

SAFETY MATTERS

President's Message

Hello, Chapter and Student Members,

Challenges are part of life. I doubt anyone disagrees with this. Work and family challenges are common. As a father of two daughters, there are challenges. Working in oil and gas definitely has challenging times. As ASSP OKC President, I have had a few challenges, but none so much as the current times.

The world is in a current state of alarm regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus). I have been conflicted on how to deal with this challenge as the ASSP President. While I want to give members the opportunity to meet and hopefully gain knowledge at our meetings and conference, I also want to ensure the wellbeing of our members. If I was not the chapter president, I would attend the ASSP meetings and the conference. At times I wonder if this is being blown out of proportion on the news. As the chapter president, I have to put my own personal opinions aside and evaluate what is best for the chapter and its members. Do we want to hold a meeting that potentially makes others fall ill to COVID-19? Absolutely not. The second "S" in ASSP is Safety. I believe we have to do what is safe for everyone and avoid the risks.

For these reasons, the March meeting and the PDC on April 9 is also canceled. We hope to reschedule when possible. This is a decision that did not come easily. These are big changes for us here in OKC, but thank goodness it was not just my call. We have an outstanding executive team that put your health first.

That being said, please consider being on the executive team. We have elections coming up soon. Please read below and consider a role within the chapter, or begin attending executive

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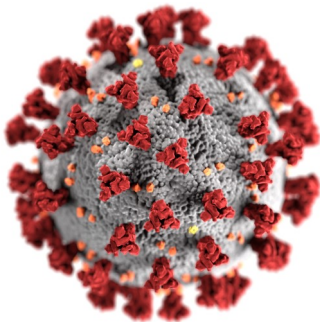
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meetings. Several roles are available, and even if you do not want to be in an elected position, we can use people on the board for a variety of needs.

Have a safe and healthy month! We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates regarding the meetings as needed.

Patrick McGrew, CSP, CHMM
President, OKC Chapter ASSP

Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19



The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published "[Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#)" to help companies respond in the event of coronavirus in the workplace.

The guidance was developed in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). The document provides practical guidance for preventing the spread of COVID-19, also known as novel coronavirus, and contains information on safe work practices and appropriate personal protective equipment based on the risk level of exposure. In addition to the guidance, OSHA recently launched a [COVID-19 webpage](#).

For further information about the coronavirus, please visit the HHS Centers for Disease Control & Prevention webpage on [COVID-19](#).

ASSP-OKC MARCH MEETING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE CANCELLED

Due to the current threat surrounding COVID-19 and restrictions being placed by several companies in the area, the OKC Chapter of ASSP regrets that the March 13th chapter meeting and the April 9th Professional Development Conference are currently cancelled. Watch for updates on possible rescheduled dates.

MARCH 31, 2020 DEADLINE FOR UCO ALUMS

ATTENTION UCO SAFETY GRADS FROM AUGUST 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019

The University of Central Oklahoma's Bachelor in Industrial Safety has been reviewed by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) and approved as a Graduate Safety Practitioner® (GSP®) Qualified Academic Program (QAP), providing the program's graduates the opportunity to apply with BCSP for the GSP designation after graduation.

The GSP meets the credential requirement for the Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®), the "gold standard" in safety certification, allowing those who hold the designation to waive the Associate Safety Professional® (ASP®) certification examination. It demonstrates accomplishment and commitment to professional development.

A GSP QAP is a degree program in safety, health and environmental practices that has been reviewed by BCSP and demonstrates a substantial match to the ASP Exam Blueprint. Any person having graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma's with a B.S. in Industrial Safety since August 1, 2005 may apply for the GSP within their program's applicable dates as it appears on the QAP list. The deadline for those who graduated between August 1, 2005 and March 31, 2019 is March 31, 2020.

GSP® Portal: <https://www.bcsp.org/GSP>

UCO Transcript: <https://www.uco.edu/admissions-aid/enrollment-services/request-a-transcript>

For additional information, please contact Dr. Dean Findley (dfindley@uco.edu).





The panel discussion with recent graduates at the February ASSP-OKC Chapter meeting at UCO was a great success! The panelists shown in here visited with students about making the transition from college to the safety profession.

Pictured L to R: Carmen Martinez, OSHA; Ashley Harris, OGE Energy Corp; Dr. Robin Lacy, UCO; Matt Wood, Goodwill Industries; Mike Johnston, Edmond Public Schools

ASSP-OKC ELECTIONS

Nominations Due by March 27th

Elections for the 2020-2021 chapter officers are quickly approaching! The ASSP-OKC Chapter is seeking nominations for five positions. If interested, please contact [Diana Edwards](#) by March 27th.

President Elect—Succeeds chapter President following their year of service

Secretary—Maintains chapter records, correspondence and minutes; communicates notices of meetings and activities

Treasurer—Maintains chapter financial records; manages receipt and distribution of funds

Delegates (3) - Represents chapter at Society House of Delegates meetings and vote on Society actions and activities

ASSP-OKC Chapter 2020 Meeting Schedule

Date	Topic
3/13/20	CANCELLED Topic: Incident Investigation Speaker: Dr. Dean Findley, UCO
5/8/20	Baker Hughes Tour REGISTER NOW!
6/12/20	TBD



WISE

Women in Safety Excellence

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 17th ~ 2:00—4:30 p.m.

Oklahoma Safety Council

2400 S. Vermont Ave., OKC

What is WISE & Worker Memorial Day
Preparation

NSC OPENS NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 31ST

The National Safety Council is introducing a new scholarship program for women seeking post-secondary education to pursue a career in EHS – environment, health and safety – or related field. Lorraine Pack Memorial Scholarship winners receive a \$2,000 tuition award and the opportunity to attend at no cost either NSC Congress & Expo, or the Campbell Institute Symposium.

Applications for this year's scholarship will be accepted online through March 31.

Only NSC student members are eligible for the Lorraine Pack Memorial Scholarship. Students can apply for a free NSC membership [here](#). Eligible students must be enrolled in community college, a technical program, apprenticeship or bachelor's degree program within the United States (either in-person or online). They may be enrolled full or part time and must graduate no earlier than May 2021. Finalists will be notified by May 1.

The scholarship application can be found [here](#).



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The ASSP OKC Chapter is excited to re-establish the Mentorship Program for our Chapter members. Stephanie Schroeder, Bill Young, and Jason Nieuwenhuis did a great job establishing this program a couple of years ago and we hope to continue that success. We are asking for Mentors and Mentees.

The purpose of this program is to provide professional growth and coaching by drawing on the knowledge and insight of experienced safety and health professionals.

A Mentee will be paired with a Mentor for a period of one year. They will connect at least once a month to discuss such topics as Career Conversations, Job Search Skills, Professional Certification, Networking Pursuits, Professional Skills, and other issues that might be of interest to you both.

A Mentee is a recent graduate or a safety and health professional with less than five years of experience. A Mentor is a safety and health professional with more than 5 years of experience with a willing heart to help a fellow safety and health professional as they start their career.

If you are interested in being a Mentor or a Mentee, please visit the ASSP OKC Mentoring website at <https://okc.assp.org/mentorship/> and submit the required forms to either Damon Hinkle at damon.hinkle@thrutubing or Mike Messner at messnermik@aol.com. The Mentoring Committee will be responsible for doing the pairing and notify the Mentor and Mentee. The Committee will try to pair the Mentee with a Mentor in the same industry if possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:
Damon Hinkle, Co-Chair at damon.hinkle@thrutubing
Mike Messner, Co-Chair at messnermik@aol.com



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