



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st Thursday of every month
- ASSP Vote
- GC Safety & Health Summit
- Leading w/CLEAR Values
- REGION III PDC
- Government Affairs
- Thank our Speaker
- Student Services

Vote /vōt/ noun

A formal indication of a choice between two or more candidates, or courses of action, expressed typically through a ballot, or a show of hands, or by voice.

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ELECTIONS
MARCH
1ST – 31ST

2026 Gulf Coast Safety & Health Summit

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April 16, 2026
Norris Conference Center
Houston / CityCentre

The Summit is a partnership between the ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter and the Gulf Coast Section of AIHA

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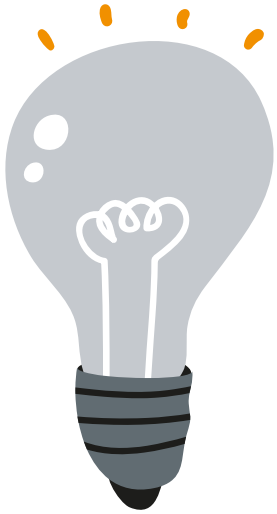
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Leading with our CLEAR Values



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>



REGION III ASSP PDC

SeaWorld, San Antonio, Texas



10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE REGION III PDC:

1. Find Real Solutions to Your Top Challenges.
2. Meet and Learn from the Trendsetters – learn from the best and brightest in the nation.
3. Network with your peers who are also passionate about occupational health and safety.
4. Inspire Your Team – Take what you learn and share it with your team.
5. Continuing Education Units – Attendees will receive 1.5 Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits for attending the PDC.
6. Tools for Convincing – Use the tools you learn at the PDC to show your manager that you've done your research, built your business case, and are serious about projects.
7. Exposition – Explore the vast world of safety through over 35+ exhibitors showcasing current products and solutions within the industry.
8. Tailored Experience – With four (4) concurrent breakout tracks and 8 breakout sessions over the first 2 days, you can customize your PDC by choosing from over 32 different breakout sessions.
9. Meals Included – Breakfast and Lunch are included on Monday & Tuesday along with complimentary social events each evening.
10. Have some Fun – From Exhibitor raffle prizes to social activities on 2 separate nights you can enjoy some fun with your peers.

If you need immediate assistance, you can e-mail us at safety@regionthreepdc.com or contact Erika May at 661-472-6591.

Government Affairs Update

ASTM UPDATES SIF STANDARD

ASTM has updated its standard on serious incident and fatality prevention, which will help improve workplace safety by providing businesses with clear guidance. The E2920-26 standard establishes four levels of SIF classifications, with Level 1 incidents having a “clear workplace connection” and “life-ending, life-threatening or life-altering consequences.” The updated standard also addresses potential SIFs, or pSIFs, as well as SIF risk.

OSHA NAMES

JENNIFER ROUS LEADER OF WHISTLEBLOWER DIRECTORATE
JENNIFER ROUS IS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF OSHA’S DIRECTORATE OF
WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION PROGRAMS. ROUS WAS FORMERLY
ADMINISTRATOR OF OSHA’S DENVER REGION.

OSHA: Burns from personal lithium-ion batteries may be work-related

An injury, caused by a set of personal lithium-ion batteries, is considered “work-related.” The Jan. 20 letter outlines a scenario in which an employee brought rechargeable lithium-ion batteries for e-cigarettes into the workplace. The batteries allegedly came into contact with a key used for work, sparking a fire that burned the employee.

OSHA answers five employer questions stemming from the incident.

The first: Does the exception to work-relatedness in 1904.5(b)(3) apply to this scenario because it isn’t obvious whether the precipitating event occurred in the work environment or occurred away from work?

No, Section 1904.5(b)(3) of OSHA’s recordkeeping regulation does not apply in this scenario, assuming that the employee was at your workplace during assigned work hours and present as a condition of employment. The recordkeeping regulation does include a specific exception at section 1904.5(b)(2)(v) that allows employers to exclude injuries and illnesses that are solely the result of an employee doing personal tasks unrelated to their employment at the establishment when these tasks are conducted outside of the employee’s assigned working hours. Other exceptions that don’t apply to the scenario are under 1904.5(b)(2)(iv) –related to eating, drinking, or preparing food or drink – and for personal grooming in 1904.5(b)(2)(vi). None of the exceptions to work-relatedness in Section 1904.5(b)(2) apply to the scenario you describe.



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We thank our OSHA speakers !

Monthly Chapter Meeting

Come meet
our local
OSHA
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OSHA	March 5 th 2026
11 AM	

Jorge L. Gomez, CSP
SPEAKER



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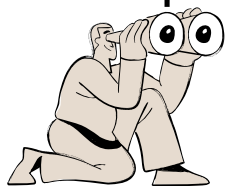
SPRING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



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Our student membership drive is a vital activity for your student section. The number of members your section recruits propels growth and enables you to expand your programs. It also helps build the professional network for your section members. The peers you meet as a student will become the colleagues you rely on throughout your career.

Help us recruit graduating students to join the
Gulf Coast Chapter!



