

# SAFETY MATTERS

## President's Message

Hello, OKC Chapter Members,

I hope you are all staying safe and maintaining your social distance. As I sit here writing this, I am typing over my March newsletter and am in wonder of it. Stating I would have gone to the March chapter meeting and the conference in April in hindsight is, well, not smart—not the way a safety professional should be thinking. Now I am glad we canceled the PDC, tour, and meetings through May and avoided the risks.

Speaking of risks and risk tolerance, at that time I was willing to risk going to Barcelona as to not lose money on the flights, the Airbnb, or in the divorce that would have ensued. When I mentioned canceling the vacation, I got “the look” (you know the one) and never mentioned it again. My family and I flew to NYC and looked at the pandemic numbers again and read a report stating President Trump was banning European travel, so we spent the night in NYC and came home. Other than convincing my wife to marry me, this was one of the smartest things I ever talked her into doing.

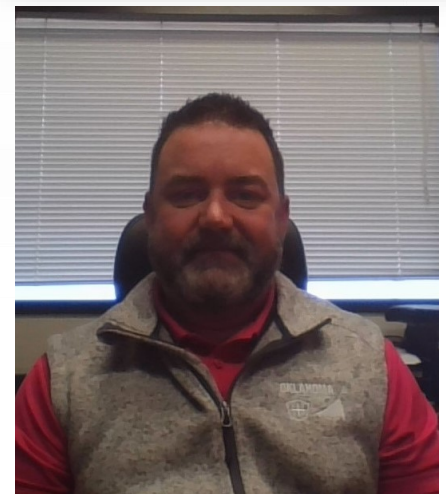
Now, to go with the times, we are working on a virtual June meeting. The speaker(s) and topic are yet to be determined. I believe that virtual will be the way to go for a while. We will have more updates as they become available.

Stay safe and keep six feet away!

Respectfully,

Patrick McGrew, CSP, CHMM  
President, OKC Chapter ASSP

P.S. My wife is really a good person and I love her dearly.



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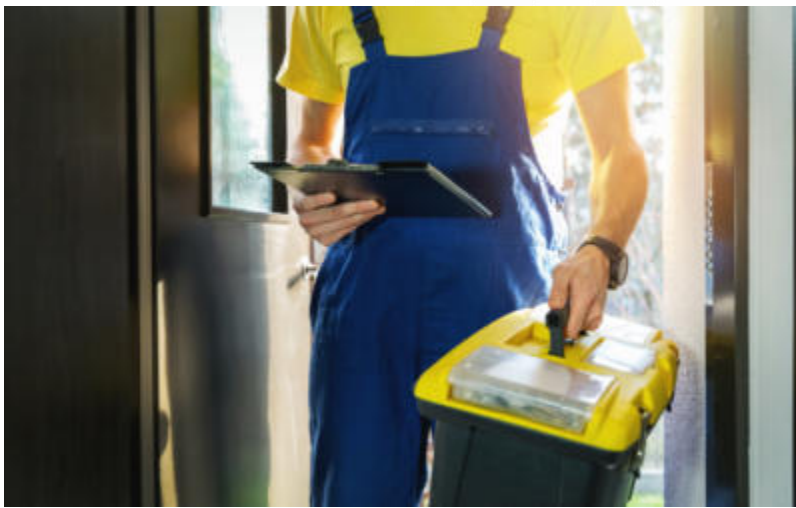
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[www.BackToWorkSafely.org](http://www.BackToWorkSafely.org)

The links below offer specific, easy-to-follow, science-based recommendations for limiting the transmission of the coronavirus while operating a wide variety of businesses, including restaurants, retail outlets, and hair and nail salons.

We encourage employers, employees, and customers to carefully read and implement as many of the recommendations contained in the guidance document provided for your industry as possible.

**These resources are free and available to all. Please share them. Together, we can go back to work safely!**



### [At-Home Service Providers Guidelines](#)

At-home service providers, including residential tradespeople, have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.





