

# SAFETY MATTERS

## President's Message

OKC Chapter Members,

Welcome back! No, really. Welcome back. I'm excited to announce that we plan to return to in-person meetings for the 2021-2022 Chapter year, but more on that in a second. First, I'd like to thank you and all of our volunteer leaders for making the most out of a difficult 2020-2021 cycle. I'd be remiss if I did not give a special shout out to Patrick McGrew for making the previous two years a success; serving as President during the 2019-2020 term and then unselfishly agreeing to take back the reins this past year. His devotion and desire to see the Oklahoma City Chapter prosper are unmatched.

Despite unprecedented challenges, I am proud to say that the Oklahoma City Chapter reached Platinum Level Status for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. This is an incredible honor and a testament to our loyal members and dedicated leaders.

This past year we were also able to make a sizeable donation to the ASSP Foundation and elevate the annual ASSP Foundation Oklahoma City Professional Education Grant to the amount of \$1500. It was amazing to see so many of our Student Section and Professional members benefit from the scholarship and professional grant program. I would like to congratulate University of Central Oklahoma students Cooper Decker, Hunter Askew, and Talun Thomas, as well as Adam Robertson from Oklahoma State University on being awarded ASSP Foundation scholarships. Professional members Patrick McGrew and Leslie Stockel also received awards.

Looking toward the future, we have a great year planned out full of technical meetings and other member events. I hope to see everyone's smiling faces at our first meeting of the Chapter year on Friday, September 10, as we welcome Darren Alexander, Training Manager for the OSC, presenting on The Importance of Fire Extinguisher Inspection and Training. If you are unable to attend in-person or simply do not feel comfortable, we hope that you will join us virtually instead. OSHA Area Director, Steven Kirby, is also slated to share his annual OSHA Update with us this fall. We are also planning to bring back our Sporting Clays event this November and, as always, we will host the annual Toys for Tots drive at our December meeting.

Please be advised that updates to ASSP, CDC, or facility guidelines regarding COVID-19 protocols could result in abrupt changes to our meeting plans. The Executive Committee will monitor this situation closely and communicate any changes to members in a timely manner. That said, I hope to see everyone soon. Fingers crossed!

Respectfully,

Shawn Helton, CSP

President, OKC Chapter ASSP



**Shawn Helton, CSP**  
Sr. Health & Safety Field Coordinator  
Enable Midstream

**Next Chapter Meeting:**  
**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:30 AM-1:00 PM**



**Metro Technology Centers**  
Preparing for Life

**Location:** Metro Tech Technology  
Center- RM 123  
1700 Springlake Drive,  
OKC, OK 73111

**Speaker:** Darren Alexander  
Oklahoma Safety Council

**Topic:** The Importance of Fire  
Extinguisher Inspection and  
Training

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**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2020-2021



## Repositioning ASSP for Success: Governance Proposal 2021

It's natural to wonder, "What does ASSP governance has to do with me?" That's why it's important to recognize that ASSP governance affects you because it impacts the organization you have chosen to join and support. Governance affects how ASSP does business and shows up in the marketplace, advocates on behalf of the safety profession and deliver values to you as a member.

By now you may have heard about a proposal to update ASSP's governance. If not or if you would like more information about what you have heard, please visit ASSP's [governance webpage](#) to review details on the recommendation to transition the House of Delegates to an at-large advisory group. ASSP has also posted a [one-page fact sheet](#) that summarizes key facts.

Since late May 2021, ASSP's Board of Directors has been working to share information and answer member questions during various events and through one-on-one conversations with leaders and key stakeholder groups. In presentations about the recommendation, ASSP President Brad Giles, President-Elect Christine Sullivan and members of the Governance Task Force have highlighted several anticipated outcomes of passing the proposal:

- 1. Eliminate legal and financial risk by creating one governing body.** Proposal aims to align ASSP structure with Illinois state law (where ASSP is incorporated).
- 2. Create agile daily operations.** Versatile infrastructure would enable ASSP to meet the contemporary needs of our member communities, capture market opportunities and implement solutions faster.
- 3. Enhance member voice in decision-making.** More members would be able to participate via the at-large approach. Members retain voting authority on key issues (e.g., name change).
- 4. Maintain strong representation for ASSP communities.** Chapters would continue to advocate for change through their elected area directors and regional vice presidents.
- 5. Foster greater diversity of thought.** At-large participation would open a more inclusive path to meaningful engagement for a larger group of members, including those not represented before.