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

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PRESIDENT/ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER

JETHZABETH SOLIS, CSP

Jethzabeth (Beth) Solis, CSP, is the HSSE Manager at Saber Power with over 20 years of leadership in environmental remediation, hazardous waste, and industrial services. A Board-Certified Certified Safety Professional (CSP), Beth has built a career specializing in regulatory compliance, corrective action systems, and safety integration during mergers and acquisitions.

As an active member of the ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter, she is dedicated to mentoring the next generation of safety professionals and advancing the society's mission through practical, field-tested leadership.



SR. VP OF COMMUNICATIONS / ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER

GEOFFREY MILLER, CSP

Geoffrey Miller is a Certified Safety Professional with experience in risk control, safety management, and loss prevention across the energy, industrial, and construction sectors. He currently serves as a Technical Consultant II in Risk Control with Liberty Mutual, delivering consultative services focused on identifying, evaluating, and mitigating operational risks in complex client environments. His background includes strong field safety leadership and a demonstrated career progression from hands-on operational roles to senior safety and consulting positions.



VP MEMBER SERVICES / ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER

KATIZU GAYO, GSP

Katizu (Kay) Gayo is a board-certified EHS professional. He is a passionate safety professional pursuing the Student Liaison Chair position. Skilled in assisting communication between students and administration, aiming to represent and address the concerns of his peers to increase the overall student experience. Experienced in mechanical construction, heavy construction, maintenance, and a wide range of specialty and critical support services throughout multiple industries like chemical manufacturing, oil and gas, and the pulp and paper industry. A member of the ASSP's Gulf Coast Chapter, he is currently a regional HSE manager for Industrial Specialty Services, where he is responsible for the Gulf Coast region.



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TREASURER / ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER

JERON QUINCY, MS, CSP

Jeron Quincy is a seasoned safety executive and NCAA wrestling official with over 25 years of leadership experience in occupational health, safety, and environmental management. Based in the Greater Houston area, he serves as Vice President of HSE at Saber Power Services, where he is recognized for cultivating high-performing safety cultures and achieving top industry accolades. Jeron holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in safety management from the University of Central Missouri (UCM) and is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP). A former standout collegiate wrestler, he was an NCAA All-American, a program record holder, and was inducted into the UCM Athletics Hall of Fame. Beyond his professional and athletic achievements, Jeron is a dedicated family man and community supporter, known for his commitment to hard work, helping others, and upholding strong values.



SECRETARY/ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER

ELAINE SEIFERT, CSP

Elaine Seifert is an experienced Health, Safety, and Environmental (HSE) leader with over 22 years in the oil and gas industry, working across the entire value chain in North America. She began her career in environmental and safety roles at Loyola Marymount University, then joined Chevron, where she advanced through various HSE positions in both downstream and upstream operations. Notably, Elaine led teams in occupational hygiene and drilling safety, supported major operations in the Permian Basin, and most recently managed contractor safety and qualification processes. She holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in environmental & occupational health from California State University, Northridge.



PROGRAMS CHAIR/ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER

HUNTER VERM

Hunter Verm is a dedicated safety professional and account manager at the Health and Safety Council with a foundational background in occupational health and industrial hygiene from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Having progressed from field roles as a safety supervisor and technician to strategic leadership in workforce readiness, Hunter brings a comprehensive "boots-to-boardroom" perspective. She is committed to advancing the ASSP mission by fostering industry collaboration and promoting the next generation of safety excellence.





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NEWSLETTER/ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER CHIKA SAMUELS, CSP



Chika Samuels is an award-winning HSE and wellness professional with over a decade of experience advancing regulatory compliance, safety management, and holistic health practices. She is recognized for leading large-scale, multidisciplinary projects across manufacturing, construction, and environmental monitoring, consistently driving operational excellence and stakeholder satisfaction. As a certified health and wellness coach and Amazon bestselling author, she specializes in fertility improvement, natural health alternatives, and sustainable lifestyle strategies. Through her consulting work, she also develops innovative digital tools that modernize safety compliance and support food industry and HSE professionals.

STUDENT / ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER ERIC HUYSMAN



Eric Huysman, MsEd, is an educational leader and media personality transitioning into Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene. Currently an Industrial Hygiene Intern at Marathon Petroleum Corporation, he leverages a Master of Education and 20 years of experience in analytical instruction and campus leadership. Beyond his technical work in safety and compliance, Eric is a seasoned communicator, widely recognized as the host of the "Locked On Astros" podcast. He specializes in bridging the gap between complex technical data and diverse audiences, whether in the classroom, the refinery, or the broadcast studio.

PAST PRESIDENT 2 YRS / ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER DUSTIN HICKEY, CSP, CRSP, CMIOSH



Dustin Hickey is a board-certified and chartered EHS executive, holding designations in the United States (CSP), Canada (CRSP), and the United Kingdom (CMIOSH). As an active member of the international HSE community, Mr. Hickey has contributed to the knowledge base of the profession through volunteering and serving on boards and committees, speaking at meetings and conferences, and authoring articles that have been published in *Professional Safety*, the peer-reviewed professional journal of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP). Mr. Hickey currently serves as Senior Vice President of HSE for Industrial Specialty Services (ISS), an international provider of highly engineered technical solutions and specialty mechanical services.