



HAVE YOU EVER HAD A PROBLEM WORKING WITH CSA?

The PSES was originally formed in Cupertino, California by Rich Pescatore of Hewlett Packard in 1985. The group was first known as the CSA Users' Group (CSAUG).

Rich and others had trouble with CSA making demands that were inconsistent with what UL and other organizations were requiring and needed a way to get their attention.

Founding members included engineers from HP, Apple Computers, Tandem Computers and Applied Materials.

The Society has gone through many variations in its existence. In 2004, the IEEE Technical Advisory Board granted the PSES formal Society Status. This was the work of nearly 20 years by a core group of dedicated individuals, most of whom are still key players in the organization.

YOU NEED THE PRODUCT SAFETY ENGINEERING SOCIETY!



PSES was formed around these core ideas:

1. Turning an unsatisfactory situation with CSA into a positive one.
2. Becoming a valuable resource for information and advice on product safety when none had existed, especially with the numerous non-harmonized safety standards in use at the time.
3. Providing a newsletter to help fellow engineers learn about safety issues, technical problems, and to provide solutions.
4. Increasing communication between engineers (both industry and agencies) involved with product safety for better and more consistent application of the requirements.
5. Giving product safety engineers a place to meet other engineers with similar professional interests.

The society has evolved enormously since then, and now provides communication and education for product safety engineering professionals in all product areas. As of May, 2007, the Society had 561 members in 39 countries worldwide. Nearly every industry sector is represented in our membership.



PSES has ONE chapter in Canada - in Vancouver.

CSA is based in Toronto, as are most of the other big regulatory bodies.

Ontario is the industrial heartland of Canada - we need a chapter here to reflect the needs of the majority of engineers developing new products and technologies here.

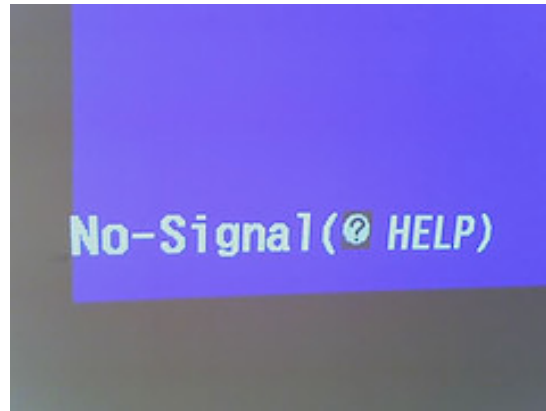
We need more chapters in each of the other Canadian Provinces to reflect the technical diversity of Canada. PSES is now the fastest growing IEEE Society in the history of the organization. It's also the first Society formed virtually!

If you develop products and care about the safety of your customers, you need to become a member of the PSES!

If you are responsible for the regulatory compliance of your company's products, you need to become a member of the PSES!

If you work for a regulatory body or a government ministry that is involved in worker or citizen product safety, you need to become a member of the PSES!

WE NEED YOUR HELP.



PSES wants to form a Chapter in Ontario, and I need 12 members to make it work. Join now to be a founding member of the Ontario Chapter of this important society!

So far the efforts made through my personal connections have yielded nothing. 12 members is not a huge goal to achieve. There are almost that many people here.

**WE ARE
HOSTING THE
2009 PSES
SYMPOSIUM IN
TORONTO.**



This is the first time that the PSES BoD has ventured across the border. We need to be able to show them that we are ready, willing and able to make a world-class event happen!

I need volunteers to form a pre-committee that will be responsible for doing some of the leg-work necessary to get the show off the ground. I'm hoping that I can find them here, or from this Section.

Any Section providing volunteers will get special mention at the Symposium. This is also an opportunity to recruit new members and to re-energize old ones.

HELP IGNITE THE FIRE



Join the Society and sign the petition to start a new chapter

Volunteer to help organize the symposium.

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