



Southern Arizona Chapter ASSE

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NEWS UPDATE

May 2015

SASC - May 19th - 0830

Last year, the Chapter created a student section through the U of A. Well, this year we decided to do something about it. Recently, Chapter board members met with the Student



May 2015 Board Mountain Summit

Section Board Members and on May 1st, the two boards met for a "Summit" (actually held atop Mt. Lemmon) to get the two groups working in tandem and support. The Student Section members are full of ideas and energy which resulted in a very productive meeting. Based on our efforts, we are making changes that we believe will benefit both groups simultaneously. Please read on!!

2015 AWARDS BANQUET

The Annual Awards Banquet has been moved to September. The Location, date and time have yet to be determined. The decision was made for several reasons, including many members being gone for vacation, students already being gone for the summer, and/or many folks being tied up with graduation ceremonies. Moving to September allows us to begin the year with a "bang" and involve students earlier in the semester, before they get caught up in semester end projects. The Safety Professional of the Year and the Community Safety Award will be announced at this meeting.

And, speaking of involving the students, plans for the September Awards Dinner include spotlighting the students to the regular membership in a "Meet and Greet" fashion. The Chapter Board would like to host a 'Meet & Greet' each semester with the 2nd one tentatively for next February.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Plans are in the works for a mirror lab tour and lunch tentatively for October. Lunch meeting times might be adjusted slightly to accommodate student schedules - pay close attention to the web site and notices from the secretary. Our most recent (April 2015) meeting was delayed until 1230 and resulted in the largest gathering in 5 years. Four U of A graduate students were prepared to make presentations on their graduate work projects, however, due to time constraints and numerous questions, only three were able to present. Gilbert Lujan Rivera, Jr., Aislinn Nielsen, and Rietta Wagoner gave very informative



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presentations on mining operations, living conditions at Sonora produce farms, and safety programs at the U of A mirror lab respectively. We will hold Rustin Reed's presentation for another time.



Gilbert Lujan Rivera, Jr.



Aislinn Nielsen



Rietta Wagoner



April Meeting Crowd

CHAPTER/STUDENT SECTION NEEDS

The Chapter and the safety profession needs new blood for a secure future. The formation of the student section is a great start. It is up to the Chapter members to nurture this asset. Other projects are also in the works to aid the Chapter. A basic training program is being developed by members and students together for the orientation of newly assigned safety folks that have no safety background.

The student's needs include access to internships (research projects) and the job market. We are working with a relatively small group of graduate students (10-15) on a normal semester basis. The Chapter Board is committed to assisting in connecting the students to community opportunities. If any members know of any internship opportunities, or if your company has been holding on the back burner a long needed research project, our student section may provide the solution.

Student leadership - the students are definitely interested in our Chapter organization and opportunities and are working towards taking advantage of ASSE programs in student



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leadership development. The students are also interested in changing the section by-laws to aid in leadership continuity between semesters.

SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

May - the May meeting is our regular quarterly SASC meeting at Granite Construction.
Tuesday May 19th - 0830 to noon. <http://southaz.asse.org/events/>

June/July - The Chapter will be closed for the Summer

August - SASC on Tuesday the 18th

September - TBD - the Chapter will be ramping up again with the Awards banquet.