

MEMBER NEWS

Member News stories share how our members and communities are connecting with safety, each other and their communities. Let us know about your achievements, activities and community projects at professionalsafety@assp.org.

2023 ASSP AWARDS & HONORS

We share in our members' dedication to making safe and healthy workplaces, recognizing their achievements and their efforts to advance safety. Each year, we recognize various members and member groups with a multitude of awards and honors, offering industry recognition that is personally and professionally rewarding.

ASSP Fellow

The Honor of Fellow is ASSP's most prestigious honor, recognizing significant commitment, achievement and leadership in the OSH profession.

Roger C. Jensen, Ph.D., J.D., CSP, CPE, FASSP
Professor, Montana Technological University
Big Sky Chapter

At Montana Technological University, Roger Jensen teaches courses in occupational safety, systems safety and ergonomics. Before becoming an educator, he had 30 years' experience in occupational safety and ergonomics, including 22 years with NIOSH, 7 years consulting with a technical services company, and 1 year as a visiting instructor at the University of New South Wales. He has served as president and delegate of ASSP's Big Sky Chapter, as well as faculty advisor to the Montana Technological University Student Section. He is author of *Risk-Reduction Methods for Occupational Safety and Health*.



Roger C. Jensen

"[My advice to other OSH professionals is to look for opportunities to broaden your skill set and dare to make changes.]"

Bruce Lyon, P.E., CSP, ARM, SMS, CHMM, FASSP
Vice President, Risk Management Services,
Brown & Brown Inc.

Heart of America Chapter

Bruce Lyon is an adjunct professor for the University of Central Missouri's (UCM) Occupational Risk and Safety Sciences Department. He has more than 40 years of experience in directing safety and risk management for organizations in various industries. Lyon is chair of the U.S. TAG for ISO 31000 Risk Management standards, vice chair of the ANSI/ASSP Z590.3 Prevention through Design standard committee, advisory board chair to UCM's Safety Sciences Department, and board president for BCSP. He is a co-author of *Assessing and Managing Risk: An ERM Perspective*, *Risk Management Tools for Safety Professionals* and *Risk Assessment: A Practical Guide to Assessing Operational Risk*. He has earned seven



Bruce Lyon

"I can think of no other profession that has the potential in making such an impact on the well-being of our workforce, workplace and environment."

ASSP technical writing awards. He holds an M.S. in Occupational Safety Management and a B.S. in Industrial Safety from UCM. He received ASSP's Thomas Bresnahan Standards Medal in 2022 and BCSP's CSP Award of Excellence in 2018.

Georgi Popov, Ph.D., CSP, SMS, QEP, ARM, CMS, FASSP, FAIHA
Chair and Professor, Occupational Risk and Safety Sciences, University of Central Missouri
Heart of America Chapter

Georgi Popov is coauthor of *Assessing and Managing Risk: An ERM Perspective*; *Risk Management Tools for Safety Professionals*; and *Risk Assessment: A Practical Guide to Assessing Operational Risk*. Popov holds a Ph.D. from the National Scientific Board, an M.S. in Nuclear Physics from Defense University in Bulgaria, and a post-graduate certification in environmental air quality. He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, KS. He is a recipient of the ASSP Global Safety Management, Executive Program in Safety Management and Risk Assessment certificates. Popov is chair of ANSI/ASSP Z590.3 and vice chair of ISO 31000 U.S. TAG. In 2017, Popov received ASSP's Outstanding Safety Educator Award.



Georgi Popov

"[My personal motto is] resilience. I usually have the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties."

ASSP Safety Professional of the Year

The Safety Professional of the Year Award recognizes an ASSP member who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the OSH field while also advancing the profession overall.

Subba Rao Palagummi, F.S.Eng., CSP, CMIOSH
Corporate Health, Safety and Environment Specialist, Abu Dhabi National Oil Co.
Middle East Chapter



Subba Rao Palagummi

"My advice to OSH professionals is that this OSH profession follows the iceberg theory. Like this theory, the profession offers more than it appears."

