



# VC Spotlight

## A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet

March 2022

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#### Valley Coastal Website

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

### President's Message

As we emerge from COVID-19 to the "New Normal," the workplace will be different. We will be in a hybrid workplace. More workers will work remotely. Varied work schedule with different days in the office. Many people will relocate from areas close to their workplace to other less crowded areas.

The challenge is how to maintain a safe workplace. Where is the company's responsible end for an employee working from home? With emerging technologies, how will this impact the training of employees?

Our Chapter addresses some of these issues through monthly Technical Meetings, Networking events so you can ask others what they are doing, and facilities tours allowing you to view how other organizations are working with the "New Normal". We look forward to you participating in our events.

#### Safety Quote

***While on a ladder, never step back to admire your work***

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## Mark Your Calendars! – April 20, 2022

**Topic:** Career "By Design" Rather Than "By Default"

Tim Melvin Director & Co-founder Shirley Parsons, past president of the Los Angeles Chapter ASSP

**Virtual Meeting (See Page 3)**

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## April Virtual Technical Meeting

April 20, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### Topic Career “By Design” Rather Than “By Default”

- Take Control of your Career
- Evaluate your Current Position
- Define your Skills
- Define your Opportunities



**Speaker** Tim Melvin Director & Co-founder Shirley Parsons, past president of the Los Angeles Chapter ASSP

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)

For more information:

[Valley Coastal Chapter ASSP Virtual Technical Meeting – ASSP Valley Coastal Chapter](#)

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## March is Woman's History Month

### “Honoring Women's History Month” Safety Compliance Institute invites you to Women in Construction Event

Brought to you by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs in collaboration with the Women's Bureau.

“Paving the Way to Connect Women to Non Traditional Jobs”

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022

Location: Virtual Webinar

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Sorry delays in publishing the newsletter caused us to miss the event but the following links were published in the Webinar

### OFCCP & WB - WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION EVENT

Thursday, March 24 7:00 – 8:30am

WANTO Grant Program: The Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) grant helps to expand pathways for women to enter and lead in all industries.

Here's information on WANTO <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/wb/grants/wanto>

OFCCP Technical Assistance Guide Link:

[https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/OFCCP/Construction/508\\_cctag\\_12032020.pdf](https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/OFCCP/Construction/508_cctag_12032020.pdf)

OFCCP FAQs Link: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ofccp/faqs/construction-compliance>

[7:55 AM] Neri, Nicole – WB [Regional Offices | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](https://www.dol.gov/agencies/wb)

#### TARGET AUDIENCE:

Contractors with employment opportunities seeking to meet OFCCP's goal set for women.

Come learn more about the OFCCP's:

- Outreach and Recruitment Efforts
- Goals
- Record Retention

Come learn more about the WB's:

- Grants, Research, and Resources
- Work to Connect Women to Non-Traditional Occupations

**Vanessa de la Torre, CHST and past President of our Chapter was recognized by her employer PCL Construction for the Women in Construction Week.**

Thomas J. Izykowski, CHST, District Health, Safety & Environment Manager at PCL Construction commented: As an accredited Safety Professional, she has been a role model for spreading positive safety culture within PCL, as well as across the industry through her involvement in industry organizations. Vanessa is exceedingly caring and compassionate, and her people-centric approach is the embodiment of what every safety leader should strive for in their career

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## Santa Barbara ASSP Neighborhood

### **Introducing the Santa Barbara Neighborhood of the Valley Coastal Chapter ASSP**

In our chapter surveys, one of the top reasons indicated for joining the ASSP has been to “expand your local network of safety professionals”. In order to facilitate this, we are setting up a few neighborhood groups to allow members to meet other local safety professionals.

J.B. Quigley will coordinate our first neighborhood for the Santa Barbara area. Please send an email to [president-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org](mailto:president-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org) for more information on joining this networking opportunity.

If you are interested in developing a Chapter Neighborhood in the San Luis Obispo area, send an email to [president-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org](mailto:president-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org) and provide your contact information.

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet fellow safety professionals, and who are most likely dealing with similar challenges

## CHAPTER SPY AWARD

The Valley Coastal Chapter is now taking nominations for the 2021-2022 Chapter SPY award. This award is an honor acknowledging the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to our Chapter and or community. To be eligible the nominee must:

1. Be a Member or Professional Member in good standing of the Chapter and the Society.
2. Not have received this award within the past 5 years
3. Be engaged in full-time employment in the profession of protecting people, property and the environment.

Nominees are not eligible if they are currently serving as a member of the the Chapter Awards Committee or have been elected an ASSP fellow.

The nominee's most recent three (3) years of activities will be considered as a minimum since the winner will be put in for the region and/or society level which is looks at 3-5 years of activity. The judging criteria are:

- Demonstrate technical expertise in the broad filed of safety and a thorough knowledge of the operational aspects of his/her safety employment
- Demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Chapter or Section, activities, including committee or task force chair, officer, services to members, lecturer at seminars, etc.
- Leadership in establishment, maintenance, and improvement of technical or Chapter programs in the organization nominee serves or elsewhere.
- Other personal achievements related to safety and health.
- Professional contributions to advance the safety profession, such as fostering professional development, public/community services, instructor at educational institutions, involvement in codes and legislation, articles written, work with allied groups, etc.
- Awards and innovations, including citations, honors, plaques; or new procedures or systems developed.
- Endorsements by superiors and verifications by associates, in the form of letters on appropriate stationery of the employer, Area Director, where applicable and Regional Vice President.

