



VC Spotlight

A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet

December 2023

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Valley Coastal Website

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

President's Message

As 2023 comes to an end, I hope that everyone is back to some semblance of normalcy at work and that COVID is a distant memory.

For safety professionals, our focus is always on the future and striving to not only help our workers return home in the same condition they arrived, but also to provide tools, resources, and opportunities that help them improve their condition.

We are putting together a great lineup of technical meetings for the remaining 23-24 Fiscal year. We have a **tour of the Bayer Operations in January**, an **update on the Cannabis issues as it affects employers and safety**, and a class on **ethics to ensure you get BCSP continuing education credits**. We hope that you will make it a point to attend.

The Valley Coastal Chapter needs help to energize our members. Many volunteer positions have gone vacant for years. I have discussed the need for volunteers to help coordinate meet-ups in the various areas that may be too far to travel for the monthly meetings. What is holding you back? By getting more involved, you will give back to the profession, expand your professional network, and increase your technical knowledge. If more people will chip in a bit of time, we can expand our reach to better service the needs of our chapter.

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Does your company have a meeting room that the chapter can use to a meeting?

Do you work for an industry that may be an interesting venue for a tour for other safety professionals?

Do you have a knack for social media and can help with our website or LinkedIn?

There are many little things that will help make our chapter more vibrant, if only we had someone willing to step up. Please consider this as my personal invitation to you: Volunteer today and help fuel our collective mission to build a safer, stronger future for all.

Thank you!

Lori Elder, President
Valley Coastal ASSP

Valley Coastal Technical Meeting – December 14, 2023

December 14 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Share the JOY with a TOY at the Valley Coastal Chapter ASSP Annual Toy Drive.

Topic: Professional Designations

Learn: Not all Certifications require a college degree, the Value of Professional Designation, Available Designations, Requirements, Study Areas and How to Prepare.

Speakers:

Chris Knudsen and Tom Logan, Chapter Study Group Leaders

Agenda:

11:30 to 1:00 pm in-person - ***lunch will be provided free with unwrapped toy***

11:45 to 1:00 pm Virtual – please register for additional information

If you cannot be in person, you can donate on the registration page.



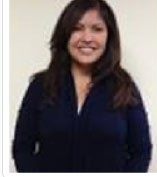


Location:

**VFW Post 2805
8107 Canoga Ave.
Canoga Park, California, 91403**

Please Register - Required for in-person lunch or virtual attendance.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Meet Your 2023/2024 Chapter Leadership Team

<p>President Lori Elder</p>		<p>25 Years in Safety and 19 Years with ASSP ASSP Experience: Treasurer for the Central Valley Chapter; WISE Chapter Rep & National Secretary</p>
<p>President Elect Maddie Vaughan</p>		<p>Maddie joined the ASSE in 2008. and is an active member of both the Valley Coastal Chapter as well as the Los Angeles Chapter. Maddie is a member of the Construction Specialty Group. She is a WISE member and was awarded Mentor of the year in 2019. In that same year Maddie also won the Valley Coastal Chapter SPY award. Other offices and chapter involvement includes Membership chair 2014-2015, President Elect. 2016-2017, Chapter President 2018-2019, Government Affairs 2021-2022.</p>
<p>Treasurer Fabiola Garcia</p>		<p>31 Years in Safety and 9 Years with ASSP, ASSP Experience: Valley Coastal Treasurer 2017 to 2023</p>
<p>Secretary Rosa Salame</p>		<p>17 Years in Safety and 11 Years with ASSP ASSP Experience: Valley Coastal, Current Chapter Secretary, Served on Chapter Bylaws Review 2021, and Nominations & Elections Committee 2021 & 2022</p>
<p>Advisory Group Member Tom Logan</p>		<p>42 Years in Safety and 41 with ASSP, ASSP Experience: President Valley Coastal, 2022-2023 Region 1 Area 3 Director 2018, 2019 & 2020, Past President Valley Coastal 2014 & 2015,</p>

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ASSP Member Survey – Key Lessons

