Summer 2018 Newsletter

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Greetings fellow ASSP members!

The 2017-2018 term year was one filled with challenges and change. Bernice Johnson Reagon said “Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you; they're supposed to help you discover who you are,” and I believe that captures our journey last year. As a first-time chapter president, there were many days I prayed for God to give me the strength and wisdom to make it through the storm and do right by all of you. Many of our members lost their homes, jobs, friends and family members, and we lost our home at Brady’s Landing. It was a rough year.

“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.” – Joshua J. Marine

Last year may have been rough, but the challenges we faced brought out the best from our members and made us try new things. We stood together and rose above every trial and tribulation, and have used the learnings from it all to help make our Chapter stronger than ever before. Thanks to the efforts of many of our members and supporters, we actually achieved ASSP’s “Platinum” chapter status for the first time ever. This is a huge accomplishment considering everything that happened last year and was made possible by the commitment from our members and the necessity to operate outside of our comfort zone to persevere. Many positive outcomes resulted, including:

• Offering assistance to our members and communities during and after Hurricane Harvey.
• Hosting webinars to reach members who cannot attend physical meetings.
• The reinvigoration of our North Section.
• Hosting a speed networking event.
• Awarding $7,500 in grants and scholarships to our members and their families.
• Becoming more connected with our chapter and student sections.
• Finding a new home!

Yes, you read that right, we have a new home! The Marriott South at Hobby is more centrally located, easy to get to, is focused on providing us the best experience possible and matched our costs from Brady’s Landing. As a result, we have signed a contract to meet at the Marriott through the end of 2019. Comments about our new location have been extremely positive: “The location and food is great,” “I love the new location, it’s so much nicer than Brady’s,” and many more. I hope you will join us for future meetings and judge for yourself.

I feel incredibly blessed to have been your President last year, and I am humbled and honored to continue serving you this year. As you will see in this Newsletter, the ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter, Sections, and Partners have many exciting events planned for this year to continue improving value for you. A few things to look forward to this year include:

• Introducing our name change to “American Society of Safety Professionals”
• Exciting meeting lineup, and networking events
• Opportunity to earn CEUs
• Educate our youth initiative
• Safe + Sound Week
• Sporting Shoot Fund-raiser
• Region III PDC
• Future Leaders Conference

Your thoughts are essential to our continuous improvement, so please contact us (info@gulfcoast.asse.org) to share any concerns and ideas, or if you would like to volunteer to help us on this exciting journey.

It is a real honor serving as your president this year!

Thank you,
Tabitha A. Laser, CSP
Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award

Gulf Coast Chapter SPY

William Gonzales

2018 ASSE Society Blacks in Safety Excellence SPY

Krystle Hodge, CSP

Member Get-a-Member Campaign

Alfred “Freddy” Sustaita Jr.
Program Director, EHST
San Jacinto College
2017-2018 President’s Award Recipients

“We must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

- Former U.S. President John F. Kennedy

Scholarship & Grant Recipients

Professional Education Grants

• Jackie Bowers - EHS Manager, Electrical Systems & Instrumentation
• Alyssa Duncan - Sr. EHS Representative, Linn Energy
• Terry Pena - Safety Manager, EMS Energy Solutions, LLC

Past President’s Scholarships

• Eric Ball - BS, Occupational Safety & Health Management, Grand Valley State University (MI)
• Dakota Guzler - BS, Fire Protection & Safety Engineering Technology, Oklahoma State University - Stillwater (OK)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2017-2018 AWARDS AND HONOR RECIPIENTS!
Greater Houston Science & Engineering Fair Scholarship Winner

Joshua Bickham, Friendswood High School

- **Project:** “Vicious Vapors: The Effects of Secondhand E-Cigarette Smoke”
- **Hypothesis** - While the effects of secondhand smoke from traditional cigarettes has been well established, this newer form of “healthier” nicotine intake has not been well researched.

ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter 2018-2019 Office

**President**
Tabitha Laser, CSP

**Sr. Vice President of Communications**
Jovan Lora, CSP, OHST

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James Charo

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Jessica Good, GSP, ASHM

**Student Liaison**
Magdy Akladios, PhD, PE, CSP, CPE, CSHM

**Networking & Sponsor Chair**
Jeron Quincy, CSP
ASSP Common Interest Groups Updates

Blacks in Safety Excellence (BISE):
Advances all people of color in the OSH profession through professional development, networking, collaboration and education.