### Construction Guidelines

According to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), much of the construction industry has been identified as critical infrastructure and essential business.



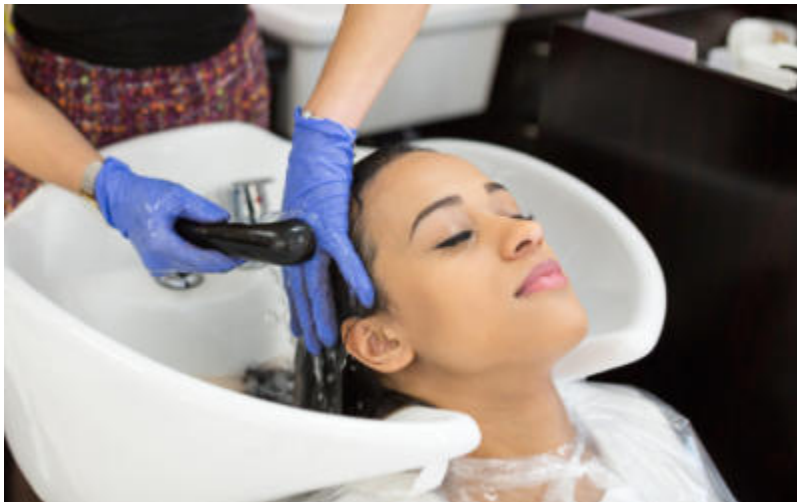
### General Office Settings Guidelines

The reopening of office workplaces should be conducted in a thorough manner accounting for several factors before employees are allowed to return.



### Gyms and Workout Facilities Guidelines

Many of these businesses have been viewed as “non-essential” by state governments and are closed.



### Hair and Nail Salon Guidelines

Many have been forced to lay off or furlough key staff members, which may complicate re-opening.





### [Retail Guidelines](#)

Small and medium (especially non-chain) retail stores have been very challenged during the COVID-19 pandemic.



### [Restaurant Guidelines](#)

With stay-at-home restrictions beginning to lift, restaurant owners are faced with difficult questions that must be addressed before reopening.



### [Rideshare, Taxi, Limo, and other Passenger Drivers-for-Hire Guidelines](#)

With stay at home and shelter-in-place restrictions beginning to lift, Rideshare, Taxi, Limo and other Passenger Driver-for-Hire companies are faced with difficult questions that must be addressed as they transition back to normal operations.

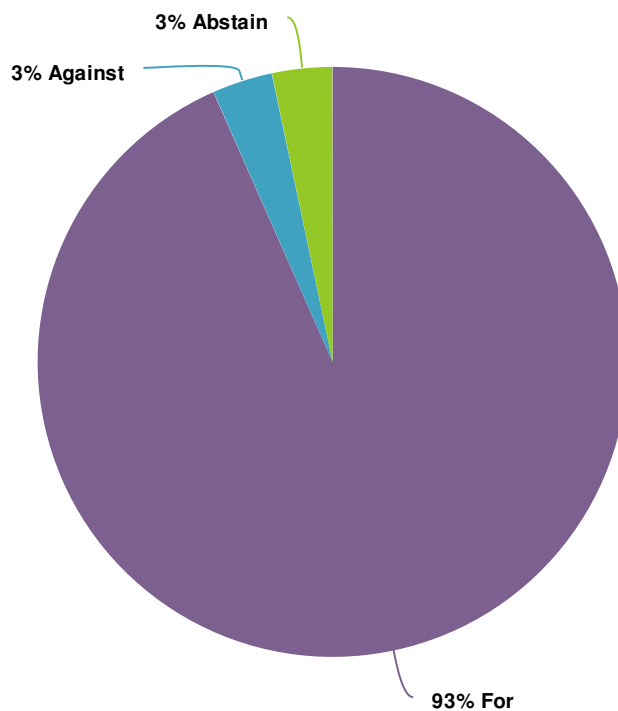
# Report for Oklahoma City 2020-2021 Chapter Officer Election Ballot

