

## President's Message

OKC Chapter Members,

The past few months have gone by in a hurry. We had a great time at the PDC back in April and I hope that everyone in attendance had positive takeaways from the learning sessions. We hope to see you again next spring! We also had several members join us for a tour of the water treatment plant at Arcadia Lake in May. The knowledgeable staff from the City of Edmond educated the group on the treatment process of the local drinking water, as well as some of the primary safety and environmental issues within the facility.

As we close out the chapter year, I would like to thank all our members for continuing to support the Oklahoma City chapter and local safety community. It is because of you that we are able to provide free educational and networking opportunities for safety professionals in our area. Your participation and contributions in events such as the annual clay shoot and spring PDC allow us to invest more in our professional and student members through the ASSP Foundation grant & scholarship funds, as well as donate to local charitable organizations.

This chapter year we were able to increase our ASSP Foundation scholarship to \$1500, which is awarded to a deserving ASSP student member from a local university each year. Additionally, we were able to contribute to a newly endowed scholarship at the University of Central Oklahoma in honor of past President and long-time executive committee member, William Young. Through your generosity, we were also able to collect more than 200 toys during our annual Toys for Tots drive this past December.

I would especially like to thank the executive committee for their support and guidance throughout the past year. Without their dedication and hard work, the chapter would not be nearly as successful. Regarding the executive committee, your newly elected officers will be taking the reins on July 1. We are always looking for new volunteers to serve the chapter, and there are many roles you can assist in without being elected. If you are interested in becoming more active in the chapter, please reach out to any of our executive committee members at the next meeting or via our contact information listed on the chapter website.

Our final chapter meeting before summer break will be Friday, June 10 at the Francis Tuttle – Reno Campus. Hope to see you all there!

Respectfully,  
Shawn Helton, CSP  
President, OKC Chapter ASSP



**Shawn Helton, CSP**  
Sr. Health & Safety Field Coordinator  
Energy Transfer

**Next Chapter Meeting:**  
[Friday, June 10, 2022 11:30 AM](#)

**Location:**  
Francis Tuttle Tech Center - Reno Campus  
7301 West Reno Avenue, OKC, OK, 73127

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2020-2021

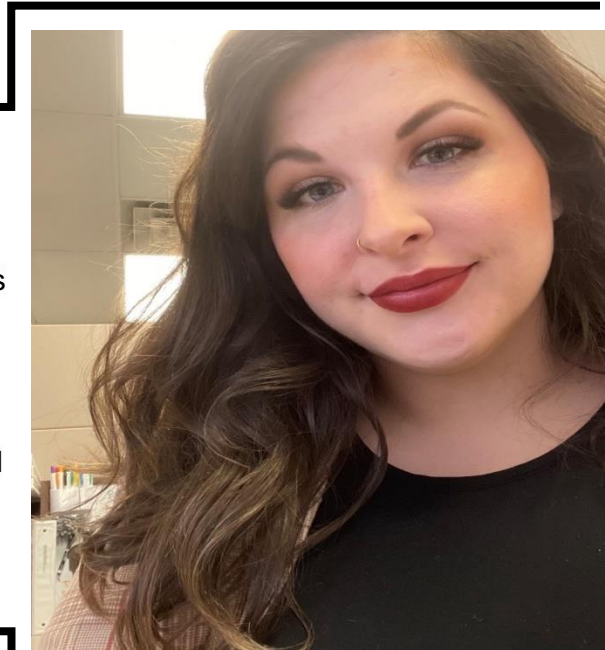


## ASSP OKC Elected Officers 2022-2023



### President Elect: Ashley Harris

Ashley Harris is currently a Health, Safety and Quality Representative at OG&E. She received her B.S. in Industrial Safety at the University of Central Oklahoma in 2019. She has been involved in ASSP since 2018. She has served as OKC ASSP Secretary 2020-2021 and Chapter Communications 2020-2021. She is currently serving as Newsletter Editor, Chapter Communications and Secretary. Ashley's past work experience includes construction safety and warehouse distribution safety. Worker safety is her passion and she hopes to continue serving ASSP as a young professional while recruiting new members for the next generation of safety leaders.



### Secretary: Haley Brown

Haley Brown currently serves as the Health and Safety Engineering Consultant for Oklahoma Gas and Electric. She has 7 years of experience in the safety industry and has worked in the multiple sectors including utilities, robotic systems, warehousing, and design in safety. Haley holds a B.S. in Industrial Safety from the University of Central Oklahoma and holds a M.S. in Occupational Health Safety and Environmental from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She has earned the designation of Certified Safety Professional (CSP). Her goal is to continue to serve safety professionals and students in Oklahoma City and surrounding areas by providing technical information, developmental opportunities, and networking events. She has been a member of ASSP for 7 years.



### Treasurer: Sean Hickey

Sean currently a Health, Safety, and Quality Representative at OG&E. He has 19 years of experience in the construction, transportation, mining, utility, and natural gas industries. He received his B.S. in Fire Protection and Safety Technology from Oklahoma State University in 2002. Sean has also been a Certified Safety Professional for over ten years. Sean has held several positions in the OKC Chapter of the ASSP throughout his career including: Treasurer, President-Elect, President, and Delegate. He was also the OKC Chapter Safety Professional of the Year in 2014.



## 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](mailto:president@okc.assp.org)) or Bill Young ([youngwc@oge.com](mailto:youngwc@oge.com)).

### 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](mailto:damon.hinkle@thrutubing) or Mike Messner at [messnermik@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:damon.hinkle@thrutubing) or Mike Messner, Co-Chair at [messnermik@aol.com](mailto:messnermik@aol.com)

### 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)





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## Upcoming Events

### June Chapter Meeting

**Date:** Friday, June 10, 2022

**Time:** 11:30 AM

**Speaker:** Lori Risley

**Location:** Francis Tuttle- Reno Campus





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