Women in Safety Excellence (WISE):
Addresses issues specific to women OSH professionals – helping tackle the specific workplace and industry challenges that women face, in order to advance their careers and gain leadership positions within the OSH profession.

- The Gulf Coast Chapter has received emails to re-establish the Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) group. If you are interested in participating in the group, please email the executive team with your contact information. This is an excellent opportunity to strengthen the WISE group.

Hispanic Safety Professionals:
Advances Hispanics and Latinos in the OSH profession through professional development, networking and collaboration.

Young Professionals in Occupational Safety and Health:
Identifies, develops and connects young leaders who possess a passion to expand their knowledge and promote the OSH profession to sustain ASSP and advance the industry as a whole.

Not receiving Chapter emails?
Please review the two most common issues found. Follow suggestions below to start receiving Chapter emails.

1. **Do not email list:** Please confirm you have not been placed on the “Do not email” list by logging in to www.assp.org and ensuring you have “Include in Web/Mobile Directory” selected, and that all of your contact information is current.

2. **Emails blocked by your computer/company settings:** Please go to the link below for instructions to ensure Chapter emails can get through to you.
Volunteers/Assistance Needed:
- Members to assist with our Call a Member Campaign
- Members to audit our financials
- Members to assist plan social events

Contact us if you are interested in any of the above

Region III PDC:
The 2018 Region III ASSP PDC to view topics that were covered.

Future Leaders Conference:
- The 2018 Future Safety Leaders Conference will be held Nov. 8-9, 2018, at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook in Oak Brook, IL.
- Follow the above hyper-link for registration details and further information about the conference.

Interested in being a vendor at the Monthly Chapter Meeting?

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Benefits
- Recognition during the Meeting “Kick Off”
- 5 min presentation on your services/products
- 2 table spaces in the meeting room
- Display logo on Signage

Benefits
- Limited to first 3 Vendors
- Recognition during the Meeting “Kick Off”
- 1 table space in the meeting room per vendor
- Display logo

Please Contact us, if you are interested in becoming a vendor at one of our monthly Chapter meetings.
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Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Gulf Coast Chapter Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

REGISTER EARLY FOR EVENTS AND RECEIVE A DISCOUNT!
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS! www.gulfcoast.assp.org

2018-2019 Calendar

2018

September 6  Health & Safety Lessons from Other Public Health Professions (Dr. Robert "Safety Bob" Emery)
October 11  EHS Challenges & Learnings Executive Panel (EHS, Operations, Regulatory & Legal)
November 8  challenges in renewable energy (Prashant Krishnan, PE)
December 6  Holiday Social (Dave & Busters)

2019

January 10  Drugs in the Workplace & New Trends to be aware of" (Margaret Gilbert) NIOSH H&S
February 7  Learnings from Hurricane (Harvey, Dr. Scott Ward)
March 7  Vendor and Networking Night
April 4  Modern Day Ergonomics (Andy Muttamer, CPE)
May 2  Awards & Honors Meeting (Will be bringing in a big-name speaker... stay tuned!)
June 6  Webinar for CEUs (topic tbd) &  Speed Networking Event
July & August  Summer Break / No Meetings
September 5  Technology Discussion Panel (EHS, Operations, Technology & Legal)
October 3  Legal Review (Adele Abrams) WISE sponsored event
November 7  Eye Spy Hazards (Sarah Anderson)
December 5  Holiday Social (Dave & Buster)

North Section upcoming meeting:

September 20th:  Professional Development Topic: "The 7 Insights into Safety Leadership". Practical, real-world

lessons learned about how to interact, and more importantly engage, with all levels of the
organization, from the line level employee to the C-Suite. We all know that a strong safety culture
is central to safety performance excellence. Achieving that goal is the challenge. “The 7 Insights
into Safety Leadership” are the most essential strategies needed to influence your organization
and improve safety performance.

