



**Malama O Pa!  
Take care, lest you be hurt!**

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**May 3-9, 2009** The goal of Safety and Health Week is: to focus employers, employees, partners and the public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home and in the community.

NAOSH Week is led by the [Canadian Society of Safety Engineering \(CSSE\)](#) in partnership with the [Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety \(CCOHS\)](#) and [Human Resources and Social Development Canada \(HRSDC\)](#), in concert with the [American Society of Safety Engineers \(ASSE\)](#) and partners in Mexico.

ASSE Hawaii began efforts on Friday with Maui's Mayor Charmaine Tavares who Proclaimed May 6, Safety and Health day on Maui which will be followed up with proclamations all over the state by various leaders.



Left to right: SeaRay Beltran (ASSE), Fred Nakamura (ASSE), Mayor Charmaine Tavares, Jim Newberry (ASSE) and Agnes Hayashi, Deputy Director, Department of Finance, County of Maui.

ASSE Hawaii completed the weeks activities on Friday May 9th with Mayor Mufi Hannemann who Proclaimed May 3-9, Safety and Health week on Oahu.



Left to right: Joaquin Diaz, Rommel Delfino, Howard Hendricks, Jim Newberry, John Ramos, Joanna Clark, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Mary Silva, Dan Vasilash, Craig Shoji, Mark Behrens, Fred Nakamura, Neil Yamamoto, Les Onaka (and Allan Yokoyama - event organizer and photographer - thus not seen, thanks Allan for your grand efforts).

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Excerpts from recent Hawaii Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers press releases

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS  
HAWAII CHAPTER**

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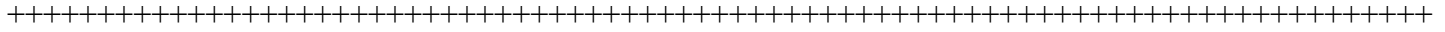
**LOCAL SAFETY ORGANIZATION AND HIOSH SPONSORS ONE-DAY OSHA WORKSHOP**

**Honolulu** – The Hawaii Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), in partnership with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) and the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH), are sponsoring the OSHA Hawaii Workshop 2009 with practical solutions to protect employees from workplace accidents and injuries.

DLIR and HIOSH will also provide outreach education on what their compliance inspectors would review during their scheduled inspections, what you can do to avoid citations and fines, and available resources to assist with meeting the requirements of federal and state laws ....

The OSHA Hawaii Workshop 2009 will be held at the Hale Ikena Fort Shafter on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Interested attendees may visit the chapter’s website at [www.assehawaii.org](http://www.assehawaii.org) or HIOSH’s website at <http://hawaii.gov/labor> for registration information.

Topics ... include HIOSH’s Most Frequently Cited Citations, OSHA’s National Emphasis Program on Lead, Worker Health and Safety in Developing Economics of Asia and many more informative sessions. The keynote speaker will be **Gwen Fujie**, who will present **“Tongue Fu! ® Martial Arts for the Mind and Mouth”**. ...



*For Immediate Release: April 27, 2009*

**LOCAL SAFETY ORGANIZATION OBSERVES  
WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY, APRIL 28, 2009**

*Hawaii Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) joins the Nation and Labor Secretary Solis with paying a silent moment of tribute to working men and women who lost their lives or suffered workplace injuries and illnesses.*

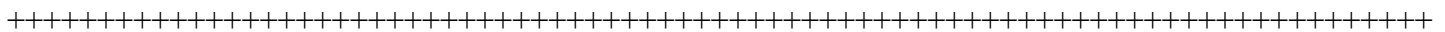
**Honolulu** – The Hawaii Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) will observe a silent moment of tribute on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, as Workers Memorial Day in Hawaii.

Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis is scheduled tomorrow to commemorate men and women who lost their lives on the job during the groundbreaking ceremony for a National Labor College in Silver Spring, Md.

ASSE Hawaii also joins the Hawaii AFL-CIO, the Hawaii Injured Workers Alliance, and the Pacific Resource Partnership with observing the solemn day of reflection to make a recommitment with making our workplaces a safer place to earn a living.

“On this solemn day of reflection, the Hawaii Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers ask all workers, employers, and our island community to remember the working men and women, in Hawaii and across the nation, who have been killed or injured from workplace accidents and illnesses” said Hawaii ASSE Chapter President Neil Yamamoto....

Yamamoto added, “As part of our Society’s mission and commitment to protect people, property, and the environment, today on Workers Memorial Day, let us all recommit our pledge for safer working conditions for all workers.”



