

# DoD SMCX Making an Impact in ASSE

## *DoD SMCX team members to serve in multiple ASSE roles*

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is the oldest professional safety society and represents more than 37,000 safety, health, and environmental (SH&E) practitioners committed to protecting people, property and the environment. Currently, ASSE has several chapters, sections, and student sections around the globe with members in over 80 countries.

In addition to its chapters and sections, ASSE has eighteen Practice Specialties and four Common Interest Groups (CIGs), each having a Volunteer Advisory Committee. These focus on specific areas or industries within the SH&E fields. Practice Specialty and CIG members fill volunteer committee positions, but the leadership positions in each committee are subject to contested elections among ASSE peers in the field.

Brandon Hody, DoD SMCX Safety & Occupational Health Professional, won the 2017 election to become the Assistant Administrator of the ASSE's Public Sector Practice Specialty (PSPS). As Assistant Administrator, Brandon agrees to serve two years as the assistant, then two years as the Administrator. Brandon is following in the footsteps of Lori Schroth, DoD SMCX Senior Safety & Environmental Professional. Lori won an out-of-turn election three years ago and, effective July 1, became the new PSPS Administrator.



SMCX team members (from far right, Brandon Hody, Dr. Lori Schroth, Chris Chaffin) pose with other members of the ASSE Military Branch and Public Sector at the ASSE Safety 2017 Conference. Image courtesy of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC)

Lori and Brandon will lead the PSPS through the next two years. They plan to work closely with the PSPS's Military Branch to foster information sharing, networking, and communication among professionals working for governmental agencies and facilities. This provides them with opportunities to drive safety and health in the public sector, especially the military.

Additionally, Chris Chaffin, DoD SMCX Principal Safety & Occupational Health Professional, and Becky Bernat, DoD SMCX Safety & Occupational Health Professional, serve as Technical Question Coordinators on the PSPS Volunteer Advisory Committee. While Becky is a new committee member, Lori, Brandon, and Chris have served on the committee for several years, holding a variety of positions. Chris is also a past PSPS Administrator.

Members of the DoD SMCX will continue to have a presence in the ASSE PSPS, positively influencing safety and health in the public sector and military, for years to come!

For additional ASSE PSPS information, as well as other PSPS Volunteer Advisory Committee members, visit: <http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/public-sector/>.

For additional information on the SMCX's services, please visit the SMCX-hosted website at: <https://www.smscx.org/>.