



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



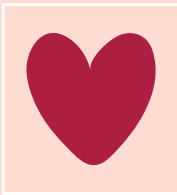
UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st Thursday of every Month- Battleground, Deer Park
- Call for nominations
- Nomination form
- Grants and Scholarships
- Clear Values
- Membership
- 2025 PDC
- Government Affairs

The 2026 Election Is Upon Us!

Call for

NOMINATIONS



ASSP AWARDS

CHAPTER SPY AWARD DUE - FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025

REGION III SPY - APRIL 1ST, 2025 SUBMISSION DEADLINE

PRESIDENTS AWARD DUE - APRIL 15TH 2025

REGION III HONORS HALL OF FAME (HOF)- APRIL 1ST, 2025

SOCIETY SPY AWARD- NOVEMBER 1ST 2025
(ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION COMING SOON)

[Click here for SPY application](#)

Email application to GCCupdates@gulfcoast.assp.org

The 2026 Election Is Upon Us!

This year, the Nominating and Election Committee is being chaired by Jeron Quincy, M.S., CSP. Additional Committee Members will include Carrie Atkins and Dustin Hickey, CSP, CRSP, CMIOSH, CMQ/OE

Here's the Scoop:

It's your moment to shine! We have openings for:

- **Sr. VP of Communications / Advisory Group Member #2**
- **VP of Member Services / Advisory Group Member #3**
- **Secretary / Advisory Group Member #4**
- **Program Chair / Advisory Group Member #6**
- **Newsletter Chair / Advisory Group Member #7**
- **Student Liaison Chair / Advisory Group Member #8**

Justin Hickey, Chapter President, and Bradley Spratt, Chapter Treasurer, will continue in their roles for another year, serving their second year in their two-year term

What's Next?

Complete The Nomination Form in this newsletter. All nominations must be in by the close of business on Monday, February 3, 2025.

You'll receive an email with the complete ballot before the end of February to see if there will be some friendly competition for the positions. The names and qualifications of nominees will be communicated to the membership in the April Chapter newsletter.

How Is The Election Conducted?

The term of elected Chapter officers shall be July 1 to June 30, for the designated timeline defined in Section V-4 of the Chapter ByLaws. Only members of the Chapter are allowed to vote. Election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held at the May meeting in attendance of a membership quorum in (ARTICLE IV, Section 8) as follows:

The Nominating and Election Committee shall serve as the Teller Committee for this vote. If there is only one candidate for office, the election may be by voice vote. If there is more than one candidate for any office, the election shall be by secret ballot (written or electronic). The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote, another secret ballot shall be conducted.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this exciting process. Whether running for office or casting your vote, let's make this election one for the books!

Email application to GCCupdates@gulfcoast.assp.org

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GULF COAST CHAPTER
HOUSTON, TEXAS

NOMINATION FORM

Candidate Profile

In accordance with the Gulf Coast Chapter Bylaws, Article VI, each candidate for office must sign the acceptance statement below and have employer approval.

I, _____, do hereby accept the nomination for the office of _____ and if elected, agree to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of this office(s).

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor's Signature _____ Date _____

Please provide the following details in both written and electronic formats for inclusion in the Chapter Newsletter and other communications about this election:

Check one: Are you a _____ Professional Member or a _____ Member

If you are a Professional Member, please check the Registrations/Certifications you would like to have listed after your name for publications:

CSP _____ ASP _____ GSP _____ CIH _____ OHST _____ COSS _____ ARM _____ PE _____

Other not listed above:

Employer: _____ How Long? _____ Position: _____

Education: (Degree/University) _____

ASSP Office(s) Held: (Chapter/Regional/National) _____

ASSP Committee(s) Served On: (Chapter/Regional/National) _____

Safety/Loss Prevention Experience: _____ yrs.

Other Safety-Related Activities: (If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet)

All Nominations are due no later than close of business Monday February 3, 2025.

Please email the following three items to *carrie.atk@gmail.com* Please include the word **Nomination** in the subject line. If you have any questions please contact Carrie Atkins at 281-732-1968.

- This completed form
- Your most recent “business professional” digital photo for publication
- A brief biography for publication

Leading with our CLEAR Values

ASSP's new strategic plan incorporates these five values:

- **Community:** We provide a welcoming and collaborative environment that creates belonging and inclusivity for all.
- **Leadership:** We exemplify integrity and empower others.
- **Excellence:** We strive always to deliver our best.
- **Accountability:** We are ethical, reliable and trustworthy in all we do.
- **Respect:** We act with humility, listen to others and foster strong working relationships.

Together, they form the acronym **CLEAR**, which can help us easily recall and readily share them with other stakeholders across the ASSP ecosystem. Let's take a closer look at each.

Help us GROW & Refer a Member Annual Member-Get- A- Member Program



ASSP's annual member referral program returns for 2025. Share the benefits and resources ASSP offers with safety colleagues, directing potential members to the ASSP website to encourage them to join the Gulf Coast Society.

The more people you refer, the more rewards you can earn, such as a **1-year membership** extension, an on-demand webinar, or a \$50 Amazon gift card.

For every complete member referral, the referring member will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing for a trip to ASSP's annual professional development conference, which includes full conference registration, 3 nights' hotel accommodations, and a \$250 gift card for expenses.