## Response Counts

Completion Rate:	100%	<div><div></div></div>	
Complete		<div><div></div></div>	90

Totals: 90

1. As a member of the ASSP Oklahoma City Chapter you are entitled to vote on the selection of elected officers. Below you will find a list of the candidate's for the 2020-2021 election. Per the bylaws, you will vote for or against the slate of officers that are running unopposed. SLATE OF OFFICERS - View Bios President - Elect\* SHAWN HELTON Treasurer\* STEPHEN SIMPSON Secretary\* ASHLEY HARRIS Delegate #1\* MARK HUDDLESTON Delegate #2\* SEAN HICKEY Delegate #3\* GABRIEL JOHN VOTE:



## **SHAWN HELTON**

**2020 - 2021 President-Elect**



Shawn Helton currently serves as a Senior Health & Safety Coordinator for Enable Midstream Partners. He has 10 years of experience in the safety industry and has worked in the manufacturing and oil & gas sectors. Shawn holds a B.S. in Environmental & Safety Management from Northeastern State University and has earned the designation of Certified Safety Professional (CSP). He is presently enrolled in a graduate program at Southeastern Oklahoma State University seeking a M.S. in Occupational Safety & Health.

I have served as Treasurer of the Oklahoma City chapter for the past two years and am now seeking the position of President Elect. My involvement in the chapter is based on a firm belief in continuing education. As part of the Executive Committee it is my goal to continue to serve safety professionals and students in Oklahoma City and surrounding areas by providing technical information, developmental opportunities, and networking events.



## STEPHEN SIMPSON

**2020 - 2021 Treasurer**



Stephen Simpson has served as the ASSP Newsletter Editor in 2018-2019. He has 8 years of experience in the Environmental, Health, and Safety field serving the Oil and Gas Industry and Electric Utilities. Stephen has been a member of ASSP since joining as a Student in 2010-2011 graduating from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor's in Industrial Safety. He attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he earned a Master of Business Administration in 2015. He received his Certified Safety Professional designation in 2016 and is honored to serve on the OKC ASSP Executive Committee.

## **ASHLEY HARRIS**

**2020 - 2021 Secretary**



Ashley is currently a construction safety coordinator on two capital projects at Oklahoma Gas and Electric's Sooner Power Plant. Her responsibilities include construction site inspections, orientations, data collection, incident reporting/investigation and oversight of multiple contractors on site. She is a UCO alumni, graduating in the Summer of 2019 with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Safety. She has enjoyed an internship with OGE since May 2019 and has been a member of ASSP for three years. Worker safety is her passion and she hopes to continue serving ASSP as a young professional, recruiting new members for the next generation of safety leaders.

# MARK HUDDLESTON

**2020 - 2021 Delegate #1**



Mark Huddleston is a Senior Safety Representative, covering Capital projects, Utility Technical Services, and Contractors for Oklahoma Gas and Electric. Mark has twenty years of safety experience with an extensive background ranging from food processing, utilities, to manufacturing. Mark specializes in safety, process safety management, and risk management.

He received his Bachelor's degree in Industrial Safety with an emphasis in Sociology from the University of Central Oklahoma in May 1999. Mark graduated with a Master's degree in Adult Education with an emphasis in Industrial Safety from the University of Central Oklahoma in December 2002.

Mark has represented the Oklahoma City Chapter as a chapter's delegate off and on for the last ten years, as well as co-chaired the Sporting Clay Event from inception. Mark has also served as chapter secretary, president-elect, and president of the chapter for 2008/2009 year.

## **SEAN HICKEY**

**2020 - 2021 Delegate # 2**



Sean currently a Sr. Health & Safety Coordinator at Enable Midstream Partners. He has 18 years of experience in the construction, transportation, mining, and oil & gas industries. He received his B.S. in Fire Protection and Safety Technology from Oklahoma State University in 2002. Sean has also been a Certified Safety Professional for over ten years. Sean has held several positions in the OKC Chapter of the ASSP throughout the last decade including Treasurer, President-Elect, President, and Delegate. He was also the OKC Chapter Safety Professional of the Year in 2014.

