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By James Bifulco, ASSE

## President's message: Safety firms continue to change

The safety profession continues to change. Surprisingly, the safety profession has struggled to be recognized in all areas of business and society as a true profession. As such, legislation has been drafted to require all individuals providing public practice occupational safety and health services in New York State be licensed. Licensed individuals mean that businesses have a reliable means of selecting competent personnel whose credibility is based on an education and experience.

This is significant since each day safety professionals are posed with the question "is this environment safe for the customer and the workers?" As safety professionals it is our job to identify and eliminate potentially hazardous conditions in our society, and where possible, eliminate those hazards so that the public and those coordinating the work remain safe.

The individuals making these potentially life altering decisions need to be educated and qualified professionals. The American Society of Safety Engineers provides a

forum for making the safety professional the best we can be.

I indicated in last month's column that my tenure as president of the metro chapter of the ASSE ends this quarter. My professional career and personal life have been enriched by my association with and the relationships I have gained as a professional member of this organization.

I have had the honor of working with the best safety professionals in the business and I certainly acknowledge their support and professionalism.

In reviewing our accomplishments over the past two years, I'm proud to say that we have had many. Perhaps the single most important contribution we made as an organization was our concerted effort to the rescue and recovery effort at Ground Zero and the countless volunteer hours our members contributed in an ongoing manner.

As a chapter it is our belief that if we increase our volume we would be more apt to be able to make a difference in the field of safety and health. Increasing exposure for the

chapter was indeed accomplished. We generated membership expansion and fostered relationships with local influencers and government officials.

I certainly believe in team efforts, and the metro chapter of the ASSE is a great team. It is because of the dedication and drive of the membership that we were able to reach our goals.

Congratulations to our 2003-2004 slate: Mary Ellen Sacchetti president; Ron Cummings president-elect; Carol van der Poel vice president; Bobbie Athey treasurer; and Carmen Morales-Lopez secretary. I wish you the very best in your leadership, professional and personal endeavors.

Thank you all again for your help and support. I will continue to serve as the legislative affairs committee chair and I look forward to continuing to being very much involved in the metro ASSE chapter and all of its efforts.

**James Bifulco is president of the N.Y. Metropolitan Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers in Staten Island, N.Y.**

### Calendar of Events

June 19 - "Health Care Environment" program  
at 1166 Ave. of Americas

July 17 - Planning Meeting 2003-2004  
at 260 Madison Ave.

### About ASSE

Founded in 1911, The American Society of Safety Engineers is the nation's oldest and largest organization serving the safety, health & environment practitioners. ASSE works up for safety, in industry, government, standards, education, training and professional ethics. And it's no small talk.

Whatever your role, ASSE's expertise, low cost and excellent network of professionals and mental health resources can help you achieve the highest level of safety performance. Better results in the past, better results in the future.

ASSE is not for profit. ASSE's primary purpose is to provide the highest quality and most comprehensive services for its members.

We are a non-profit organization that provides a wide range of services including: professional packages, educational programs and seminars. Our standards, development and research division provides unique opportunities for professional growth and advancement. Our standards, development and research division provides unique opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

We invite you to join ASSE today for the highest level of safety, health and environmental protection. Speak up for safety. Join ASSE today.