The ASSP [governance webpage](#) provides additional details on these expected outcomes and explains factors driving the proposal. It also features an in-depth FAQ section that addresses specific elements of the proposal.

The House of Delegates will vote on this proposal on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021, during a meeting starting at 12:00 p.m. CT. If you have specific questions about this issue, please contact Chapter President Shawn Helton at [president@okc.assp.org](mailto:president@okc.assp.org) or Chapter Delegates Sean Hickey (email: [delegate2@okc.assp.org](mailto:delegate2@okc.assp.org)) and Gabriel John (email: [delegate@okc.assp.org](mailto:delegate@okc.assp.org)).

You can also submit any questions you have about the proposal to [governance@assp.org](mailto:governance@assp.org).

Member voice will always be vital to ASSP. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this information so you can fully understand the issues and their impact on our Society.





## Announcements

**WISE achieved Gold designation for the second year in a row.**

### Challenges for Women in the Workplace

In 2019, there were over 76,852,000 women in the workforce, representing 57% of the total labor force. Though women are gaining representations the challenges facing women in the workforce today have been exacerbated by COVID. In their session at the **2021 Oklahoma Safety & Health Conference & Expo** in Tulsa on August 12<sup>th</sup> Betsey Kulakowski, Jennifer Styx – co-chairs of WISE – and Houston Brittan of Brown & Brown Insurance, identified challenges facing women in the workplace; discussed practical solutions, and covered how all safety professionals and business leaders can advocate for women in the workplace.

### Member-Get-A-Member campaign

ASSP has a Member-Get-A-Member program established where people can gain rewards from society for referring new members (<https://www.assp.org/membership/member-get-a-member>).

### ASSP Hardship Program

This program offers a one-year complimentary membership to individuals that have lost their job.

[https://www.assp.org/docs/default-source/community-leader-resources/assp\\_hardshipform\\_2020.pdf?sfvrsn=58d4b447\\_0](https://www.assp.org/docs/default-source/community-leader-resources/assp_hardshipform_2020.pdf?sfvrsn=58d4b447_0)

### 2022 Society Elections

Interested members can visit the website for additional information. Nominations are open until **October 22, 2021**.

<https://www.assp.org/membership/elections>





## OKC Chapter SPY Selection Process- OKC ASSP Chapter SPY Award

### 2022 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 you 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](mailto:messnermik@aol.com), no later than midnight on November 30th, 2021. The award will be presented at our January Chapter Meeting.

### Timeline:

- November 30th, 2021 – Deadline for Chapter Application Packet
- January 2022 – Chapter Safety Professional of the Year awarded
- April 1, 2022 – Deadline for Region III Safety Professional of the Year Application and Packet
- August 2022 – Region III Safety Professional of the Year awarded at Region III Professional Development Conference
- November 1, 2022 – Deadline for Society Safety Professional of the Year Application and Packet
- June 2023 – Society Safety Professional of the Year awarded at Safety Expo 2023

### Past Winners:

- Diana Edwards in 2021
- Cody Vinyard in 2020
- Paul Turner in 2019
- Denis Baker in 2018
- Patrick McGrew in 2017
- Leslie Stockel in 2016
- Stephanie Schroeder in 2015
- Sean Hickey in 2014
- Bill Young in 2013
- *No one selected in 2012*
- Casey Roberts in 2011
- Mark Huddleston in 2010
- Jim Ross in 2009
- Don Latimer in 2008
- *No one was selected in 2007*
- *No one was selected in 2006*
- Robert Williams in 2005
- *No one was selected in 2004*
- Clayton Abernathy in 2003
- Mike Messner in 2002





## Upcoming Events

### **Safety 2021 Conference and Expo in Austin, TX**

**Date:** Monday, September 13- Wednesday, September 15, 2021

**Location:** Austin, TX

**Information:** This year, ASSP will present Safety 2021 as a hybrid event, offering both online and in-person options. As we enter a new era for safety, we know you need even greater access to the training, networking, knowledge and skills that our annual safety conference provides.