# **GABRIEL JOHN**

**2020 - 2021 Delegate # 3**



Gabriel has been a EH&S Engineer Specialist with Xerox Corporation in Yukon Oklahoma since 2001. He has 28 years' experience and expertise in implementing and managing Safety and Health Management System. He has been involved in mentoring local companies on implementing an effective injury and illnesses prevention programs. He worked with the local OSHA office to further their goal of increasing participation in VPP in Oklahoma. Gabriel also served as OSHA Challenge Program Coordinator with the Oklahoma Safety Council to successful recruit 12 sites as OSHA Challenge Participants in the State of Oklahoma.

Gabriel holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology Management and a Master of Science in industrial safety from the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. Gabriel has been a member of ASSP Oklahoma City Chapter since 2010. He has earned his certifications from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals as an Associate Safety Professional and Certified Safety Professional. He also holds certification as a Certified Hazard Control Manager from the International Board for Certification of Safety Managers. Gabriel is a recipient of the Oklahoma Safety Council's 2008 and 2012 Outstanding Safety Professional. He is also a current board member of the Oklahoma Safety Council, business development committee.

I am honored and grateful to be a candidate for ASSP Oklahoma City Chapter's delegate. I bring a diverse background in safety and health management systems development and implementation, auditing, risk management, and training to the Oklahoma City ASSP Chapter and I know that this diverse background can be beneficial to the team. I believe that I can support the chapter in any capacity needed as well as provide support and leadership to the ASSP Executive Committee. I would be honored to serve on this body and to assist the Executive Committee to further our mission of working together for a safer, strong future.



# We Will Provide Support & Resources

- ▶ Content that can help members effectively respond to this pandemic at <https://www.assp.org/coronavirus/>
  - ▶ Webinar recordings
  - ▶ OSHA guidance & resources
  - ▶ COVID-19 member dialogue at [community.assp.org](https://community.assp.org)
  - ▶ Articles & podcasts
- ▶ Resources to continue to be added and updated
- ▶ Share with your Chapter members

# Region III Student Leadership Conference

## Event Information:

- **Date:** April 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- **Location:** Brayton Fire Training Field in College Station, TX
- **Registration:** <https://region3.assp.org/events/2021-slc>
- **Why:**
  - We are preparing the next generation of safety professionals!
  - With Professional Networking Opportunities, Dynamic Keynote Speakers, Engaging Breakout Sessions, and Hands-on Learning Activities

# Region III Professional Development Conf

## Event Information:



For more information and to register: <https://regionthreepdc.com/>

\*\*\* Please note that we are not sure if we will move the conference to 2021 or not. We are working with the Hotel and others to determine if we can hold a successful PDC if the City and Hotel can't give us a better idea on how many can attend by this date.



# Membership and Student Development

- Society PDC
  - June 22-25, 2020 (Virtual)
  - Denver 2021
  - Chicago 2022
  - San Antonio 2023
- Region III Professional Development Conference
  - August 31 to Sept 2, 2020 – San Antonio, TX (Tentative)
- Leadership Conference – Chicago, IL  
October 01/03, 2020

## Region III Student Leadership Conference

- April 2021 – Location to be announced.



# Leadership/Development

- ▶ Region III Professional Development Conference
  - ▶ August 31 to Sept 2, 2020 – San Antonio, TX
  - ▶ ROC – August 30, 2020 – 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
- ▶ Leadership Conference – Chicago, IL  
October 01/03, 2020



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# MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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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](mailto:damon.hinkle@thrutubing) or Mike Messner at [messnermik@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:damon.hinkle@thrutubing)  
Mike Messner, Co-Chair at [messnermik@aol.com](mailto:messnermik@aol.com)



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