

President's Comments

Wow! It is already approaching the end of the first quarter of 2024. We are fast approaching the time to elect a new board for our chapter. Help us to invigorate our members and determine the future course for our chapter. The President's message from the National President Jim Thornton talked about the new strategic plan for the society which incorporates 5 values: Community, Leadership, Excellence, Accountability, and Respect. These values form the acronym CLEAR and as safety professionals we should all embodied these values as we navigate through the challenges of our daily lives.

As members and volunteer leaders we are the face of ASSP. Help me to create a sense of community within our chapter and strengthen our network to provide the tools and training that is needed for our members to protect people, property, and the environment. This is our calling.

If you are willing to step up, I invite you to help pursue our mission!

Your President,

Lori Elder, CSP

Nominations and Elections Committee

The 2024-2025 Nomination and Elections Committee will be chaired by Tom Logan, Past President (2023-3023).

The committee will be looking for candidates for the 2024-2025 Chapter year president and president elect. You can call Tom at 805 844 5655 to discuss these opportunities to support and lead the Valley Coastal chapter into the future.

There are other opportunities to help lead the Chapter and earn additional CEU's, 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. Volunteer positions take 1 to 2 hours per month in addition to attending the chapter meetings, many of which can be attended virtually.

Get more out of your ASSP Membership than a safety magazine.

You can also double your CEU's from 1 point a year to 2 points. How, by taking a chapter leadership role.

If you are going to the PDC you can arrive a day earlier, the chapter will pay for the additional night and dinner. You will need to commit to serving the 2024/25-chapter year in a leadership role. Contact Lori Elder chapter President (president@valleycoastal.assp.org) to discuss your opportunities to gain experience your career in safety.

The [2024 Leadership Conference](#) is taking place on **Aug. 6 in Denver, CO**. Held before Safety 2024, this new in-person event is designed to give community leaders a chance to enhance leadership skills, grow as a volunteer, and connect with other ASSP community leaders.

ASSP Valley Coastal Chapter Professional Grant (CPG) 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.

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
- presiden@valleycoastal.assp.org

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

It is 2024 and the time to think about your future.

- How to advance your Safety Career?
- What is your next step in professional development?

One step to consider is earning a recognized Safety Certification and three ways that safety certifications will benefit your career:

1. **Potential for Higher Salaries:** a salary survey in 2020. Found, full-time safety professionals with at least one of the 12 certifications could earn approximately \$20,000 more per year than those with none.
2. **Job Mobility:** certifications also put you in a stronger position if you're considering moving up in your organization or finding a job elsewhere. If you're up against safety professionals with similar education and experience, your certifications may be a tiebreaker.
3. **Knowledge of Trends and Industry Best Practices:** Maintaining a certification often requires continuing education. You'll be better prepared for additional responsibilities since you'll be studying the latest trends, standards, regulations, best practices and laws regarding safety and health in the workplace.

Join us in a review of the Professional Designation/Certifications available to you. We will give you a preview of the journey. With this knowledge you can reduce the fear of the process

Degrees are not required for OHST, Occupational Health and Safety; Technologist; CHST, Construction Health and Safety Technician; STS, Safety Trained Supervisor; STSC, Safety Trained Supervisor Construction; SMS, Safety Management Specialist.

Degrees Are Required for CSP, Certified Safety Professional -BCSP, ASP. Associate Safety Professional – BCSP; CSHM, Certified Safety and Health Manager (CSHM®) Institute of Hazardous Material Management

Send an email to reg1ad3tdl@gmail.com to indicate your desire to join a Study Group with other Chapter members. Provide your name, email, phone, and your target Certification.

Valley Coastal Chapter Safety Professional of the Year, SPY, Award

Do you know someone who has done outstanding safety work over the last year or two? Submit them for The ASSE Chapter SPY award. This will honor and acknowledge the dedication and outstanding contributions of this member to the workplace Safety. To be eligible nominees must:

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

[Chapter SPY Packet](#)

Job Postings

Cal/OSHA Enforcement Inspectors

Cal/OSHA is hiring Enforcement Inspectors. These are field positions that conduct compliance inspections in many different settings and consult with employers on a wide range of health and safety issues.

Apply now – deadline 3/15/24.

- [Monrovia](#)
- [Bakersfield](#)
- [San Diego](#)
- [Santa Ana](#)
- [Long Beach](#)
- [Van Nuys](#)
- [San Bernardino](#)

[ASSP Member-Get-A-Member Program](#)

Do you have friends, colleagues and associates who would find value in ASSP membership? Tell them about ASSP by using our Refer-A-Friend e-mail tool. Simply address and send the ready-made e-mail message below.

Take advantage of our limited-time offer: if two of your referrals become full members in February or March, you'll receive a complimentary dues renewal.

****Not valid on previous referrals****

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

Grand Prize Drawing**: For every new paid member you sponsor from January to December, you will receive an entry in our grand prize drawing for a trip to ASSP's annual professional development conference. This reward includes:

- Full conference registration
- 3 nights hotel accommodations at an ASSP conference hotel
- \$250 AMEX card to use for expenses.

**Grand prize not to exceed \$2,000 US. Group memberships excluded.

[Workers Memorial Day Events](#)

We must never forget the lives that are impacted by occupational incidents, illnesses, and diseases. In memory and honor of those we have lost or have been injured, we will come together not only to remember and recognize them this Workers Memorial Day, but to educate all about the importance of workplace safety to ultimately prevent future tragedies.

Join us April 22-25, 2024, as the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Mine Safety and Health Administrations hosts multiple events this Workers Memorial Day.

Please check back for updates and events happening in Washington, DC, and other communities across the country.

Valley Coastal Calendar

Date	Topic	Location
March 20, 2024	Bakersfield ASSP Symposium https://safetybakersfield.com/	Mechanics Bank Convention Center 1001 Truxtun Ave in Bakersfield, California.
March 21, 2024	Professional Ethics	Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
April 17, 2024	CAL OSHA Update	Marmalade Café 14910 Ventura Blvd

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April 17, 2024 Midnight	Valley Coastal Chapter Professional Grant Application Due	Email to presiden@valleycoastal.assp.org
May 2024	To Be Determined	
June 2024	Office Recognition and Installation	To Be Determined
July	2024-2025 Leadership Planning Meeting	To Be Determined
August 6 – 9	Safety 24 https://safety.assp.org/	

[Help ASSP Develop Safety Standards](#)

Representatives on ASSP standards committees attend meetings for their assigned standard; review written proposals to evolve that standard; and vote on that standard’s final approval. They also report back to our Standards Development Committee — keeping those volunteer leaders apprised of significant developments. As a standards committee representative, you can develop yourself professionally by sharing your knowledge in various ways:

- Write about your assigned standard for ASSP publications.
- Deliver a presentation about your standard at the annual professional development conference.
- Network with other industry experts who serve on your committee.
- Consult with other safety professionals who have questions about the standards.