



VC Spotlight

A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet

December 2022

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Valley Coastal Website

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

President's Message

Happy Holidays!

We are halfway through our Chapter year, and we have navigated from Covid isolation to face-to-face meetings with virtual access. These face-to-face meetings create a great networking opportunity and are one of the key reasons safety professionals join the ASSP.

We are continuing to develop our chapter "Neighborhoods" and will continue to move our meeting sites to areas of higher member concentrations. We are looking for meeting sites in the East San Fernando Valley, Valencia, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo areas. Please let our leadership know of meeting sites in your area to hold one of our monthly meetings. If you have suggestions, submit your location suggestion via the [Chapter Contact Link](#).

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Mark Your Calendars! – December 13, 2022

Topic: Accident Investigation Roundtable

Virtual Meeting (See Page 3)

President's Message Continued.....

We are preparing for the 2023 ASP Study Sessions. We will be holding ten weekly sessions starting in Mid-January. Dates and times to be announced in December. Let us know if you would like to participate through the [Chapter Contact Link](#). Provide your contact information and your ASP test target date or additional information on the Certification process.

If you are interested in joining the leadership team, please reach-out to the Nominations and Elections Committee through the [Chapter Contact Link](#). There are many ways to support the chapter and your fellow safety professionals.

Please be safe and enjoy the holidays and the year-end celebrations.

Respectively,

Tom Logan CSP, ARM
President, Valley Coastal Chapter
American Society of Safety Professionals

December Technical Meeting – Accident Investigation Roundtable

Topic: Accident Investigation Roundtable Discussion
Join in the discussions to improve your Accident Investigation Program
Meeting: December 13, 2022
Time: 11:30 to 1:00 PM
Location: [Post 2805 All American West Valley Post](#)
Virtual and In-Person
Address: 8107 Canoga Ave; Canoga Park, CA 913044103
CEU's: Pending

Our Chapter will be collecting toys for Toys for Tots. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters. Please bring toys in their original packaging.

Register in Advance for this Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpc-rpzkvG9Fn57d3XoTDqiqOB7T-gEbd>

January Technical Meeting: Construction Suicide Prevention

Topic: Construction Suicide Prevention Partnership
Meeting: January 18, 2023
Virtual and In-Person
Time: 11:30 to 1:00 PM
Location: Pending - Look for the meeting location in the December update
CEU's: Pending

Register in Advance for this Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vde2srj4iHtY4xK6Yrm3JVEqmaWDRAPYS>

Nominations and Elections Committee Notification

In accordance with our Chapter Bylaws the Valley Coastal Chapter Nominations and Elections Committee for Chapter Year 2022-2023 has been appointed.

The newly appointed Nominations and Elections Committee will oversee the election of our 2023-2024 Chapter Executive Committee. The committee members are as follows:

Ross Kocen, Committee Chair
Ryan Hecksel, Committee Member
Matt Greeding, Committee Member

Anyone interested in running for an Executive Committee position should email the Chapter Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, Ross Kocen at ross@first-on-scene.com.

Santa Barbara ASSP Neighborhood

Introducing the Santa Barbara Neighborhood of the Valley Coastal Chapter ASSP

Our Chapter survey indicated that one of the top reasons for joining the ASSP is 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 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 and provide your contact information.

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



ASSP Safety Conference and Exposition
Safety 2023 | June 5-7, 2023 - **San Antonio, TX and Online**



ASSP's annual safety conference is the nation's leading industry event. Apply to speak at this conference and contribute to the professional conversation about safety.

Visit the Conference Website Here: safety.assp.org

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's President's Message – Connect with your Board

We must meet our current and future members where they are in their career progression to ensure we create a sustained and sustainable pipeline of high-quality OSH professionals serving business and industry

Click here to read the rest of the President's message: [President's Message \(assp.org\)](#)

Better protecting the safety and health of Hispanic construction workers

Hispanic construction workers experience a disproportionate number of injuries and fatalities. Jorge Otalora shares ideas to help safety professionals respond.

Click here for more: [Better Protecting the Safety and Health of Hispanic Construction Workers](#)

How does your organization define risk, and why does it matter?

Operational silos don't improve safety. People must work together across organizations, adopting an enterprise risk management perspective and shared language.

Click here for more: [How Does Your Organization Define Risk, and Why Does It Matter?](#)

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

Chapter Recognition!

Congratulations to Lori Elder, President Elect, on achieving the ASP Designation!

Associate Safety Professionals (ASP) are safety practitioners who have proven knowledge of safety, health, and environmental (SH&E) fundamentals. Earning your ASP designation shows others you are serious about safety, confirms your knowledge and skills, and advances your career. The ASP designation meets the credential requirement for the Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®) designation.

The ASSP recognizes the following members for their years of service and support of the chapter. The long service certificates are awarded for 10/25/40/50 years of membership. These members will also be recognized in the January Professional Safety Journal.

Member	Years	Join Date
Leon Cuthbert	49	11/1/1977
Shirley Parks	45	5/1/1982
Lee Patton	40	4/1/1982
Devin Burns	40	10/1/1997
Brent Escoubas	25	6/1/1997
Maria Brunel	25	2/1/1997
Paul Green	25	10/1/2012
Darrell Grimes	10	8/1/2012
Peter Kaiser	10	5/1/2012
Kristin Hollinger	10	4/1/2012
Joseph Mack	10	3/1/2012
Anthony Wong	10	

The Valley Coastal Chapter also congratulates and recognizes the following members for their five years of membership, along with their support for the safety profession, the ASSP and our Chapter.

Member	Years	Join Date
Jandark Farnoush	5	10/1/2017
Michelle Horwitz	5	10/1/2017
Prumell Salva	5	7/1/2017
Dion Beck	5	6/1/2017
Kari Morales	5	4/1/2017
John Railsback	5	4/1/2017
Joyce Fanella	5	3/1/2017
Norman Heilman	5	2/1/2017
Nuran Deyirmencian	5	1/1/2017
Greg Romey	5	1/1/2017

Resources from ASSP

Need Financial Support for Your Lifelong Learning?

The ASSP Foundation offers academic scholarships for students at any stage in their career. Getting that MBA? You can apply! Students enrolled in any field of study are eligible. The ASSP Foundation also offers career development grants to support professional development outside of college courses. Applications are due by Feb. 15, 2023.

[Click here to apply](#)

Free Project Audit Guide for Construction Sites

ANSI recently updated ANSI/ASSP A10.39-2022 standard, Construction Safety and Health Audit Program, establishes an internal method of measuring compliance with an organization's written safety and health program requirements. Get started on your audit program with their free guide based on Appendix A and B from the standard.

[Click here for more information or to purchase the standard](#)

Steps for Improving the Safety and Health of Temporary Workers

Episode 92 of "The Case for Safety" podcast features Scott DeBow, principal of HSE at Avetta. The team discusses the guidance document "Protecting Temporary Workers: Best Practices for Host Employers." Check out the great episode and listen now!

[Click here for more information](#)

Call for Volunteers: ASSP Foundation Educational Framework Task Force

Interested in helping the ASSP Foundation map education and training pathways and create a framework grounded in industry standards and responsive to shifts in work and the labor market?

[Click here to apply and serve](#)

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](#).

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 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 knowledge to improve 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

