



VC Spotlight

A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet

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Valley Coastal Website

<https://valleycoastal.assp.org/>

President's Message

I'd like to start off by thanking you all for allowing me to serve as your Chapter President for the last 2 terms, it have been a true pleasure. I know this past year has been challenging and we all had to find innovative ways to navigate to our new normal. We are currently in the process of creating a strategic plan that will include in-person versus virtual technical meetings, networking events, a professional development conference, and so much more. I am confident that the new Chapter President, Ross Kocen will excel in leading the way for his term.

So, with that, I look forward for your future participation in the Chapter's upcoming events.

Vanessa de la Torre, Valley Coastal Chapter President

Mark Your Calendars! – August 18, 2021

Topic: To Be Determined

Presenter: To Be Determined

Virtual Meeting (See Page 2)

March Virtual Technical Meeting

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Virtual Meeting

Our next round of virtual meetings is currently being planned. In July, the leadership team will be meeting to set up the topics and future meeting dates. We will continue to meet virtually on the third Wednesday of the month starting August 18 at 9 a.m., followed by September 15, October 20, and November 17. We will continue through 2022 and are hoping to schedule some in-person events as we move into the new Chapter year.

2021 – 2022 Valley Coastal Board

The 2021-2022 Chapter Executive Committee members are as follows:

Elected Positions

President	Ross Kocen
President Elect	Tom Logan
Treasurer	Fabiola Garcia
Secretary	Jaime Jimenez
Chapter Delegate	Vanessa De La Torre



Volunteer Positions

Social Media Chair	Jennifer Mempin
Programs	John Grohs
Government Affairs	Maddie Vaughn
Newsletter Editor	Tim Karcz
Communications	Joe Oliveri
Membership	Jennifer Mempin

Congratulations to Vanessa de la Torre for completing another outstanding year of Valley Coastal Chapter activities! Her leadership led us through the transition from in-person meetings to virtual meetings, due to the COVID-19 restrictions. This transition allowed us to continue the monthly technical meetings and, as a result, we saw our attendance double over the prior year's attendance.

Vanessa was virtually presented with a Past President Plaque to recognize her efforts and leadership through the last two years.

She will continue to support the chapter as the Chapter Delegate and the Elections and Nomination Chair in the 2021 - 2022 Chapter Year.



2021 Valley Coastal Chapter Survey

Help the Valley Coastal Chapter Leadership deliver value-added support to your ASSP Membership.

Please complete our annual survey, and share your thoughts and comments to improve our chapter. Not only can you help us deliver timely technical lectures aimed to support your career, but provide ideas for the direction of the chapter services you may desire.

[Click Here to Take the Survey](#)

To thank you for taking the time to Complete the 2021 survey you will be entered in our drawing and may win 1 of 3 \$25 gift cards.

Working together for a safer, stronger future



Cal/OSHA Revises COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Orders

The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board adopted revisions to the COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards that account for recent guidance from the California Department of Public Health based on increases in the number of people vaccinated. Governor Gavin Newsom also signed an executive order enabling the revisions to take effect without the normal 10-day review period by the Office of Administrative Law—providing clarity and consistency for employers and employees as California fully reopens its economy. The revised standards took effect today.

The June 17 Revisions Include the Following:

- Fully vaccinated employees do not need to be offered testing or excluded from work after close contact unless they have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Fully vaccinated employees do not need to wear face coverings except for certain situations during outbreaks and in settings where CDPH requires all persons to wear them. Employers must document the vaccination status of fully vaccinated employees if they do not wear face coverings indoors.
- Employees are not required to wear face coverings when outdoors regardless of vaccination status except for certain employees during outbreaks.
- Employees are explicitly allowed to wear a face covering without fear of retaliation from employers.
- Physical distancing requirements have been eliminated except where an employer determines there is a hazard and for certain employees during major outbreaks.
- Employees who are not fully vaccinated may request respirators for voluntary use from their employers at no cost and without fear of retaliation from their employers.
- Employees who are not fully vaccinated and exhibit COVID-19 symptoms must be offered testing by their employer.
- Employer-provided housing and transportation are exempt from the regulations where all employees are fully vaccinated.
- Employers must review the [Interim guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments](#).
- Employers must evaluate ventilation systems to maximize outdoor air and increase filtration efficiency and evaluate the use of additional air cleaning systems.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#)

Newsroom

American Society of Safety Professionals is your source for insights on trends in the safety profession, including developments in safety management, worker safety, government and regulatory affairs and standards.

