



# VC Spotlight

## A place for Safety Professionals to Meet

July 2018

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### Valley Coastal Website

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

### President's Message

Here we are again, the esteemed members of the Valley Coastal ASSP. In the past year we have experienced changes, successes, wins and maybe even a few failures. As I reflect on the chapters past, and future, I have set several goals to benefit our chapter. John McCabe did a great job last year as president. John gave of himself for the benefit of the chapter like few others have done, including putting in tireless hours to ensure the chapter's success. I learned a great deal from John as the president elect. I assisted and supported him where I could but mainly tried to learn from him. I also used and abused other past presidents, Atis Zikmanis and Tom Logan. Our past presidents have given years of their personal lives to keep our chapter going. They volunteer on committees, hold offices, use their vacation hours and personal time all for the betterment of our chapter. I thank each and every one of you for serving as my mentors.

In 2017-2018, The Valley Coastal Chapter accomplished several goals, including our second annual Professional Development Conference in April. Our PDC could not have been a success without the volunteers on the PDC committee. Thank you to everyone for stepping up. This was the most successful PDC to date and many lessons were learned. We look forward to an even bigger and more successful PDC in 2019. VC ASSP once again maintained Goal Status. We were also able to send two people to the leadership conference and ROC to represent our chapter.

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### Next Meeting

September 11 - Cal/OSHA Regulatory Update  
Dan Leiner, Area Manager, Cal/OSHA Consultation Services  
Encino Municipal Golf Course

*(see page 3 for more information)*

*President's Message Continued*

The Leadership is excited and optimistic about the upcoming year and hope to draw some new interest in members becoming more active in our chapter. There are many ways you can support our chapter and most only take a few hours per month. I will provide more comment and details in the coming months. We have some new blood holding positions in the upcoming year. Several of the ladies of our chapter have stepped up to hold office or board positions. The chapter's board will meet in the next few weeks, to discuss goals, and how to accomplish them best.

My first goal; what I feel to be the most important of my goals, is to **grow the Valley Coastal chapter**. Anyone who knows me either personally or professionally, knows I'm a total networking machine. I hope to use this skill to bring in new members. I have two main groups I plan to target. ***Seasoned safety*** professionals who work in industries other than construction and insurance. Not to say these industries aren't important, but there are other industries that may not realize the value of the ASSP and opportunities we offer? I also want to bring back our ***student membership***. We as a chapter, and society, have always welcomed and encouraged student members, but over the past several years I feel the Valley Coastal may have given- up on these potential members. I have several new innovative ideas of how to accomplish this important task. I will be looking for volunteers in the upcoming months to help accomplish task.

The next area I want to focus on is; **member attendance** at technical meetings. Our chapter has over 200 members, yet at technical meetings we only have 9-12 members who attend. This has been a challenge to every past president, and most other member groups as well. I do understand how busy everyone is but joining the ASSP should bring value. I want to hear member's thoughts and suggestions on how to solve this serious problem. We, as a chapter must be missing something, and I want to know what that something is. In past surveys, one comment stands out to me; "there isn't enough time at technical meetings for networking with other members and speakers." I will solve this problem during my term.

As you can see I have a lot of ideas, goals and dreams for the next year and I make this promise to Valley Coastal ASSP chapter. I will do everything in my power to end my office term with our chapter a little better than when I took office. I thank all those past presidents for paving the way for members and fighting the hard fight. Holding office isn't an easy task. You're judged by everyone who doesn't agree with your actions or viewpoint. If you fall short, you didn't give it your best effort. The past presidents did the hard work, I just want to ice the cake, so to speak. I want our chapter to be the best chapter in the region. The chapter that everyone wants to be a part of. This will only happen with membership support and involvement.

A Big Thank You to last year's officers, and to the returning officers, **you're the best.**

Maddie Vaughan

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## Next Meeting - Cal/OSHA Update - Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

Dan Leiner, Area Manager with Cal/OSHA Consultation Services, will join us for a discussion on expected regulatory changes, citations, and accidents locally to our region.

Discussion Topics to Include: Silica Regulation, Proposed Indoor Heat Illness Regulation, Electronic Recordkeeping (not yet adopted by Cal/OSHA), and Hepatitis A concerns in Homeless Encampments.

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Encino Municipal Golf Course  
Restaurant at the Monterey at Encino  
16821 Burbank Blvd, Encino, CA 91436  
RSVP - [president@valleycoastal.asse.org](mailto:president@valleycoastal.asse.org)

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## June Awards

Tom Logan Region 1 Area 3 Director presented Atis Zikmanis, 2016-2017 Chapter President, the Gold Chapter Recognition Award for the efforts the Valley Coastal Chapter provided to its members in the 2016-2017 Chapter Year.

Thank You, Atis!