Thomas F. Bresnahan Standards Medal

The Thomas F. Bresnahan Standards Medal recognizes an ASSP member who works to advance voluntary OSH consensus standards, both in the U.S. and internationally, on ASSP's behalf.

Terry W. Krug, M.S., CSP
President, Exceptional Occupational Safety and Health Advisors
East Tennessee Chapter



Terry W. Krug

"I became a safety professional because I thought I could make a safer workplace by recommending safer and easier ways of doing tasks."

Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

The Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award provides special recognition for outstanding service to ASSP at the Society level. This award recognizes volunteers for their services and activities that have led to measurable, positive and recognizable accomplishments or the significant development or improvement of an ASSP activity or unit. The award also encourages others to set high goals for their involvement within ASSP.

Ronald C. Brandon, M.S., M.A., CSP, CHMM
Corporate Director of Global HS&EP, Graftech International
Northern Ohio Chapter

Kimberly K. Gamble, ASP, CHST
I.D.E.A.L. Program Director, Andersen Construction Co.
Columbia-Willamette Chapter

Bryce J. Griffler, M.Eng., CSP, ASP
Global Manager, Health & Safety Management Program, Amazon Web Services
National Capital Chapter

Stephanie M. Gurnari, CSP
Branch Risk Engineering Services Manager, Chubb
New Jersey Chapter

Anita Muller
National Director of Safety, Compass Group at Exxon Mobile
Gulf Coast Chapter

Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP
Senior Consultant/President, RJR Safety Inc.
Western Pennsylvania Chapter



Ronald C. Brandon



Kimberly K. Gamble



Bryce J. Griffler



Stephanie M. Gurnari



Anita Muller



Wayne Vanderhoof

Professional Safety Article of the Year

Professional Safety authors help advance the professional conversation about OSH issues and important industry topics. The Professional Safety Article of the Year Award recognizes the top three peer-reviewed articles and their authors.



Travis D. Livermore

1ST PLACE

Travis D. Livermore, J.D., CSP

Attorney, Sheehy, Ware, Pappas & Grubbs P.C.

Southwest Chapter

“The Legal Document and Evidence in Safety-Related Proceedings,” September 2022

2ND PLACE

Leslie Rex Stockel, CSP, SMS

Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, Oklahoma State University
Tulsa Chapter

“Who Cares If It’s Recordable? How Misapplied Practices in OSHA Injury and Illness Recordkeeping Infringe on the Ethics of Care,” June 2022



Leslie Rex Stockel



Bruce Lyon

3RD PLACE

Bruce Lyon, P.E., CSP, ARM, SMS, CHMM, FASSP

Vice President, Risk Management, Brown & Brown Inc.

Heart of America Chapter



Georgi Popov

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Chair and Professor, Occupational Risk and Safety Sciences, University of Central Missouri

Heart of America Chapter

“On the Concept of Risk, Uncertainty and Black Swans,” March 2022

Council on Practices & Standards Safety Professional of the Year

The Council on Practices and Standards Safety Professional of the Year Award recognizes and pays tribute to an ASSP member’s outstanding achievements in contributing to our practice specialties and common interest groups.

Matthew Herron, M.S., P.E., CSP, CPE

Lead Safety Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Division, Southwest Research Institute

South Texas Chapter



Matthew Herron



Stephen Thompson



Rachel Michael



Krystle Hodge



Heather Earl



Eric W. Hallerud



Frank J. Cruice



Kristin D. VanSoest



Caitlin (Kate) McGee



Gbolahan Kamil Abiodun

Region Safety Professional of the Year

The Region Safety Professional of the Year Award acknowledges the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to a specific ASSP region.

