Following are highlights of the webinar / introductory conference call:

I. **Introduction of participants and opening remarks by Global RVP**
   - Ashok welcomed everyone on the call and expressed his desire to work with the chapters as the new Global RVP. Ashok provided the background of global region formation such as ASSE goals, reorganizing of the ASSE structure, and the benefit to global chapters / sections with this development.

II. **Message by ASSE Ambassadors**
   - Ashok welcomed and thanked ASSE Ambassadors Jitu Patel and Rixio Medina for their support to global chapters / sections, they have been extending and requested them to pass their message:
     - Jitu Patel assured of his continuous support to global chapters / sections. He emphasized that the establishment of global region is a step in the right direction by ASSE, which will certainly help in ASSE goal of global outreach.
     - Rixio Medina recalled his memory of working with several ASSE colleagues on ASSE global activities and expressed his satisfaction with the establishment of Global Region. He assured of his support to the recently established Global region.
III. Update by all Global Chapter Presidents / Sections

- **Andhra Pradesh** – Madhu Burra briefed on the recently concluded Chapter anniversary symposium, recalled the year long journey with several member oriented programs and expressed the satisfaction on establishment of Global Region. He mentioned that having a corporate membership would be helpful in the region.

  Recommendation 1: Global RVP to discuss with ASSE – HQ on corporate membership for Global Chapters / Sections.

- **Egypt Chapter** – Mohammad Al- Khalaf mentioned that they are having a success with their technical meetings and is working on the registration of the chapter as a Non-Profit organization with the support of an attorney. The chapter is planning to commemorate the World Safety Day. Ashok requested to keep Global RVP and Steve in their communications on the chapter activities.

  Recommendation 2: To include Global RVP in their Egypt Google Group.

  Recommendation 3: Update on the progress of registration of Chapter in Egypt and request for any support from ASSE-HQ in this regard.

- **India Chapter** – V. Janardhanan briefed on the chapter activities such as monthly calls with EC members, celebrated Road Safety week, proposed to conduct monthly technical webinars and proposing to conduct Chapter PDC in 2016 at Bangalore (tentative) and also working with potential student sections at Bannariamman Engg College. Ashok requested to provide the update on Chapter PDC and assured of required support in this regard as ASSE conducted two PDCs successfully in India. Ashok mentioned of future plans of reviewing / renaming country-based Global Chapters to the State- or City-based Chapters in those countries, on needed basis, for the sake of logistical ease and encouraging the growth with effective attendance and participation.

  Recommendation 4: To update on Chapter PDC plan and any support required from ASSE-HQ will be provided.

- **Kuwait Chapter** – Jignesh Shah briefed on the success of recent chapter PDC with 250 delegates, launched ASSE GCC HSE Excellence Award program to recognize private sector companies and requested Global Region Chapter support for this program. He also mentioned that ASSE –HQ should not endorse conferences in the Region conducted by commercial entities to avoid conflict of interest / potential opportunities for ASSE chapters located in that region.

  Recommendation 5: Global RVP to circulate award program to other global GCC chapters to extend their support.

  Recommendation 6: Endorsement policy of ASSE-HQ to be updated and ensure to avoid conflict of interest to the global chapters / sections prior to endorsement of PDCs being conducted by commercial entities.

- **Maharashtra Chapter** – Rahul Jagtap updated on the anniversary symposium with more than 500 delegates with a special emphasis on driving safety, working at height. He informed that many new dedicated members are willing to join the Executive committee. Considering the establishment of 4 chapters in India,
he expressed that there should not be conflict in membership registrations by these chapters and looking for ways to have a better coordination with all the India ASSE Chapters.

Recommendation 7: ASSE-HQ to develop guidelines to India Chapters and assign any new members to the nearest chapter located in India for better co-ordination and support.

- **Nigeria Chapter:** Jitu Patel and Ashok briefed on the upcoming PDC by Nigeria Chapter and requested all global chapters / sections support this event.

Recommendation 8: Jitu Patel and Ashok to provide more information on Nigeria Chapter PDC to all global chapters with inputs from Nigeria Chapter.

- **Telangana Chapter** – Madhu NC briefed that they had great success with anniversary event with a participation of more than 500 student members. He expressed a concern of unemployment by engineering graduates and proposing to guide / mentors them to take up HSE courses. He also informed that their newsletters and is getting over 20,000 hits. Ashok suggested to engage Mr. Rixio Medina in developing courses for engineering graduates and also recommended to include ASSE-Telangana Chapter website with she express site.

Recommendation 9 : Telangana Chapter to communicate with Rixio Medina on the development of specific HSE courses / usage of existing HSE certification programs to suit local needs of the industry.

Recommendation 10: To work with ASSE Chapter webhosting to integrate ASSE TC website and SHE Express website to have a wider outreach.

IV. Global Region SPY Award (Safety Professional of the Year) announcement by Global RVP

- Ashok announced the Global Region SPY in line with the ASSE recognition programs and requested that they can nominate suitable candidates for the global region Safety Professional of the Year award. The information is here: [http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/awards/regional-spy-winners/](http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs/awards/regional-spy-winners/) The Deadline will be extended to March 1 for the global chapters. He also requested ASSE Ambassadors to be part of the judging panel for review of these awards.

Recommendation 11: Global RVP to circulate the Global Region SPY guidelines to all global chapters / sections.

- Ashok mentioned the global region will be getting its own website. He circulated the proposed designs for all Global chapters / sections and he received a suggestion from ASSE Telangana Chapter President for Design 8.

Recommendation 12: Global RVP to communicate ASSE- HQ on the design selection and develop a draft website in consultation with global chapters /sections

V. ASSE Staff Update

Steve Hansen reviewed the new Officer Central at [www.asse.org/oc](http://www.asse.org/oc) and reviewed a few important highlights including upcoming deadlines for elections. Steve also recommended the chapters send someone to the ASSE Leadership Conference which will be October 13-15, 2016.

Yassie Dunn thanked all global chapter leaders for their dedication and support in ASSE mission and she expressed her support by all means. She mentioned about the upcoming PDC in Nigeria.
Recommendation 12: All global chapters / sections to establish a Nomination Committee and complete election process by May 31, 2016. Steve to guide / provide required inputs to all Global Chapters / sections in this regard.

VI. Conclusion Remarks
Ashok mentioned he would be part of a strategy meeting that will outline next steps for the global region and requested ideas / inputs / recommendations from global chapters / sections. He will schedule the next conference call after that. Ashok thanked everyone for their participation and support.

Recommendation 13: All Global Chapters / Sections / ASSE Ambassadors / ASSE India National facilitator to provide their inputs / concerns / expectations etc from ASSE – HQ to consider & incorporate them in the Global Region strategy map.

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