision Every Time**

Decision-making is an art, one that can be mastered. In this presentation, learn the seven steps of making the right decision, along with examples of the courage, leadership and teamwork that are necessary to triumph in an uncertain business climate. Through practical lessons learned from Captain Brudnicki's experiences, you will acquire powerful tools to make the correct decisions even in the most difficult of circumstances.

### **About Larry Brudnicki**

Captain Brudnicki commanded the Coast Guard Ship that performed two dramatic rescues during the worst weather in more than 100 years, which became known as "The Perfect Storm" and inspired the book that was on the NY Times best-seller list and the blockbuster movie starring George Clooney.

The Perfect Storm is not an isolated incident. Throughout his 30 year Coast Guard career you could generally find Captain Brudnicki in the wrong place at the right time.

Among Captain Brudnicki's accomplishments:

- He led the team that converted almost all federal buoys and lighthouses to solar power and earned the Coast Guard international recognition
- He was the facilities engineer for President Reagan's Inauguration
- He helped save the federal government from the liability of the \$5 billion cost of the clean-up operation during the EXXON VALDEZ oil spill disaster
- He created an organized counter-drug operation for the Coast Guard in the Pacific Ocean, where he had tactical control of ships and aircraft that seized 150 tons of cocaine, including the ten largest cocaine seizures two years in a row.

Captain Brudnicki was inducted into the Coast Guard Hall of Heroes in 2009.

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## **Governor's Workplace Safety Awards Luncheon Keynote Presentation**



**Thursday, March 2 – 12:00 p.m.**

**Mark Briggs, CSP**

**Safety Management Resources Corporation**

Mark Briggs has a passion for delivering educational and motivational keynote speeches and training sessions, while having a bit of fun and sharing a laugh along the way. He's known for smashing watermelons, tempting participants to snatch a one-hundred dollar bill from a loaded rat trap, and engaging his audience in countless ways, always while delivering an important and unforgettable message.

### **About Mark Briggs**

Mark Briggs co-founded Safety Management Resources Corporation (SMRC) in 1994. He has extensive risk management and safety experience assisting organizations in identifying and

efficiently addressing opportunities for improvement. Mark's clients include those in higher education, general contractors, specialty contractors, manufacturers, the service industries, and the insurance industry.

Mark works successfully with all organizational levels to develop and implement effective safety and risk management programs, ensuring compliance with industry best practices and consensus standards, moving beyond mere compliance with governmental regulations. These efforts are incorporated into the organizational culture at all levels to increase operational effectiveness, eliminate employee injuries and property losses, and continually improve the reputation of the enterprise.

Mark's areas of expertise include strategic planning, the implementation of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) initiatives, providing comprehensive assessments of risk management and safety efforts, development of construction site safety plans, and the development of effective training programs. He also provides expert witness services and has testified in Circuit, State, and Federal Courts throughout the country.

#### **Governor's Workplace Safety Award Application:**

The Governor's Workplace Safety Awards recognize Hoosier workplaces that have made employee safety and health a deep-rooted component of their culture. The awards provide acknowledgment to companies based on outreach and education, innovations and partnerships.

This year, the conference partners are pleased to introduce the Everyday Safety Hero award. The Everyday Safety Hero award category seeks to recognize an individual and his or her contributions, achievements, or impact on Hoosier occupational safety and health in their own workplace. To nominate your Everyday Safety Hero, please use the download and complete that form.

The awards ceremony will be held during the annual Indiana Safety and Health Conference & Expo on March 2, 2017.

Applications for consideration in the 2017 Governor's Workplace Safety Awards must be received by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce by 5:00PM (EST), Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

The application forms are available at <http://www.in.gov/dol/2934.htm>.

#### **70th Anniversary Celebration!!**

All Chapter Members:

Central Indiana ASSE will be hosting a social event this winter to celebrate 70 years as an organization. Please be on the lookout for updates regarding this event. Location & Date TBD.



### **St. Vincent Bike Helmet Initiative:**

Central Indiana ASSE has teamed up with St. Vincent Depaul to deliver several bike helmets to individuals who transport to and from work using a bike on a daily basis. These individuals in the work force will have the continued support of CIASSE and its safety initiative.



### **Indiana University Recognized by BCSP:**

**Congratulations to the Indiana University Safety Program!  
Board of Certified Safety Professional  
Graduate Safety Professional GSP Designation**

"It is with great please that I announce the safety undergraduate degree programs on both the Indiana University Bloomington and Indiana Southeast campuses are now a Qualified Academic Program by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. As a result, upon graduation, can apply

and receive the Graduate Safety Professional Designation (GSP). The GSP designation will substitute for the required Associate Safety Professional (ASP) credential.

The GSP designation is a very prestigious and valuable credential and highlights the rigor and quality of the IU Safety Program. Again, congratulations to the IU Safety Program and thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the program. Since our IU ASSE Student Section Listserv has limited reach, please share this great news with other graduates of the IU Safety Program who may qualify for the GSP designation."

- Kevin Slates, Indiana University

### **Understanding the Graduate Safety Practitioner Program**

The Graduate Safety Practitioner® (GSP®) is an additional path to the CSP available to safety degree graduates from degree programs which meet BCSP Qualified Academic Program (QAP) standards. Those awarded the GSP designation meet the requirement of holding a BCSP approved credential.

### **How to Apply**

<http://www.bcsp.org><http://www.bcsp.org/GSP>.

### **Upcoming CIASSE Elections:**

The Central Indiana Chapter will be holding office elections in 2017. If you or someone you know are interested in running for chapter office, please send your nominations to Vince Plank at [vinceplank@safetymanagementgroup.com](mailto:vinceplank@safetymanagementgroup.com). More details to follow.

### **BCSP News:**

In a recently published article, the Board of Certified Safety Professionals have announced that they plan to move from Champagne, IL to Indianapolis, IN in late 2016. For more information, follow the link below:

<http://www.bcsp.org/About/BCSP-News/artmid/623/articleid/104>

### **Outreach Programs:**

The Central Indiana ASSE Chapter is looking for opportunities to assist or facilitate in community outreach programs. If you or someone you know is interested in partnering with the chapter please contact us at: <http://centralindiana.asse.org/board-member/>

### **Employment News:**

Several new Safety/Health positions and internships have been recently added to the CI ASSE website. To view these current EHS job opportunities, please check out the CI ASSE Website at <http://centralindiana.asse.org/jobs/>

Contact the 2015 – 2017 Board of Directors at <http://centralindiana.asse.org/board-member/>

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