



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
**SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**

Gulf Coast Chapter



2025

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Christmas Holiday Social  
Wednesday Dec 3rd  
2025  
4-8pm @Cadillac Bar
- Gulf Coast, Energy  
Corridor and North  
Monthly Meetings – first,  
second and third  
Thursdays of the month
- No CHAPTER meeting  
December 2025 &  
January 2026
- Clear Values
- Elections and  
Nominations

## GULF COAST SAFETY & HEALTH SUMMIT THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026



### 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.

**TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL PLEASE VISIT:  
[SAFETYGULFCOAST.COM](https://SAFETYGULFCOAST.COM)**

*Invitation*

## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ASSP & AIHA GULF COAST CHAPTER HOLIDAY GATHERING

Join us for Food, drinks, cheer, trivia & Prizes

@ **CADILLAC BAR**  
**Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**  
**4-8pm**

REGISTER @ [HTTPS://GULFCOAST.ASSP.ORG/EVENTS/GULF-COAST-ASSP-HOLIDAY-SOCIAL-2/?DATETIME=354](https://GULFCOAST.ASSP.ORG/EVENTS/GULF-COAST-ASSP-HOLIDAY-SOCIAL-2/?DATETIME=354)



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# INDUSTRY UPDATES



## David Keeling Confirmed as OSHA Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

Placing him at the helm of OSHA during a pivotal time for our profession. Assistant Secretary Keeling is a long-time ASSP member with nearly 40 years of experience in occupational EHS. During his nomination hearing before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee on June 5, he underscored three priorities for OSHA moving forward:

- Modernizing standards and oversight by using technology, data and consensus standards to stay ahead of evolving workplace risks.
- Strengthening cooperation among safety professionals, employers and unions, including updates to OSHA's Voluntary Protection Programs.
- Transforming enforcement through proactive, predictive approaches that prevent injuries and fatalities before they happen

**Stand Out With An ASSP Certificate**

For over 100 years, ASSP has offered top-tier safety education that delivers immediate, practical benefits. Earning an ASSP safety certificate boosts your credibility, competitive edge and earning potential. It strengthens your value to your organization while connecting you with a network of industry professionals and providing valuable insights into top safety practices.

**ASSP Certificate Programs include:**

- ANSI/ASSP Z16
- Risk Management
- Safety Management
- Incident Investigation
- Leadership in Safety Management
- Occupational Health and Safety Management System

Learn more at [assp.org/certificates](https://assp.org/certificates)

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## ASSE Grants & Scholarships

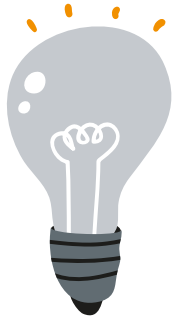
### **Need Financial Support to Continue Your Education?**

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.

TO APPLY:  
ASSP FOUNDATION



# 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

#### REFERRAL PROGRAM



ASSP's annual member referral program returns for 2025-2026. 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.

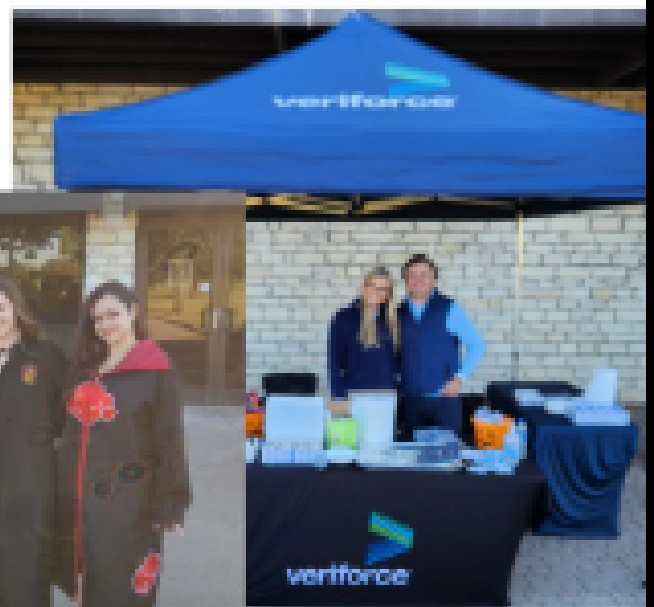
[LEARN MORE AT HTTPS://ASSP.US/38VZ7KF](https://assp.us/38vz7kf)

# MONSTER BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT



3RD ANNUAL ASSP GULF COAST

BIG THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS  
& EVERYONE THAT CAME OUT TO PLAY





# ASSP GULF COAST CHAPTER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR ALL EXCOM POSITIONS



**DUE DECEMBER 31ST 2025**

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

Send your application to : [updates@gulfcoast.assp.org](mailto:updates@gulfcoast.assp.org)

Here's the Scoop:

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

- President / Advisory Group Member #1
- 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
- Treasurer / Advisory Group Member #9

## What's Next?

Complete the Nomination Form in this newsletter. All nominations must be in by the close of business on **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025!**