Upcoming ASSP Education Includes Free OSHA Webinars

Occupational Safety and Health Professionals have two upcoming opportunities to learn about developments within the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) at free webinars.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Three Keys to Preventing Serious Injuries and Fatalities

In 2019, 5,333 workers lost their lives as a result of work-related injuries, the highest number of workplace fatalities since 2007. Keep these three keys in mind to help prevent serious injuries and fatalities at your organization.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Oh, The Places You Can Go: How Volunteering Improves Your Career


Volunteering is a way to give back, an opportunity to be selfless, and a chance to contribute to the greater good. It's also a great way to build new skills. Here are five reasons you should consider volunteering with ASSP.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

[Click here to visit the ASSP Newsroom for more update to news and articles!](#)

Safe + Sound Week

Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event held each August that recognizes the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe.



The infographic features a circular diagram on the left divided into three segments: a teal segment for 'MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP' with a clipboard icon, a purple segment for 'WORKER PARTICIPATION' with a lightbulb icon, and an orange segment for 'FIND AND FIX HAZARDS' with a gear icon. The center of the circle contains the 'SAFE + SOUND' logo with two worker icons. To the right, the title 'Safety and Health Programs' is displayed above a definition: 'A safety and health program is a proactive way to manage hazards in the workplace to prevent injuries and illnesses.' Below this, a list of 'Successful programs include:' is provided with corresponding icons for each item. At the bottom, the website 'www.osha.gov/safeandsound' is listed.

Safety and Health Programs

A safety and health program is a proactive way to manage hazards in the workplace to prevent injuries and illnesses.

Successful programs include:

- Management leadership
- Worker participation
- A systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards

www.osha.gov/safeandsound

Why Become an ASSP Member?

A review of last year's member survey showed a variety of reasons for membership in ASSP:

To build my professional network, and I hope to expand my local network of safety professionals.

- We hold virtual meeting and are going to develop virtual neighborhoods to give more opportunity to meet your neighbors.

I am seeking to expand my technical knowledge.

- We hold virtual technical meeting each month.

I am working to attain certifications and/or earn continuing education credits (CEUs).

- You can earn 0.10 equivalent CEU under CATEGORY 7 Safety-Related Course or Seminar, Other Educational Programs, Certificates, Readership Quiz Program, and BCSP Online Quiz; 0.10 without CEU credit Provider offers courses, live or distance** ,
- We have signed up for ASSP CEU's for attendance to several meetings as listed on some meetings.

I want to take advantage of career advancement opportunities.

- Jobs are posted to the Chapter Web page and coupled with networking has assisted member advance their careers.

I want to develop my leadership skills.

- There are Volunteer positions that can help you develop leadership skills you wish to improve, Committee leadership, Sales and recruitment, communications written and verbal as well as time management, balancing work and volunteer activities, budgeting, organizing large meetings and conferences and many, many, more!! This paragraph sounds confusing. Re-write?
- We have positions that take about an hour or so a month, which can easily fit into your schedule. so do not worry your time is precious and we will ask but not demand too much!

ASSP Member-Get-A-Member Program

Do you have friends, colleagues, and associated who would find value in ASSP membership? Tell them about ASSP by using our [Refer-A-Friend Email Tool](#). Simply address and send the ready-made email message below:

The more of your friends who join as full members, the more you get rewarded.

REFER 2	REFER 4	REFER 6	
FREE On-Demand Webinar	X	X	X
FREE 1-Year Membership Extension		X	X
FREE \$50 Amazon Gift Card			X

You've experienced the many benefits of belonging to the American Society of Safety Professionals. Invite your colleagues to join and help them connect with a community of great people who provide great resources.

Interested in Presenting?

IF you are interested in presenting at one of our Professional Development Meetings, please submit a proposal to Programs@valleycoastal.assp.org. The Valley Coastal ASSP is always looking for speakers to help our members:

Identify key issues facing SH&E professionals

- Expand their knowledge to improve their professional skills
- Prepare for the challenges in the SH&E fields
- Engage in the discourse concerning the profession
- Identify emerging issues relevant to the profession

