

SAFETY MATTERS

President's Message

Happy New Year! (What I really want to say: Goodbye to 2020!)

I hope this finds you all well. It has definitely been a difficult year for many of us. I don't about you, but I'm ready for 2020 to be in the rearview. As ASSP members, we all understand the meaning of R&D—Rip Off and Duplicate. I'm writing this message while also reviewing my message from January 2020. In that message, I talk about personal and work goals—what a bunch of malarkey those ended up being! Here is quick summary of where my goals ended up:

Resolution 1 – Start a master's program. Maybe later—the program was not for me.

Resolution 2 – OKC Half Marathon. Not ever going to happen—multiple injuries during training.

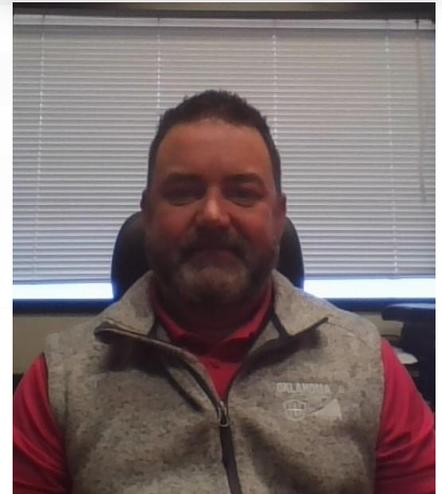
Resolution 3 – CSP renewal. COMPLETED—the ASSP website and my time on this exec board made it simple. The ASSP logged my CEUs, and this process was approved in a very short time.

Therefore, those of you with CSP, ASP, CHMM, or anything else for which you need CEUs, please consider the Region III Virtual Professional Development Conference. In addition, several other chapters in the region are holding Virtual PDCs. The National ASSP has requested that chapters not hold in-person meetings until after April. Currently, the OKC Chapter is deliberating on holding a Virtual PDC. If this is something at which you would be interested in speaking or attending, please let us know—my e-mail is below.

We are starting the year with “Get WISE to Women in Safety Excellence.” Please join us virtually on January 8, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. WISE isn't just for women—we need our allies and we value our WISE Guys too.

Have a great year!

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Next Chapter Meeting

January 8th, 2021 11:00 AM via ZOOM

Get WISE to Women in Safety Excellence

<https://oqe.zoom.us/j/99388442180?pwd=M0JJPYUNRTEoxTWRRsY1NCSFRKWDcrQT09>

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February Meeting

Clifton Hoyle, ODEQ to speak at our Feb. 12th meeting. Clifton chairs the Oklahoma Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission (OHMERC) and he will present on the mission and function of the commission.

The link below takes you to the ODEQ OHMERC site.

<https://www.deq.ok.gov/council-meetings/ohmerc/>

Accepting Nominations for OKC Chapter SPY

The Oklahoma City ASSP Chapter is now taking 2021 Chapter SPY Applications.

2021 SPY Requirements

Eligibility: Open to any member of the Oklahoma City Chapter, in good standing, working in the safety, health, or environmental (SHE) field for five years or more.

Application Packet:

1. Must contain three letters of reference (clients, employer, or colleagues).
2. Accomplishments they have achieved while working in the SHE field during the past five years. (Introduced a new program, reduced Experience Mod by XX%, Best Service Award, wrote a safety program...)
3. ASSP Service – participate in Chapter or Section activities, attended monthly meetings, served as Chapter or Section Officer, served on Regional or National Committees...

Extra Credit will be given for the following:

- Voluntary Community Service
- Conference Presentation/Publications
- Professional Designations
- Degree in SHE

Additional information and all application packets must be turned into Mike Messner at messnermik@aol.com, no later than midnight on January 15th, 2021. The award will be presented at our March Chapter Meeting.

Stockel Named to BCSP Board

Congratulations to Oklahoma's own Leslie Stockel, CSP, SMS who was selected to serve as vice president of the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. Leslie is an Assistant Professor of Professional Practice at Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Fire Protection & Safety Engineering Technology as well as Instructional Director for the OSU OSHA Education Center.

Leslie earned a Master of Science in Engineering Technology Management, and Bachelor of Science in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology from Oklahoma State and is currently enrolled as a Ph.D. student at Texas Tech University.

Leslie has over 30 years of experience in the safety, health, and environmental profession. She served as the Director of the OSHA Consultation Program, as well as other positions in her career. She has been a Professional Member of the American Society of Safety Professionals since 1993, holding numerous chapter and region leadership positions. She was named Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) for the Oklahoma City Chapter of the ASSP in 2016. She was also named SPY for Region III in 2017. Leslie serves as the ASSP-OSU student section faculty advisor.

The 2021 Board of Directors includes: Teresa A. Cole, CSP; Joaquin M. Diaz, CSP, OHST, CHST (President); V. Raymond Ferrara, CFP (Treasurer); Ashok Garlapati, CSP; Jay R. Harf, CSP; Bruce D. Hollcroft, CSP; Patricia A. Kagerer, CSP; Bruce K. Lyon, CSP, SMS; Daniel T. Lyons, CSP; Regina McMichael, CSP, CIT; Donald A. Robinson, CSP; Leslie Stockel, CSP, SMS (Vice President); and Mario A. Varela, CSP, ASP (Past President).



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

ASSP Hardship Program

The ASSP understands that memberships are decreasing due to impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, the ASSP wanted to provide you all with information on the ASSP Hardship Membership Program:

The hardship membership program is available to members who have lost their jobs.

Members may fill out the form (link below) to be considered or for more information please contact Customer Service at +1-847-699-2929 or customerservice@assp.org.

Please forward to those that may have already lost their membership and need this program.

[assp_hardshipform_2020.pdf](#)

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



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