## American Society of Safety Professionals

ASSE is now ASSP to reflect the diverse disciplines that make up the vibrant safety community



Visit the American Society of Safety Professional's new website: <https://www.assp.org/>

The new website brings all the old resources as well as numerous new opportunities, such as:

Educational Events:

<https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Events/ASSPEducationalEventsCalendar>

Professional Safety Journal:

<https://www.assp.org/publications/professional-safety>

Article Archive:

<https://www.assp.org/login?ReturnUrl=%2fpublications%2fprofessional-safety%2farchive>

Career Center:

<https://www.assp.org/resources/career-center>

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## Newsroom and Trends

### Cal/OSHA Issues Advisory for Worker's Safety in Wildfire Regions

- Cal/OSHA is advising employers that special precautions must be taken to protect workers from hazards from wildfire smoke: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2018/2018-50.pdf>

### Cal/OSHA Issues High Heat Advisory for Employers with Outdoor Workers

- Specifically targeted for employers with outdoor workers in Central and Southern California: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2018/2018-51.pdf>

### OSHA Silica Enforcement: Behind the Statistics

Federal OSHA enforcement of its requirements for general industry and maritime under the new silica rule started on June 23, 2018. However, OSHA will assist employers that are making good-faith efforts to meet the new standard's requirements during the first 30 days of enforcement.

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

### New ASSP App Bring Virtual Reality to Fall Protection Training

Fall protection training is critical to the safety of workers who perform jobs at height, and ASSP is making it safer and easier for them to learn best practices through a virtual reality application. The new ASSP VR Fall Protection Experience enables workers to train in settings that mirror actual environments without the associated dangers.

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

For up to date news and industry relevant information, visit ASSP's Newsrooms located at [www.assp.org/news](http://www.assp.org/news)

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## On Demand Education - Ready to be viewed on ASSP's website!

Just Click Here: <https://learn.asse.org/on-demand-education>

### Safety Management System Palooza!

*An ASSE Virtual Symposium on Selecting, Implementing, and Assessing Safety Management Systems*

### Shifting Paradigm:

*Systems Thinking About Human Error*

### Safety Consultants:

*Business Skills for Internal and External Consultants*

### Eliminating the Hazards

*A virtual symposium on Hazard Identification and Controls*

### Going Green: Marijuana in the Workplace

*With marijuana lawful for medicinal or recreational purposes in 25 states, it's likely that your workforce may be going green without you even knowing. A comprehensive and fun discussion of marijuana and how it impacts your workplace, including the use of medical marijuana, drug testing methods, legal cases, and employment policies.*

Additional Learning Opportunities Can Be Found on the VCASSE Website:  
<https://valleycoastal.assp.org/event/>

## California Joint Technical Symposium

Dear Southern California EHS Professionals:

Join your colleagues at the Southern California Joint Technical Symposium on October 17, 2018, in Carson, California.

### LOWEST PRICING!

Registration prices increase after July 31, so [REGISTER NOW](#) to attend the Premier Southern California Environmental Health & Safety Conference.

Register online with any CC by visiting the [JTS website \(http://www.caljts.com\)](http://www.caljts.com). No PayPal account is needed to use your CC. Or you can [download printable forms](#) from the website for mail-in registration. <http://www.caljts.com/register-to-attend/>

### MULTI-REGISTRANT DISCOUNTS

Registering 4 or more? Enjoy an even better discount at checkout! (The best deal expires July 31!)

### QUALITY PRESENTATIONS!

Two timely keynote sessions and four focused tracks offering a broad range of topics in Safety, Industrial Hygiene, Environmental, and Management/Leadership. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE PROGRAM](#)

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

We have applied and anticipate approval for 0.6 CEUs/COC/CM Points and 6 contact hours for CIHs and REHSs. Each attendee will receive a certificate of attendance for documentation.

### EHS EXPO!

Dozens of local, regional, and national companies will showcase their newest products and services to attendees. Bring a stack of business cards to network!

Note to Sponsors: We are running out of exhibit space quickly, so if you're thinking about exhibiting, reserve your spot NOW!

### AVOID THE MORNING TRAFFIC!

Consider joining us for a reception the evening before the conference at the DoubleTree next door to the Carson Center. We have also negotiated a discount on a block of rooms for the night of October 16 (lower than any published rate). For more information, contact 2018 JTS Chair Phil Combest at [phillipcombest@gmail.com](mailto:phillipcombest@gmail.com).

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## ASSP Region 1

Region I has 19 Chapters along the west Coast including California Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii. The chapters are supported by Region 1 VP and three Area Directors.

Regional Vice President, James Boretti, CSP, provides leadership, assistance and consultation to area directors and chapter presidents within their respective regions. Regional vice presidents chair a regional operating committee and supervise the functions of chapter presidents, area directors, deputy regional vice presidents and assistant regional vice presidents. Regional vice presidents serve on the Council on Region Affairs and the House of Delegates.

The Valley Coastal Chapter is located in Region 1 Area 3. Tom Logan is the Area Director and provides leadership, assistance and consultation to chapter presidents within area 3 and supports our regional vice president.

### Regional Coming Events

- The Fall ROC meeting is scheduled for September 27 & 28. In Spokane, Washington
- 2018 leadership Conference Take Pl., October 4-6 at the Marriott Chicago O'Hare.

Additional Region 1 Chapter Events can be followed on the Region 1 web page at <https://region1.assp.org/>

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## Would You Like to Present at a Future VCASSE Meeting?

Valley Coastal ASSE invites those interested in presenting at one of its Professional Development Meetings to submit a proposal to [Programs@valleycoastal.asse.org](mailto:Programs@valleycoastal.asse.org). Valley Coastal ASSE endeavors to provide a forum for attendees to learn the profession's best practices and to:

- 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