- **Professional Development Is a Top Priority:** Safety professionals become members for many reasons, but one stands out among the others. Those surveyed said their top reason for joining and staying in the Society is professional development and educational events.
- **Members Want to Connect:** Nearly half of member respondents indicated that they joined to build a professional network. They also highlighted the many opportunities for network-building, including those offered through [local chapters](#), [educational events](#), [practice specialties](#) and [common interest groups](#).
- **We Are a Certification Education Destination:** Throughout their careers, many safety and health professionals [work toward attaining certifications](#) that demonstrate their level of expertise. Participants indicated that another top reason for joining and remaining a member is to earn continuing education units (CEUs) and maintain safety and health certifications.
- **Membership Offers Different Benefits at Different Stages:** Professionals with fewer than five years of experience said they retain their memberships to build a professional network, get involved in a local chapter and build their resumes. Professionals with six to 10 years of experience, on the other hand, said they prioritize earning CEUs and advancing in their careers. Those with 11 or more years of experience said they are interested in CEUs, but also want to give back to the next generation and advocate for safety at the regulatory level.
- **There's Value in Getting More Involved:** The more you put into your membership experience, the more you will get out of it. Our members are committed to participating in ways that help their careers and professional relationships thrive.
- **Staying Up to Date Is Critical:** The world of occupational safety and health moves quickly, and [safety professionals need to stay apprised](#) of the latest regulatory news, voluntary standards updates and professional development opportunities. Survey participants emphasized the importance of receiving regular communications on these topics, as well as in-depth technical information, career resources and Society news.
- **Safety Professionals Are Facing New Challenges:** Although our members work across a variety of different industries, they face many of the same challenges. Survey participants said their most pressing concern is finding and hiring qualified workers

ASSP Valley Coastal Chapter Professional Grant Program

The purpose of the Professional Grant (CPG) Program is to help safety professionals advance their careers and/or achieve their educational goals. The program is funded by the Valley Coastal Chapter.

This year, our chapter will award one grant in the amount of \$750 which is available to any Valley Coastal Chapter member seeking to further their education or advance their OSH skills.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Must be a member of the ASSP and the Valley Coastal Chapter
- Must submit a completed application by the deadline.

DEADLINE

- **The application must be received by 11:59 PM on the day of the April Chapter Meeting, April 17, 2024.**
- Complete and submit your application via email to president@valleycoastal.assp.org

The Program and Application can be found on the Valley Coastal Chapter web page on the files tab. [Click here for the Application](#)

Need CEU's?

Join a Safety Organization

Membership in safety organizations (such as this one) provides the opportunity to grow in the profession, connect with safety colleagues and earn CEUs. You earn 1 point per year for membership in a national organization and 0.50 points per year for membership in a regional, state, or local organization.

Become a Volunteer Leader

Taking the next step from joining a safety organization to assuming a leadership role within that organization can earn you another 1 point per year CEUs. Whether you're serving a chapter, practice specialty, common interest group or at the Society level, being a volunteer leader can be life-changing. When I talk to folks about how to professionally develop, one of my first recommendations is to join ASSP," Richardson says. "But most importantly become a leader, participate, serve and make your mark."

Give a Safety Conference Presentation

You can earn CEUs not only by continuing your own education, but also by educating others and contributing to the advancement of the safety profession. Presenting at a safety conference will raise your profile in the safety community, establish your expertise and earn you CEUs. You earn .25 points per year for presenting sessions of 15-60 minutes, a typical Chapter meeting.

Environmental, Health & Safety Undergrad Summer Intern 2024

At PepsiCo, create a fulfilling career and make a positive global impact through meaningful opportunities. Join today!

Minimum Qualifications - Each candidate is expected to:

- Graduate with a Bachelor's degree within one (1) year of internship completion
- This position is limited to persons with the indefinite right to work in the United States.

[**Click Here for More Information and to Apply**](#)

Valley Coastal Meeting & Resources

Join us for Valley Coastal’s next meet on **December 14, 2023**. Meetings are held in-person and virtually from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Register on Valley Coastal’s Website by Clicking Here.

Visit the [Valley Coastal Website](#) for resources and presentations from previous meetings. Here are some quick links for our most recent events:

Valley Coastal Meeting Presentations & Videos

February 2023 - The Five Dysfunctions of a Team
February 2023 - Dysfunction in your Safety Team? (Video)
January 2023 - Construction Suicide Prevention (Video)
November 2022 - Hazard Communication
November 2022 - Haz Com Review (Video)
October 2022 - Cal OSHA Updates & Resources
September 2022 - Beyond the Code - How to Keep Businesses Open After an Earthquake

We’ll see you at our next meeting!