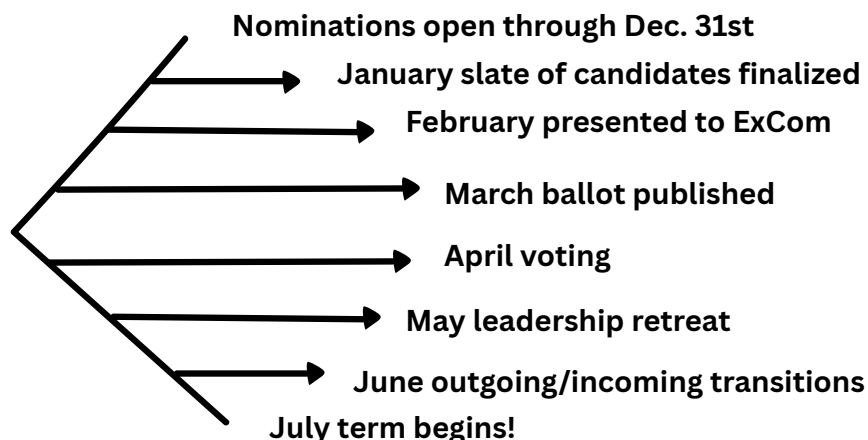
You'll receive an email with the complete ballot before the end of February to see if there will be some friendly competition for the positions. The names and qualifications of nominees will be communicated to the membership in the April Chapter newsletter.

## How Is The Election Conducted?

The term of elected Chapter officers shall be from July 1 to June 30, as defined in Section V-4 of the Chapter ByLaws. Only Chapter members 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 the event of a tie vote, another secret ballot shall be held.

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!





**GULF COAST CHAPTER**  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

# NOMINATION FORM

## Candidate Profile

Under 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)

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**All Nominations are due no later than Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Please email the following three items to [updates@gulfcoast.assp.org](mailto:updates@gulfcoast.assp.org) in the subject line, please include the word "**Nomination**".

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





# THERE'S A "SPY" AMONG US!!

No, no! Not a James Bond type, former KGB, or CIA agent, but a Safety Professional of the Year (SPY)! Yes, one of you in our chapter is a SPY, and the chapter wants to recognize you. But before the chapter can do that, you must be nominated by another member or self-nominated. A member who knows the professional and ASSP work you have accomplished over the past five years. In a large chapter of over 1,800 professionals, many of you meet the criteria, but fail to be recognized because you're not nominated.

The requirements are set forth in the documentation provided by the ASSP Society and can be Referenced here: [SPY Guidelines for Compiling a Petition](#)



This information is provided for those submitting their petition for the Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year at the society level. This same information should be used to formulate your petition, as well, for the chapter. The chapter SPY recipient is submitted to Region III for consideration for the Region III SPY against other Region III chapters' recipients.

Ideally the Region III SPY is then submitted to ASSP Society for consideration for the Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year against all other SPY petitioners. At any level, the SPY is a very prestigious and humbling recognition by your peers. Just to be nominated by someone is an honor. Many of you that are well deserving of this recognition may feel you don't make the grade, but let the chapter assure you, you do. Since 1982, the chapter has recognized 36 members for SPY.

Who will be number **37?**



Members, nominate a worthy Gulf Coast Chapter professional for this recognition.

Review the documentation at [SPY Guidelines for Compiling a Petition](#) and start working on your petition for the Gulf Coast Chapter SPY.



**It's a lot of work, but worth the time and effort. Submittal of your petition should be no later than February 1st, 2026, to Joel N. Tietjens, Awards & Honors Chair email [Joel@tjens.com](mailto:Joel@tjens.com) or If you need assistance call Joel (281) 732.0291**





# 2026 NOMINATIONS

## ASSP Awards

**Chapter SPY Award - Due February 1st.**

**Region III SPY**

**Presidents Award**

**Region III Honors Hall of Fame (HOF)-  
Due February 15th**

SUBMITTAL OF YOUR PETITION SHOULD BE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 01, 2026, TO JOEL N. TIETJENS,  
AWARDS & HONORS CHAIR EMAIL [JOEL@TJENS.COM](mailto:JOEL@TJENS.COM) .





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*From the ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter*

## Thanksgiving Safety Moment



### Practice safe cooking this Thanksgiving.

Home cooking fires happen most often on Thanksgiving. Stand by your pan: if you are cooking at high temperatures, turn off the burner before leaving the kitchen.

**FEMA** | **U.S. Fire Administration**

**Cook Safely!**  
**Prevent Kitchen Fires**

**Did you know?**  
In 2020, fire departments responded to an estimated average of  
**192,600**  
home cooking fires.

**These fires caused an estimated:**

<b>140</b> deaths	<b>3,175</b> injuries	<b>\$465.4</b> million in property loss
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**Preventing Turkey Fryer Fires**

When you fry foods, you increase the risk of a cooking fire. Keep in mind the potential dangers of deep frying a turkey:

- ✓ Use your turkey fryer only outdoors on a sturdy, level surface well away from things that can burn.
- ✓ Determine the correct amount of oil needed by first placing the turkey in the pot with water.
- ✓ Make sure your turkey is completely thawed before you fry it.
- ✓ Check the temperature often with a cooking thermometer so the oil won't overheat.
- ✓ Use long cooking gloves that protect hands and arms when you handle the pot, lid and handles of a turkey fryer.

For more information and free resources, visit [usfa.fema.gov](https://usfa.fema.gov).

**FEMA** | **U.S. Fire Administration**

Click here for more FEMA **Cooking** safety tips



**NO CHAPTER MEETING's FOR**  
**-DECEMBER 2025**  
**-JANUARY 2026**