Learn more at <https://assp.us/38VZ7kF>



THE 2025 PDC WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2025

AT THE NORRIS CONFERENCE CENTER, CITYCENTER
816 TOWN & COUNTRY BLVD., SUITE 210.

THIS ANNUAL PDC PROVIDES ONE OF THE MOST SOUGHT AFTER EVENTS FOR ATTENDEES TO LEARN THE PROFESSION'S BEST PRACTICES FOCUSING ON SAFETY, HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

THE PDC IS ATTENDED BY OVER 200+ ATTENDEES ANNUALLY AND FEATURES AN EXHIBITION OF OVER 30+ SPONSORS AND VENDORS. THE EVENT FEATURES A KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND 16 BREAKOUT SESSIONS WITH FOUR CONCURRENT TRACKS RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN ASSP OR AIHA MEMBER TO ATTEND.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT US AT [SAFETY@GULFCOASTPDC.COM](mailto:safety@gulfcoastpdc.com) OR BY CALLING ERIKA MAY AT 661-472-6591.



Register_Here

Call for Speakers!!

Submit a proposal for review by the Conference Planning Committee.

We evaluate speaker proposals objectively, taking into consideration several criteria and proposal guidelines.

Submissions for proposals are now open.

Government Affairs Update

OSHA National News Release

U.S. Department of Labor

January 15, 2025

US Department of Labor terminates COVID-19 healthcare rulemaking

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Labor today announced that its Occupational Safety and Health Administration has [terminated its COVID-19 healthcare rulemaking](#).

On June 21, 2021, OSHA issued an Emergency Temporary Standard to protect workers from COVID-19 in healthcare settings, which also served as a proposed rule on which OSHA requested comments. The agency received public input on this proposal during multiple comment periods and public hearings from June 2021 through May 2022. OSHA submitted a draft final COVID-19 rule to the White House Office of Management and Budget on Dec. 7, 2022.

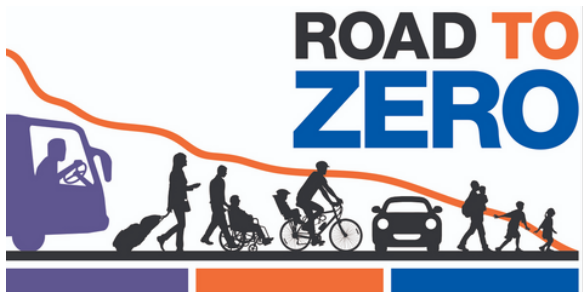
On April 10, 2023, President Biden signed into law House Joint Resolution 7, which terminated the national emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With today's announcement, OSHA is now terminating the rulemaking because the most effective and efficient use of agency resources to protect healthcare workers from occupational exposure to COVID-19, as well as a host of other infectious diseases, is to focus its resources on the completion of an Infectious Diseases rulemaking for healthcare.

[Read the termination of rulemaking.](#)



Road to Zero: A Plan to Eliminate Roadway Deaths



The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Safety Council, and the Road to Zero Coalition have partnered to reduce fatal workplace motor vehicle incidents, which are the leading cause of workplace deaths in the U.S. In 2023, nearly 37% of fatal work injuries were related to transportation. The initiative aims to promote a culture of safety and preventative practices to protect workers on the road, encouraging employers to integrate safe driving into their safety management systems. OSHA's Motor Vehicle Safety webpage offers resources for employers to create policies on vehicle maintenance, seat belt use, and addressing distracted or impaired driving. This collaboration strives to improve road safety for both workers and the public.

RTZ promotes the Safe System Approach to preventing roadway deaths, which recognizes that all of the following factors are necessary to save lives: Safer People, Safer Vehicles, Safer Speeds, Safer Roads, and Post-Crash Care.

In addition, RTZ's work is guided by the following Safe System principles:

- Death and serious injuries are unacceptable
- Humans make mistakes
- Humans are vulnerable
- Responsibility is shared
- Safety is proactive
- Redundancy is crucial

CHECK OUT THE LATEST PODCASTS FROM ASSP

ASSP's The Case for Safety podcast features conversations with safety experts, sharing ideas and insights that OSH professionals can use to help their organizations improve worker safety and health. With new episodes available every other week, the podcast series is free to access on the ASSP website. Listeners can also subscribe on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

Visit <https://assp.us/podcast> to listen to the latest episodes.



ASSP Grants & Scholarships

The ASSP Foundation offers career development grants that you can use to support your professional development. Applications Grants are accepted year-round, with awards made on a rolling basis, based on availability.

Apply here

<https://asspfoundation.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/solicitations/login/10>

We thank our guest speaker !

Topic : Fall Protection Awareness

(ANSI Standard updates, ABC's, and rescue)

This informative training covers vital safety regulations and best practices from OSHA and ANSI, ensuring compliance and employee safety. Learn about effective fall protection measures, including proper anchorage points, full body harnesses, and connecting devices, while understanding how to calculate fall distances. With a focus on creating a robust rescue plan, this training empowers your team to work safely and confidently at heights. Prioritize safety and prevent workplace falls with MSA's expert guidance!



Speaker Ryan Falterman

Ryan has been working with MSA for 12 years and is considered a Territory Manager for the Southern Region. MSA makes and manufactures Fall Protection, head protection, respiratory, and gas detection. MSA originated in 1914.