Santa Barbara ASSP Neighborhood

Introducing the Santa Barbara Neighborhood of the Valley Coastal Chapter ASSP

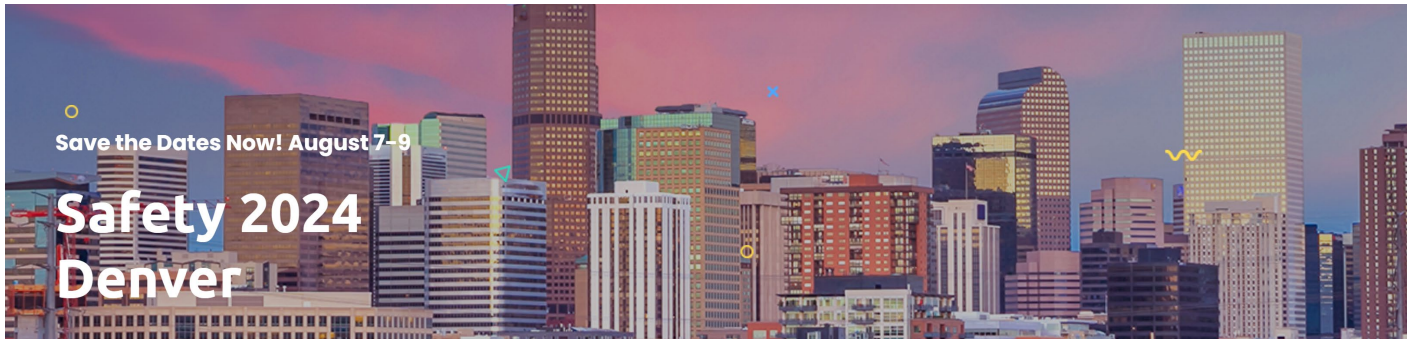
Our Chapter survey indicated that one of the top reasons for joining the ASSP is to "expand your local network of safety professionals". In order to facilitate this, we are setting up a few neighborhood groups to allow members to meet other local safety professionals.



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



See You Next Year

Workplace safety and health will continue to evolve, and the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) will continue to connect you with industry expertise, a network of like-minded peers and the latest innovations. Save the date for our 63rd annual Conference and Expo.

We'll see you in Denver, August 7-9!

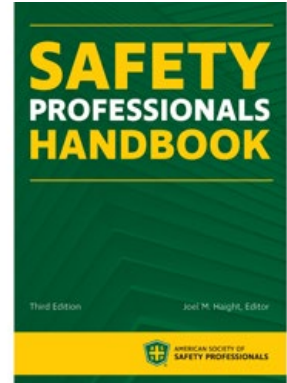
ASSP's annual safety conference is the nation's leading industry event. Apply to speak at this conference and contribute to the professional conversation about safety.

Visit the Conference Website Here: safety.assp.org

Newsroom

ASSP Publishes Third Edition of the Safety Professional's Handbook

The handbook, first released in 2008, has become a standard reference guide for safety professionals and students across all industries. It also has been adopted by several colleges as a classroom text. Now in one volume, the third edition continues ASSP's commitment of providing a comprehensive resource that can be easily understood at all levels of experience. Approximately 90 expert practitioners present the latest research and practical applications in occupational and environmental safety and health.



Essential topics include regulatory guidance, science and engineering, cost analysis and budgeting, benchmarking and performance criteria, and hazardous materials handling. The handbook features learning objectives and review questions for every chapter; numerous case studies that reflect real-world experiences; updated references to OSHA regulations and consensus standards; and an appendix with formulas, computations and rules of thumb.

[Click Here to Visit the ASSP Bookstore](#)

Updated A10 Standard Published

The recently updated A10.48-2023 standard, "Criteria for Safety Practices with the Construction, Demolition, Modification and Maintenance of Communication Structures," standard addresses safe work practices and training for personnel performing work on communication structures. This includes antenna and antenna-supporting structures, and broadcast and other similar structures that support communications-related equipment. This new version of the standard takes effect Monday, Jan. 1, 2024. [Click Here to Order Now](#)

Q&A: What the Updated Z359.2 Standard Means for Managed Fall Protection Systems

Kevin Denis shares how the recently updated ANSI/ASSP Z359.2 standard can help you improve your fall protection system and better protect workers at height. [Click Here to Learn More](#)

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

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