**Society Elections**



*American Society of Safety Engineers, 1800 E. Oakton St., Des Plaines, IL 60018*

**MEMO**

**DATE:** April 14, 2009

**TO:** ASSE Board of Directors                      House of Delegates  
Area Directors                                      Chapter Presidents  
Practice Specialty Administrators              Past Presidents

**FROM:** Michael W. Thompson, CSP, Chairman  
2008-2009 Nominations & Elections Committee Chair                      cont...

RE: 2009 SOCIETY ELECTION RESULTS

I am pleased to announce the results of the 2009 Society election. Kenneth W. Wengert, CSP, ARM, Tellers' Committee Chair reported that the results were verified by the committee on April 10, 2009, at Society Headquarters. A total of 7,810 members voted which represented 24.45% of the ballots distributed.

Current President-Elect C. Christopher Patton, CSP will succeed to the office of President. Current Senior Vice President Darryl C. Hill, CSP will succeed to the office of President-Elect. The new Society officers whose terms begin on July 1, 2009 are as follows:

**SOCIETY OFFICES:**

Senior Vice President	Terri S. Norris, CSP, ARM, CSPI
Vice President – Professional Affairs	Thomas F. Cecich, CSP, CIH
Vice President – Professional Development	Patricia M. Ennis, CSP, ARM
Vice President – Region I	Martin P. Jeppeson, CSP, ARM, CHS-V
Vice President – Region III	Gregory L. Smith, CSP
Vice President – Region V	Maribeth A. Anderson
Vice President – Region VII	Stephanie A. Helgerman, CSP

**AREA DIRECTORS:**

Area Director – Region II, Area B	Michael F. Lorenzo CSP
Area Director – Region IV, Louisiana	Brett T. Beoubay, CSP
Area Director – Region IV, South Florida	Tracey O. Linhart
Area Director – Region VIII, Keystone	Kenneth T. Walker, CSP
Area Director – Region VIII, Metropolitan	Nazer Ali, CHMM, CPEA

The newly elected Society officers will be installed at the annual House of Delegates Meeting, Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio, TX.

cc: Nominations & Elections Committee, Tellers Committee

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**TRAINING**

From: Sam Dannaway, Society of Fire Protection Engineers

Subject: Fire Sprinkler Seminar August 12-14 on Maui

The National Fire Sprinkler Association, in partnership with the Maui Fire Department, is holding two separate seminars this August 12-14, 2009 at the Maui Beach Hotel. The first seminar (August 12 & 13) is for fire personnel, architects, engineers and contractors, however, anyone can attend. This two day seminar will concentrate on plan review as stated in NFPA 13 and is a must attend if you look at fire sprinkler plans, design and or layout or do inspections.

The second seminar will be on August 14. It will be a well rounded overview on how to maintain a system and what to look for. This seminar is targeted to those people who must maintain existing systems, condo associations, inspectors, installers or anyone interested in knowing how a fire sprinkler system must be cared for and tested.

Please go to <http://www.nfsa.org/> and see the event schedule. Click on the nfsa address; seminars; One, two, and ½ day training seminars; then ITM for water based fire protection. The application must be sent to the National Fire Sprinkler Association for sign-up. Please contact Captain Val Martin of the Maui Fire Department at (808) 244-9161, if you have any questions.

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**SWINE FLU**

As you are aware, human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection have been identified in the United States and internationally. Investigations are ongoing to determine the source of the infection and to track whether additional people have been infected.

There are several simple preventative actions to help keep ourselves safe from not only swine flu, but seasonal and avian influenza viruses as well:

- Wash your hands often with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose; after using the restroom; and before cooking or eating.
- If unable to wash your hands, alcohol-based hand cleaners can be used as an effective alternative. Instant hand sanitizers are located throughout most DOL facilities.
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and dispose of the tissue immediately in the trash. If tissue is unavailable, cough or sneeze into your upper arm (not into your hand).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- If you or someone at home is sick, stay home and reduce your contact with others. Do not come to work and seek medical attention as soon as possible.
- Avoid contact with individuals who are sick.

In addition, all employees whose responsibilities may bring them into close contact with infected persons (e.g. in hospitals) should take special precautions detailed on <http://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/pandemicflu/>

For more information, visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

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**CHAPTER LUNCHEON**

There will be no chapter luncheon in May due to the Hawaii OSHA workshop.

Unless otherwise noted, the monthly membership meetings will be held at Hale Ikena in Fort Shafter on the third Thursday of each month from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The cost of attending including lunch is \$15.00.

**If you have any suggestions for speakers, please call Neil Yamamoto, President @ 523.6221.**