Safety professionals are expected to have expertise in risk management, ergonomics, industrial hygiene, product safety, environmental management, workers' compensation, standards and organizational management, in addition to the more traditional aspects of safety management. Our annual conference encompasses all this and so much more. For three days, engross yourself in almost 20 hours of IACET-accredited education in the form of concurrent sessions and panels on topics relevant to your organization.

There will be more than 150 sessions presented by the best minds in the industry and focused on a variety of subject areas — from construction to transportation and everything in between. You will learn what's going on in safety and health, which strategies your peers are implementing, and how they are tackling issues similar to those you are facing. In short, you'll learn new solutions to some of your biggest challenges.

### **October Joint Meeting with Tulsa and OKC ASSP Chapters with Student Sections from OSU, NSU, UCO and SEOSU**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021

**Time:** 5:00 PM- 6:30 PM

**Speaker:** Micah Backlund, HSE Director at Helmrich and Payne

**Location:** OSU Student Union for the speaker presentation

### **2021 Sporting Clay Tournament**

**Date:** Friday, November 5, 2021

**Time:** 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

**Location:** Quail Ridge Sporting Clay (2401 S. McCloud Road, McCloud, OK74851)

**Link:** [2021 Sporting Clay Tournament – ASSP Oklahoma City Chapter](#)

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# OKC ASSP Fundraiser

**Registration starts at 8:30 am**  
**Shooting starts at 9:30am**  
Breakfast & Lunch provided

**WHEN:** November 5, 2021

**WHERE:** Quail Ridge Sporting Clays

2401 S. McLoud Rd (Hwy 102 North)

McLoud, OK 74851

**WHO:** Singles and Groups of four

Open to the Public (100 Shots!!!) shot size to 7.5, or 8 (1 to 1 1/8oz)

**COST:** \$50 per shooter / \$200 for 4-person Team

*Team golf carts available in limited quantities (\$50 per team),*

*must reserve when registering!*

(Register at website and pay with Pay Pal, PO, Check or Cash)

## Prizes and Raffle items to be announced

Visit our website for additional information: <http://okc.assp.org/> or call Cody Vinyard 405-850-1701



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# OKC ASSP SPORTING CLAY FUNDRAISER

## Sponsor Invitation

Join us for an exciting day filled with safety and networking at our Sporting Clay Fundraiser on **Friday, November 5, 2021!** The event will be held at Quail Ridge Sporting Clays (2401 S. Mcloud Rd. Mcloud, OK 74851).

## Event Highlights

- Breakfast networking
- Lunch
- Afternoon networking
- Gun Raffle

## Event Sponsorship Opportunities

*Interested in promoting your company/services further? What about sponsoring a networking break, event, or the lunch and speaker?*

Get your sponsorship for the Sporting Clay Event in early so you can make the most of your marketing dollars! **Early sponsors will be listed in all marketing material, on the ASSP OKC website and newsletter, and as a 2021 Sporting Clay sponsor. All sponsors will be promoted during and after the event!**

We are looking for the following "BORE" Level Sponsors:

- Cylinder Choke Sponsor - \$300
- Skeet Choke Sponsor - \$500
- Improved Choke Sponsor - \$1000
- Modified Choke Sponsor - \$1500
- Full Choke Sponsor - \$2000 (one team included with sponsorship)

We will have goody bags so we can distribute your promotional items.

## Event Contact Information

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