

President's Message

Happy New Year!

I don't know about you, but I love the idea of choosing a Word of the Year vs. New Year's Resolution because it helps bring focus and clarity to what we want to create in our lives.

My word for 2022: FLUID

I have recently experienced a lot of changes in my professional life as my employer was officially acquired by another company. Along with the new company comes a lot of other "news": new boss, new processes and procedures, new expectations. Much of what I have known and become accustomed to and comfortable with over the past 9 years is now changing. Change can be exciting and can offer new opportunities and challenges. Change can also be a little scary and push us outside of our comfort zone. That's why my word for 2022 is FLUID. Rather than resisting change, I want to be more fluid and willing to adapt to the changes that come my way.

I think FLUID is a good word for all health & safety professionals to take to heart as we are about to enter Year 3 of COVID-19. We continue to see the number of COVID cases rise and fall as new variants are reported. Between updates to CDC guidelines and the publication of OSHA's Emergency Temporary Standard and the various legal challenges it has faced, there is certainly a lot to keep up with. COVID protocols, it seems, are constantly having to be updated based on the current landscape. It is imperative that we remain FLUID during this time and make the necessary changes to company COVID programs and protocols that best protect our workers.

The OKC Chapter will ring in the New Year on Friday, January 14, at the Moore Norman Technology Center on South Penn. I hope to see many of you there as we welcome Tom Robins to present on "Teamwork: How Oklahoma Created an Award-Winning Model for Industry Traffic Safety". Also, remember to mark April 22 on your calendars as we plan to bring back our annual PDC.

Have a great year!

Respectfully,
Shawn Helton, CSP
President, OKC Chapter ASSP



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Next Chapter Meeting:
[Friday, January 14, 2022 11:30 AM](#)

Location:
Moore Norman Technology Center-
South Penn Campus
(13301 S Pennsylvania OKC, OK 73170)

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PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2020-2021



Announcements

ASSP OKC Meetings

ASSP is looking for speakers for upcoming chapter meetings. If your company is interested in sponsoring an upcoming chapter meeting lunch or hosting tours of their facility please contact Shawn Helton (president@okc.assp.org) or Bill Young (youngwc@oqe.com).

ASSP Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Open

ASSP Foundation Academic Scholarship Program

Academic scholarships are available for students within the occupational safety and health field, preparing for their careers or looking to supplement their careers with additional college coursework.

Applications for ASSP Foundation academic scholarships are accepted October 15, 2021–**January 15, 2022**.

Programs of study must be either directly related to the occupational safety and health field or will be utilized to support the occupational safety and health field. This can include a variety of degrees. If your degree is not directly related to occupational safety and health, you will be asked to clarify how you will be using your degree to support the field of occupational safety and health.

Academic scholarships are announced on or around May 15, 2022.

ASSP Foundation Professional Education Grant Program

Professional education grants are available for individuals within the occupational safety and health field (either students or professionals) who need financial support for certification expenses, conference attendance, webinar attendance, workshop attendance, and similar professional development support.

College courses are not covered by the professional education grant program; applicants must use the scholarship application if requesting support for college courses.

Applications for ASSP Foundation professional education grants are accepted year-round, with awards made on a rolling basis, based on availability.

For more information, visit <https://foundation.assp.org/scholarships-and-grants/>

Questions? email us at foundation@assp.org

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>).



Announcements

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

Mentorship Program

The ASSP OKC Chapter is excited to re-establish the Mentorship Program for our Chapter members. 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

ASSP Safety Focus Conference

- In-Person February 21-25 in Phoenix, AZ
- Online course available February 21-March 4
- Unlike a traditional safety conference, where you get an overview of several important safety concepts, SafetyFOCUS instructors spend more time on each subject. It's a more focused way to learn what you need to know and get back to business.





Upcoming Events

February Chapter Meeting

Date: Friday, February 4, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: UCO

March Chapter Meeting

Date: Friday, March 11, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: Francis Tuttle Reno Campus

PDC

Date: Friday, April 22, 2022

Location: Francis Tuttle Rockwell Campus





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Speakers needed for the 2022 ASSP Professional Development Conference

Do you have a topic you enjoy speaking on that you think Safety Professionals could learn from?

The annual ASSP Professional Development Conference would be a great place for you to present.

The PDC will be Friday, April 22, 2022 at Francis Tuttle's Rockwell Campus.

If you are interested in speaking at the PDC, please e-mail:

Cody Vinyard at vinyarcd@oge.com

Mark Huddleston at huddleml@oge.com





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