The nomination must include the nomination form and/or letter of endorsement from the nominating member.

Please submit the nomination to the Chapter no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> so that the committee can determine the winner and have the award presented during the May chapter meeting



**CHAPTER SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

**NOMINATION FORM**

(Please print or type)

(To be filled out by individual member, Chapter or Section submitting the name of a nominee for this award)

CANDIDATE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe nominee's current or recent ASSP activities:

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\_\_\_\_\_

(As the sponsoring individual, Chapter or Section, I/We have reviewed the petition and believe all statements to be accurate, and a faithful reflection of the nominee's safety activities in the Society, for an employer and in the community).

**SPONSORING Individual, Chapter or Section** \_\_\_\_\_

(I the Nominee have reviewed the petition and believe all statements to be accurate, and a faithful reflection of the safety activities in the Society, for an employer and in the community)

**SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE** \_\_\_\_\_

IF A SPONSOR IS A SECTION, INDICATE SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVES

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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## National Ladder Month

Every step matters: From step stools to extension ladders, make sure you're putting the right foot forward.

Every year over 100 people die in ladder-related accidents, and thousands suffer disabling injuries. Join the American Ladder Institute (ALI) and participate in National Ladder Safety Month in March. This important month was designed to raise awareness of ladder safety and to decrease the number of ladder-related injuries and fatalities.

What is National Ladder Safety Month?

National Ladder Safety Month is the only movement dedicated exclusively to the promotion of ladder safety, at home and at work. Help us bring awareness to the importance of the safe use of ladders through resources, training and a national dialogue.

**National Ladder Safety Month | March 2022**



## Safety 2022 Conference and Expo

Registration is now open for ASSP's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Event

The American Society of Safety Professionals is excited to announce a dynamic format for our 2022 annual conference and expo, along with a new date and location. You can expect an unmatched conference experience that is mindful of the public safety and health challenges we continue to face due to the pandemic. Get the high-quality professional content you expect from ASSP, with new ways to learn and engage both online and in person.



For More Information, Visit: <https://safety.assp.org>



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## Newsroom

The 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.

### **ASSP Remembers Deadly Factory Fire that Spurred Workplace Safety**

ASSP encourages all workers to join the Society in recognizing the anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire with a moment of silence on March 25.

Workplace safety and health became national news more than 100 years ago this month when the [Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire](#) in New York City led to the deaths of 146 garment workers – most of them women as young as 14 years old – on March 25, 1911.

A few months after the tragedy came the creation of the world's oldest professional safety organization – the United Association of Casualty Inspectors now known as the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) – a group that remains dedicated to progressively advancing the safety and health of workers everywhere, especially during the global pandemic.

ASSP encourages all companies and their workers to join the Society in recognizing this anniversary by observing a moment of silence at 4:45 p.m. ET on Friday, March 25 – the exact time the first alarm was sounded – to pay tribute to the workers who died in the fire while also refocusing on creating safe work environments. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 5,000 people are fatally injured on the job each year.

During the Triangle fire in lower Manhattan, fire exit doors were locked and other doors only opened inward, making it impossible for the onrush of workers to get out. The fire escape was poorly constructed and didn't meet weight requirements. Fire department ladders couldn't reach the upper floors of the 10-story building. Many workers died by jumping out of windows and into an elevator shaft as they fought to escape the flames.

“The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire was the deadliest industrial disaster in New York City history, and it inspired our country to address workplace safety in an organized way that didn't previously exist,” said ASSP President Brad Giles, P.E., CSP, STS, FASSP, GIOSH. “The tragedy led to a series of laws and regulations that improved workplace safety. It also caused a concerned group of insurance company safety engineers to start an organization that is now ASSP.”

From its inception on Oct. 14, 1911, ASSP has grown into a global membership organization of 36,000 occupational safety and health professionals whose efforts reduce workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities. But the work of safety organizations, employers and federal agencies like the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is never complete.

“Whether you work at a construction site, in a restaurant, at a manufacturing plant or in a mine, the lessons of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire should never be forgotten,” Giles said. “Keeping our workplaces safe takes an unwavering commitment from all involved. There are always advances to be made and new ideas to be shared.”

### **Registration opens for ASSP’s Safety 2022**

Registration is open for the Safety 2022 Professional Development Conference and Exposition set for June 27-29 in Chicago. The event will also be online.

“As always, our conference and expo will be a dynamic learning and networking experience that supports our mission to help protect workers in every industry worldwide,” said ASSP President Brad Giles, P.E., CSP, STS, FASSP, GIOSH. “It’s a place to find real solutions to workplace safety challenges, especially now when environments can quickly shift. We’re excited about what we have in store for attendees.”

Thousands of safety and health professionals look to ASSP’s conference each year to grow their professional development and meet experts who can help them advance their careers and elevate safety at their companies.

Safety 2022 will highlight best practices, industry trends and the latest product innovations. Concurrent sessions by industry trendsetters provide practical information that can be used today and, in the future, to protect workers and enhance business operations. The expo will feature hundreds of companies showcasing innovative safety solutions that can help organizations reduce injuries, illnesses and fatalities.

For more information, [Click Here](#).

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

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## Interested in Presenting?

If you are interested in presenting at one of our Professional Development Meetings, please submit a proposal to [President-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org](mailto:President-elect@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