Speaker:  Laura Fiffick - Krause Bell Group
Location:  Pallotta’s Italian Grill, 27606 Interstate 45, Oak Ridge North, TX 77385
Meeting timeline:  11 AM Sign In/Networking
11:30 Lunch Served
12PM Start Presentation
1PM End Presentation
Cost:  $25.00 Member/Non-Member
$0.00 Student/Unemployed
In the News:

ASSP:
• ASSP President Rixio Medina: A Change in Name, A Change in the Game
• Safety 2018 Attendance and Exposition Were Largest Ever
• New ASSP App Brings Virtual Reality to Fall Protection Training

Technical:
• A Quick Guide to Combustible Dust Cleaning and Compliance: Top Ten Safety Issues for Small to Mid-Size Contractors “Real or Imagined” By John Meola, CSP, ARM, Safety Director (Pillar Inc)

ASSE is now ASSP to reflect the diverse disciplines that make up the vibrant safety community.

It's official! Effective June 1, 2018, ASSE officially changed their name to the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP). This important change reflects the organization’s representation of the many disciplines and roles of today’s safety professional. It also helps to make the organization more inclusive, providing a stronger platform for continuing to provide educational opportunities, lead in the development of standards, and be an advocate for the occupational safety and health profession.

We are a community of safety professionals. The new name tells the world who we are, what we do, and why it matters. Check out the new ASSP Society website at www.assp.org and your very own Gulf Coast Chapter's new website at https://gulfcoast.assp.org/. Many thanks to all who helped make this transition happen. Welcome to ASSP!

Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP)

If you recently passed any Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) exams, email us, so proper acknowledgments and congratulations can be given on your achievement.

Certified Safety Professional (CSP):
• Timothy D. Read, PhD - Passed exam on July 30, 2018
ASSP Practice Specialties

ASSP practice specialty communities provide a dedicated focus on technical insight across a wide range of safety disciplines:

- Academics
- Ergonomics
- Management
- Risk Management / Insurance
- Consultants
- Fire Protection
- Manufacturing
- Training & Communications
- Construction
- Healthcare
- Military (branch)
- Transportation
- Engineering
- Industrial Hygiene
- Oil, Gas, Mining & Mineral Resources
- Utilities
- Environmental
- International
- Public Sector
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If you are interested in participating or joining any of the ASSP Practice Specialties groups, email us or visit the ASSP website for details on how to join.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to dedicated members that helps ensure our strong membership and keep employees safe in their everyday work.

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Instructors: Professors with safety expertise and years of professional experience.

- Dr. Magdy Akladios, PhD, PE, CSP, CPE, CSHM
- Dr. Robert Phalen, PhD, CIH

Benefits of attending

1. Free training from qualified experts
2. Be able to train workers and future new hires
3. Free training materials and assistance with future trainings
4. Improve safety and reduce costly falls
5. Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance following one observed training

Register at [http://www.eventzilla.net/user/UHCL](http://www.eventzilla.net/user/UHCL) or contact Robert Phalen for additional dates at (281) 283-3753 / [phalen@uhcl.edu](mailto:phalen@uhcl.edu)
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Center for Risk Management

September 7, 2018 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM -

Introduction to the Department of Homeland Security Chemical Anti-Terrorism Standard

This course will discuss: recognizing chemicals of interest; developing a compliance plan; interacting with DHS; adherence to common requirements to comply; costs and budgeting.

Course will be taught by Leslie McGaha.

Contact: SeAlice Hemphill at 409-933-8365 for more information

Registration Form
Course sponsored by Texas Mutual Insurance

September 21, 2018 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The Art of Conflict Resolution

This course will discuss: effective communication strategies, understand how to resolve conflicts more effectively and discover how biases, assumptions, perceptions and opinions not based in reality causes conflict.

Course will be taught by Peter Harrell.

Contact: SeAlice Hemphill at 409-933-8365 for more information

Registration Form
Course sponsored by Texas Mutual Insurance

To Register for any Risk Management Class:

Contact SeAlice Hemphill, Program Assistant, at 409-933-8365 or download and print the registration form. Form can be returned by fax to 409-933-8027 or emailed to riskmanagement@com.edu.

(Note: Form opens best in Internet Explorer or Safari)