Region I: Stephen Thompson, ARM, COSS, Senior Vice President, Risk and Safety Services, Aspen Risk Management Group, a TRISTAR Co.; San Diego Chapter

Region II: Rachel Michael, M.Sc., CPE, CHSP, Director of Consulting Services, Exponentehf; Utah Chapter

Region III: Krystle Hodge, CSP, HSE Lead, Honeywell; Founder, SafetyKay LLC; Gulf Coast Chapter

Region IV: Heather Earl, CSP, CPEA, SMS, Manager World-wide Safety, Walt Disney World Resorts; Central Florida Chapter

Region V: Eric W. Hallerud, M.S., CSP, ASP, Corporate Safety and Risk Manager, University of Central Missouri; Heart of America Chapter

Region VI: Frank J. Cruice, CSP, CRSP, CHCM, Senior Director, Corporate Safety and Security, Perdue Foods LLC; Delmarva Chapter

Region VII: Kristin D. VanSoest, M.B.A., President/CEO, Safety Resources Inc.; Central Indiana Chapter

Region VIII: Caitlin (Kate) McGee, Director of Health and Safety, Pennoni Associates Inc.; Philadelphia Chapter

Region IX: Gbolahan Kamil Abiodun, M.Sc., M.S., CSP, ASHM, Project Assurance, HSE, Risk Manager, Worley; Nigeria Chapter

ASSP Foundation Distinguished Service Award



Sarah Martino



Eric R. Sachleben

The ASSP Foundation Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals for their outstanding achievement, commitment and support of the organization.

Sarah Martino
Manager, ASSP Foundation

Eric R. Sachleben, CSP
Division Manager, Liberty Mutual
Georgia Chapter

Practice Specialty Safety Professional of the Year

The Practice Specialty Safety Professional of the Year Award acknowledges the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to a specific ASSP practice specialty.

Consultants: Alex Norwood, CSP, CHST, CUSP, Independent Contractor, National Capital Chapter; Greater Detroit Chapter

Engineering: Lawrence J. Schulze, Ph.D., P.E., CPE, Associate Professor and Director, Process Safety Certificate Program, Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Houston; Gulf Coast Chapter

Ergonomics: Rachel Michael, M.Sc., CPE, CHSP, Director of Consulting Services, Exponentehf; Utah Chapter

Fire Protection: Gabriel Miehl, M.S., CSP, CFPS, SGE, EHS Site Leader, Wabtec; Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter

Global Operations: Subba Rao Palagummi, F.S.Eng., CSP, CMIOSH, Corporate Health, Safety and Environment Specialist, Abu Dhabi National Oil Co.; Middle East Chapter

Healthcare: Cory Worden, M.S., CSP, CSHM, ARM, REM, CESCO, Safety Administrator of CBRNE Safety, City of Houston; Gulf Coast Chapter

Industrial Hygiene: Wesley Lashbrook, M.S., CSP, CIH, Senior Industrial Hygienist, GEW LLC; Columbia-Willamette Chapter

Management: Paul Lane, CSHM, Senior Safety Consultant, Spotlight Safety Inc.; Greater Boston Chapter

Military: Shawn Lewis, M.S., CSP, OHST, Special Assistant/Safety & Health Advisor, Department of Agriculture; National Capital Chapter

Oil, Gas, Mining and Mineral Resources: Jerry D. Eubank, Ph.D., M.S., CSP, ASP, COSS, CSSM, Manager HSE Drilling, Worldwide Drilling and Completions, Occidental Oil and Gas; Gulf Coast Chapter

Public Sector: Cory Worden, M.S., CSP, CSHM, ARM, REM, CESCO, Safety Administrator of CBRNE Safety, City of Houston; Gulf Coast Chapter

Risk Management: Adrienne Pearson, ACB, CL, Owner, Evolving EHS; International Chapter

Training and Communications: Marilyn Hubner, Ph.D., Director, BuildUp Research; Manager, OHS Body of Knowledge; International Chapter

Utilities: Rex Butler, CSP, CIT, OHST, Manager of Environmental & Safety, Central Iowa Power Cooperative; Hawkeye Chapter



Alex Norwood



Lawrence J. Schulze



Rachel Michael



Gabriel Miehl



Subba Rao
Palagummi



Cory Worden



Wesley Lashbrook



Paul Lane



Shawn Lewis



Jerry D. Eubank



Adrienne Pearson



Marilyn Hubner



Rex Butler

Common Interest Group Safety Professional of the Year

The Common Interest Group Safety Professional of the Year Award acknowledges the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to a specific ASSP common interest group.

