

## President's Message

OKC Chapter Members,

The weather is cooling down, but this Chapter year is just warming up. It has been a busy start to the 2021-2022 cycle beginning with our first in-person meeting in over 18 months. It was great seeing some of you face-to-face in what seems like forever. I also want to thank those of you that participated in our online format and hope everyone enjoyed Darren Alexander's presentation on The Importance of Fire Extinguisher Inspections and Training. Officer installation was held at the meeting and I am extremely excited to be working with all of our dedicated volunteer leaders.

I recently had the privilege of addressing the ASSP student section at Oklahoma State University where I spoke to some of the challenges that young safety professionals face when first entering the workforce. The discussion centered around many of the struggles that I, and likely many of you, have dealt with throughout our career and tips to overcome them. At some point, I'd bet each of us have felt overwhelmed by trying to learn a new process, building relationships, dealing with a budget, wearing too many hats, or simply wondering when the results will come. We all have obstacles that have to be overcome, but we can do it, especially if we know what to do or where to go to find help.

Several of our Executive Committee members, including myself, also volunteered their time to participate in a panel discussion at the University of Central Oklahoma. ASSP student members had the opportunity to ask questions of panel members and gain valuable insight from experienced safety professionals. Soon-to-be graduates asked how to make their resumes stand out, separate themselves in the interview process, and the importance of certificates and certifications. The topic of discussion varied from knowing which jobs to apply for to handling catastrophic injuries.

I have been blessed over the course of my career to be surrounded by trusted advisors willing to invest time in me and help me grow as a safety professional. I am now grateful to be able to pay it forward by sharing my experiences and learned knowledge with the next generation. I encourage everyone in the HSE field to find a mentor they can call upon when needed, especially in the early stages of a career. Whether you are a young professional seeking a mentor or an experienced safety champion with a desire to help others, the ASSP OKC Chapter mentoring program is a great place to start. If you are interested in participating in the Mentor Program, please contact Mike Messner ([messnermik@aol.com](mailto:messnermik@aol.com)) or Damon Hinkle ([damon.hinkle@thrutubing.com](mailto:damon.hinkle@thrutubing.com)).

Moving on to upcoming events, we have a number of opportunities you won't want to miss. On October 6, please join us in Stillwater for OSU's Distinguished Speaker Series. A joint networking event with the Tulsa Chapter and local student sections will be held in the Student Union Ballroom from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Micah Backlund, HSE Director from Helmerich & Payne, will be presenting at 7:00 p.m. Next, our annual Sporting Clays Tournament will be held at Quail Ridge in McCloud, OK on November 5. Please join us for fun day of shooting and good food all while helping support the chapter and its student sections. Visit our website for more information. Lastly, I hope to see everyone at our December chapter meeting as OSHA Area Director, Steven Kirby, is set to provide his much-anticipated annual update. We will also be hosting our annual Toys-for-Tots drive at the December 10 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:

Joint Meeting with Tulsa and Oklahoma City ASSP Chapters with Student Sections from OSU, NSU, UCO, and SEOUS

**When:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021  
5:00 PM- 6:30 PM: Meet and Greet  
7:00 PM- 8:30 PM: Speaker Presentation

**Location:** OSU Student Union  
101 Whitehurst Hall  
Stillwater, OK 74078

**Speaker:** Micah Backlund  
HSE Director at Helmerich and Payne

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**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2020-2021



