

SAFETY MATTERS

President's Message

To the OKC ASSP Chapter Members,

I am writing to inform you that the current OKC Chapter President has resigned; with a heavy heart, Adam realized he was unable to continue. The Chapter's Executive Committee has appointed me as interim president for the remainder of the chapter year, ending July 1, 2021. It is an honor to be the OKC Chapter President again, and I appreciate the trust the executive committee has in me to ensure the success of the chapter.

The executive board is currently meeting virtually. If you are interested in working with the executive board, or have ideas/topics for meetings, please reach out to any member on the board. Contact information is available on the OKC Chapter ASSP website. Remember, you do not have to be elected to be a part of the executive committee.

On December 11, the OKC ASSP will be holding a virtual meeting via Zoom. Steven Kirby, Area Director for OSHA, will present the annual OSHA information for Oklahoma. An email should go out before the meeting, but lately technical difficulties are delaying or stopping the messages. If you do not receive an email, please join us through the Zoom, found on the OKC ASSP website events page.

As we all adjust to our "new norm," we have had to make changes. We canceled the annual fundraiser clay shoot, for now, and will not be holding our meeting in person to collect gifts Toys for Tots. The chapter is still donating \$500 worth of toys and will be collecting toys at the Oklahoma Safety Council. If there is any year the toy drive is needed, it is now. Please find it in yourself, if possible, to give to those that have nothing. More information on the toy drive is below.

I look forward to the next meeting and to see where the remainder of the OKC ASSP Chapter Year takes us. Take care, stay safe, and stay healthy!

Respectfully,

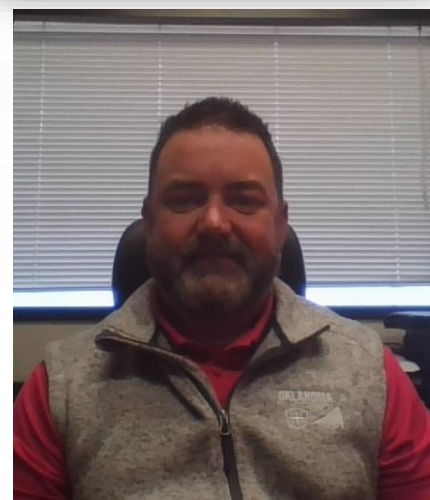
Patrick McGrew, CSP, CHMM
President – OKC ASSP

The OSHA update has to be on GoToMeeting OKC Chapter December Meeting
Fri, Dec 11, 2020 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/401108389>

You can also dial in using your phone.
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Student Section Update

After a challenging semester with COVID-19 adaptations, the student executive board at the University of Central Oklahoma continued to stay busy. In some variations, the restrictions put into event planning took a toll on the morale of the student chapter with the chances of meeting face-to-face were slim to none. After discussing with the executive board and advisement, we decided to continue to deliver what great opportunities the ASSP offers via virtual conditions.

The UCO and OSU student chapters came together to form a virtual joint student chapter meeting with students and faculty in attendance. UCO and OSU had the great opportunity to listen to Mr. Michael Messner speak on the ASSP Foundation Scholarship opportunities. Feedback from both the UCO and OSU chapters were positive, yet informative for the benefit of being an ASSP student member.

Inspired by the presentation, the UCO student chapter put on an on-campus (following UCO event policy guidelines) and virtual ASSP Foundation Application night including a space in which questions can be asked and applications can be submitted. One of many goals as the UCO ASSP President is to increase the number of applicants for the ASSP Foundation, as past awardees find it considerably beneficial to their ASSP experience.

Scholarship Established to Honor Safety Professor

A new scholarship has been established for students in the occupational safety program in honor of former safety professor, Robert Delano, Ph.D. Delano served UCO for 15 years before his retirement this past summer and left a lasting impact on the occupational safety program. Congratulations to Dr. Delano on this wonderful honor, and thank you for your service to our college!



Those wishing to donate to the Dr. Robert Delano Endowed Scholarship in Occupational Safety may do so through the [UCO Foundation website](#).

APPLY TODAY!

Deadline January 1, 2021 (11:59 pm, Central Time)

The OKC Chapter has a scholarship and grant dedicated to its members. Last year, 128 individuals received scholarships & grants totaling over \$400,000.

Are you a college student studying in an Occupational Safety and Health-related program? [Apply for ASSP Foundation Academic Scholarships today!](#) This program is for students in need of financial support for university and college courses. [Review program frequently asked questions for additional information.](#)

Are you an Occupational Safety and Health Professional? [Apply for ASSP Foundation Professional Development Grants today!](#) This program is for OSH professionals in need of financial support in order to attend professional development courses, non-OSH-related college coursework (MBA, Accounting, Leadership Studies, etc.), or for certification support (prep, exam, materials). [Review program frequently asked questions for additional information.](#)

Chapter Mentor 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

Membership and Student Development

The **ASSP Standards Virtual Event** offers perspective from top industry experts on how consensus standards can help you improve safety and health at your organization. This virtual event features sessions on safety management systems, fall protection, controlling hazardous energy, machine guarding and much more. Broaden your safety education, learn from industry experts and connect with fellow safety professionals at this one-of-a-kind event. **This event is FREE for ASSP members and can be worth up to 0.6 CEUs.**

Industry consensus standards help you go above and beyond compliance to utilize and implement the latest best practices in safety and health. Developed by industry leaders, consensus standards keep you on the leading edge of the latest techniques for addressing hazards and creating safer workplaces. The ASSP Standards virtual event will discuss the latest developments for several industry consensus standards and what they mean for safety professionals.

Attend 7 concurrent sessions on topics including:

- ANSI/ASSP Z10 and safety management
- ISO 45001
- Fall protection and restraint
- NFPA 70E
- Lockout/Tagout
- Machine safeguarding

Registration includes:

- 7 Concurrent Sessions featuring live Q&A with the speaker
- A digital copy of ASSP A10.0 – 2019, The Construction and Demolition Operations Compendium of Standards
- A digital copy of ANSI/ASSP Z359.1 – 2016, The Fall Protection Code
- A digital copy of ASSP GM – Z10.101 – 2019 Guidance Manual: Keep Your People Safe in Smaller Organizations
- Earn up to .6 CEUs
- Virtual expo access & networking
- 30-day access to all recorded education sessions
- 20% off all ASSP gear

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- **Region III Student Leadership Conference**
 - April 2021 – Location TBA
- **Society PDC**
 - Denver 2021
 - Chicago 2022
 - San Antonio 2023



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