Blacks in Safety Excellence: Stephanie L. Johnson, CSP, CHMM, Area Manager—EHS, AT&T; Southwest Chapter

Emerging Professionals in OSH: Trynitie Thornton, CSP, Risk and Safety Specialist, Osage Casinos; Tulsa Chapter

Hispanic Safety Professionals: Esteban Carrera Álvarez, M.S., M.Eng., M.S.Erg., CEO, Ergonomics Academy; North Florida Chapter

Women in Safety Excellence: Christina Roll, M.S., CSP, CIH, Casualty Risk Consultant, AXA XL; Georgia Chapter



Stephanie L. Johnson



Trynitie Thornton



Esteban Carrera Álvarez



Christina Roll

President's Award

The President's Award recognizes individuals for special service to the Society during a president's term. This year, ASSP President Christine Sullivan honors ASSP's DEI Summit Task Force for their service to the profession and the Society.

Ana Cammarata, CSP
Bilingual Safety Specialist, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
Northern Ohio Chapter

Kimberly K. Gamble, ASP, CHST
I.D.E.A.L. Program Director, Andersen Construction Co.
Columbia-Willamette Chapter

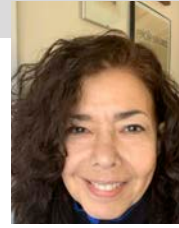
William R. Geddings Jr., SMS, CESC, OHST, CHST
Manager, Field Safety Operations, Zoox
San Francisco Chapter

Christopher Hicks, M.S., CSE
EHS Consultant, Hicks-Carter-Hicks LLC
St. Louis Chapter

Stephanie L. Johnson, CSP, CHMM
EHS Area Manager, AT&T
Southwest Chapter

Christina Roll, M.S., CSP, CIH
Casualty Risk Consultant, AXA XL
Georgia Chapter

Robert Sharp, CMIOSH
Regional HSSEQ Manager, Enerpac Tool Group
Badgerland Chapter



Ana Cammarata



Kimberly K. Gamble



William R. Geddings Jr.



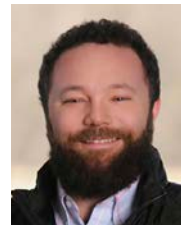
Christopher Hicks



Stephanie L. Johnson



Christina Roll



Robert Sharp

Outstanding Student Section

The Outstanding Student Section Award recognizes and encourages the activities of established ASSP student sections at colleges and universities, honoring those sections that make the most significant contributions toward advancing safety education and research.

WINNER

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Western Pennsylvania Chapter
Faculty Advisor: Majed M. Zreiqat, Ph.D., CSP
Student Section President: Collin McCanna

2ND PLACE

Murray State University
Purchase Area Chapter
Faculty Advisor: Julie Boyd, CIH
Student Section President: Kelsey Whistle

3RD PLACE

Millersville University
Central Pennsylvania Chapter
Faculty Advisor: Betty-Jo Bowers, Ph.D., CSP
Student Section President: Brianna Reitnauer



Virtual Community Awards

Our virtual communities—practice specialties and common interest groups—provide accessible opportunities for members to grow their knowledge and build inclusive safety cultures. Our gold and platinum community designations recognize those virtual communities that meet rigorous standards of excellence. These communities serve as strong role models for others. ASSP recognizes these communities and their administrators.

Platinum Practice Specialty

Consultants: Alexis Flink, M.S., CSP, OHST
Ergonomics: Anuja Patil, CSP, CPE
Fire Protection: Chris Butts, P.E., ARM
Global Operations: Sanjay Jaiswal, CSP, CIH, SMS, CIT
Healthcare: Maralee Sartain, CSP, ASP
Industrial Hygiene: Peter Engelbert, CSP, CIH, CHST
Management: Stacey Brooks, CSP, CHMM, CPEA
Military: Marjorie McDonald, CSP
Oil, Gas, Mining and Mineral Resources: Jeffrey Citrone, CSP, CIH
Public Sector: Steven Guillory Jr., Ph.D., CSP, CSHM
Utilities: Jeremy Presnal, CSP, CHST, OHST

Platinum Common Interest Group

Blacks in Safety Excellence: Jennette Jackson
Women in Safety Excellence: Camille Oakes, CSP, SMS, CIT

Gold Community

Engineering: Marjory Anderson, CSP
Hispanic Safety Professionals: Luz Marin, Ph.D., CSP, ASP

Chapter Awards

Our large network of chapters across our U.S. and global regions provide accessible, face-to-face opportunities for ASSP members to become better safety professionals. Our platinum chapter designation is awarded to chapters that meet rigorous standards of excellence. They are considered to be strong role models for other chapters to emulate.