## Announcements

### 2021- 2022 Officer Installation

**Chapter Officers** (Left to Right):

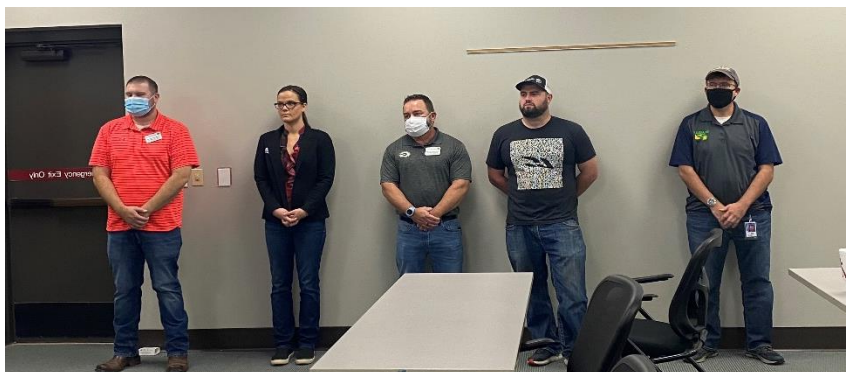
**President: Shawn Helton**

**President: Elect: Elizabeth Gough**

**Secretary: Patrick McGrew**

**Treasurer: Stephen Simpson**

**Delegate: Sean Hickey**



### UCO Outstanding Community Partner Award for 2021

**Purpose:** To recognize community partners to the college who have outstanding contributions through collaborating with members of the college in a way that benefits students and the communities served by the college.

**Eligibility:** Any individual or organization engaged in collaborative activities with members of the college community.

**Criteria:**

- Demonstrated outstanding contributions through collaborating with college members in a way that benefits students and the communities served by the college.
- Consistent contributions over a period of at least three years of activity.
- Evidence of accomplishment as measured by pertinent patterns of evidence related to impact on students and the community.



Pictured above Left to Right:

Dr. Robin Lacy, Professor and Department Chair

Shawn Helton, President of OKC Chapter of ASSP

Dr. Bryan Duke, Interim Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies





## Announcements

### 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  | -Leslie Stockel in 2016      | -Mark Huddleston in 2010 |
| -Cody Vinyard in 2020   | -Stephanie Schroeder in 2015 | -Jim Ross in 2009        |
| -Paul Turner in 2019    | -Sean Hickey in 2014         | -Don Latimer in 2008     |
| -Denis Baker in 2018    | -Bill Young in 2013          | -Robert Williams in 2005 |
| -Patrick McGrew in 2017 | -Casey Roberts in 2011       | -Mike Messner in 2002    |





## Upcoming Events

### **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

### **UCO Burger Bash**

**Date:** Thursday, October 21, 2021

**Time:** 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM

**Location:** Broncho Lake- Blue Tent

### **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, McLoud, OK74851)

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

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## **2021 ConocoPhillips Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series**

*presents*



**Micah Backlund, CSP**  
**HSE Director**  
**Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co**

**“HSE in the Oilfield: Past, present and future”**

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 6  
**TIME:** 7:00 pm  
**PLACE:** OSU Student Union Ballroom (Room 265)

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### **About the presentation:**

Mr. Backlund, the HSE Director for H&P, will be with us to provide an overview of HSE in the Oilfield: Past, present and future. How the HSE profession has evolved from the wildcat era, into the TRIR based approach of the 1980's, Safety by Design in the 2000's, and on to a Safety culture focused on preventing Serious Injuries and Fatalities (SIF). Finally, he provides insight into the future of HSE and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) management.

### **About your speaker:**

**Micah Backlund, CSP**, Micah Backlund is the HSE Director for Helmerich & Payne US Land Operations. His responsibilities include providing HSE Support to districts' management team, drilling rigs, trucking, maintenance and casing running operations. Backlund worked for DOW Chemical, BASF and the Department of Energy prior to working for H&P. He started with H&P as a Health Safety & Environmental (HSE) Field Rep in 2006, providing HSE Support to H&P's FlexRig project in Houston. In June of 2008, Micah moved to Tulsa as an HSE Specialist. In that role he supported US land and International Operations. In 2010, Backlund relocated to Bakersfield, CA and served as the HSE Specialist for H&P California Land operations. In response to H&P's significant growth in the West Texas and New Mexico operations, Micah was assigned to those operations as the HSE Manager for West Texas and California operations in 2013. In April of 2019 Mr. Backlund was promoted to HSE Director of US Land for H&P. Throughout his career Backlund has been actively involved in the International Association of Drilling Contractors and has presented at numerous industry conferences including the OSHA O&G, IADC HSE Conference. He has also served as an adjunct professor for a community college in the Houston Area, teaching Safety Management. Backlund earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and his Masters of Business Administration at the University of Houston at Clear Lake. He has been a CSP since 2008. He currently resides north of San Antonio, Texas with his wife Jennifer and their 5 children.



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**When? October 21st, 5:30 – 7P.M.**

Where? Broncho Lake Blue Tent



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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. McCloud Rd. McCloud, 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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Visit our website for additional information: <http://okc.assp.org/>



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