ASSP recognizes these chapters and their presidents.

Platinum Chapter

Arizona: Brandy Farris Miller, Ph.D., ASP, CPE
Arkansas: Patrick Smith, Ph.D., CSP
Bakersfield: Sandra M. Monroy, CHST, STS
Bayou: Cody Rink, CSP, ASP, SMS
Broken Top: Elizabeth Foott, CSP
Central Florida: Josh Densberger, CSP, ASP
Central Indiana: Greg S. Anderson, M.S.
Central New York: Elizabeth Handler, CSP
Central Ohio: Allie Jane Kroeger, CSP, OHST
Central Texas: Jennifer Mary Theresa Hsu
Chesapeake: Edward Fitter
Coastal Bend: Kyle H. Moulder, CSP, ASP
Colorado: Jesse James McCathron
Columbia-Willamette: James P. Gibbons
East Texas: Rock Spraggins, CSP
Florida Suncoast: Michelle McIntyre, CSP, CIH, CHSP
Fort Worth: Jeanne Rannells
Genesee Valley: Jim Christiano
Greater Boston: Shawna Fraser Nagle, M.S., CSP, CHST
Greater Detroit: Linda L. Zaziski
Greater San Jose: William Mark Stettiner
Greater Tidewater: Alexandria Lepock, CSP, ASP
Gulf Coast: Jeron G. Quincy, CSP
Hawaii: Jon Philip Archambeau, M.Sc., M.S., CSP, CIH
Heart of America: Thomas E. Metzner, CSP, ASP, CFPS, ARM
Kuwait: Mazharuddin Shaikh
Long Island: Matthew Harris
Low Country: Justin M. Reese IV, CSP, ASP, ARM
Middle Tennessee: Martin B. Currie, CSP
New Jersey: Derek Smith, ASP, CHST, CIT, STSC
Nigeria: Ogechukwu Ukandu, Ph.D., CSHM, GSP
North Carolina: Ogaga J. Tebehaevu, CSP, CIH
Northeast Iowa: Kirk Dighton, M.S.
Northeastern Illinois: Greg Marquez

Northern Ohio: Robert C. Gates, STSC
Northwest: Scott A. Huberty, ARM
NOVA: Jamie Marie Sydykov, CSP, ARM
Oklahoma City: Ashley Harris, GSP
Orange County: Claudia Nohemi Morgado, CHST
Permian Basin: Thomas Lynn Richardson, M.S., CSP
Penn-Jersey: Ashleigh Layton, CSP
Philadelphia: John C. Suter, CSP, CIH, ARM
Piedmont: Brandy Bossle Zadoorian, CSP, ASP
Puget Sound: Brent A. Knight, CSP
Quad Cities: Carrie Kolodji, ARM, AINS, CRIS, AIS
Rocky Mountain: Erin Dougherty, CSP, OHST, CIT
Sabine Neches: Troy W. Crow, CSP, ASP, CIT
Sacramento: Shina Begum Harun
San Francisco: Alice Oi Hang Yu, M.S., CSP, CPE
Southern Nevada: Russell Duren, ASP
South Plains: Ketha R. Molina
South Texas: Jeffrey Kirkwood, CSP, ARM
Southwest: Abby Holovach, M.S.
St. Louis: Dennis M. Pivin, CSP, ASP, CHST, CIT
Three Rivers: Robert J. Zima, M.S., CHST
Tulsa: Aaron Smith, CSP
Valley Coastal: Thomas D. Logan, CSP, ARM
Tarheel: Kara Van Blarcum
Triad: Jennifer Calloway, CSP, CHST
West Michigan: Richard A. DeLeau, CHST
Western Pennsylvania: Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP
Wisconsin: Joel Dickinson



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