

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.

2024 ASSP AWARDS & HONORS

We share in our members' dedication to making safe and healthy workplaces, celebrating their achievements and their efforts to advance safety. Each year, we acknowledge 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.

Daniel G. Hopwood, M.P.H., CSP, ARM, SMS, FASSP
Vice President and Director of Risk Control Field Services, Sompco
San Diego Chapter

Hopwood is a career-long safety professional. A native Midwesterner who has long lived in California, he is a believer in doing safety the right way and advocates for the value of academic endeavors, technical strength, and the ability to motivate and influence others. Hopwood has had opportunities to write, speak, create and teach at the college level, a testament to the support of his mentors, employers and associates, as well as his love for the safety field. He greatly values experience and appreciates the role of safety professionals at all levels and capabilities. Hopwood has contributed to many community-based

"ASSP has been ever-present. It has been a source of learning and, most importantly, where lifelong relationships and friendships have been nurtured."



Daniel G. Hopwood

efforts, participating in his children's school activities, coaching soccer and holding a number of leadership positions in both areas. He has held many ASSP leadership roles at the chapter, region, and Society committee level and has enjoyed them all.

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.

Matthew F. Herron, M.S., P.E., CSP, CPE
Lead Safety Engineer, Southwest Research Institute
South Texas Chapter



Matthew F. Herron

"The future of our profession lies with OSH students and emerging professionals. We must set a good example, but we must also prepare these emerging professionals to lead."

William E. Tarrant's Outstanding Safety Educator Award

The William E. Tarrant's Outstanding Safety Educator Award recognizes exceptional educators who show the highest level of achievement in OSH teaching, scholarship and professional service as part of ASSP.

Leslie Stockel, Ph.D., CSP, SMS
Associate Professor of Professional Practice,
Oklahoma State University
Oklahoma City Chapter



Leslie Stockel

"I believe that everyone has the right to work and live in environments that are free from harm. As a safety professional, I am committed to making this a reality."

"I'm proud to be an ASSP member! I hope that I will be remembered as someone who was truly committed to protecting the health and safety of workers."



Thomas G. Bobick

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.

Thomas G. Bobick, Ph.D., P.E., CSP, CPE

Safety Engineer, Ergonomist and Heat Stress Specialist, Bobick and Associates Consulting
Inland Northwest Chapter

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.

Thomas G. Bobick, Ph.D., P.E., CSP, CPE

Safety Engineer, Ergonomist and Heat Stress Specialist, Bobick and Associates Consulting
Inland Northwest Chapter

Brittany DeRafelo, M.B.A.

Senior Manager of Environment, Health, Safety and Risk Management North America, ESAB Corp.
Philadelphia Chapter

Gabriel Enrique Atencio Gonzalez, CSP, CHST, STS-C

Health and Safety Product Innovation Manager, Ideagen
South Plains Chapter

Allison L. Jones, M.D., M.S., FACOEM

Lead Physician, Consultant and Subject Matter Expert, Advocate Aurora Health System, MedStop and VRMD Inc./ARMD LLC CEO
Central Illinois Chapter

James Junkin, M.S., CSP, MSP, SMS, ASP

CEO, Mariner-Gulf Consulting and Services LLC
Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

Christopher Malicki, CHST, OHST, CRIS

Safety Risk Advisor, Cavignac
San Diego Chapter

Melissa Schmaltz, M.S., CSP, CPCU

Senior Casualty Risk Control Specialist, Sompco
Arizona Chapter



Thomas G. Bobick



Brittany DeRafelo



Gabriel Enrique Atencio Gonzalez



Allison L. Jones



James Junkin



Christopher Malicki



Melissa Schmaltz

AIHA/ASSP/NIOSH/NSC Prevention Through Design Award



Bruce W. Main

The Prevention Through Design Award recognizes individuals, teams, businesses, and other organizations that have eliminated or reduced hazards through design or redesign efforts or have contributed to the body of knowledge that enables prevention through design solutions.

Bruce W. Main, P.E., CSP

President, Design Safety Engineering Inc.
Greater Detroit Chapter

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.

1ST PLACE

Lori A. Schroth, D.B.A., M.S., CSP, CIT, CHSP
Senior Safety and Environmental Health Professional, Concurrent Technologies Corp.
Central Pennsylvania Chapter



Lori A. Schroth

Eric J. St. Pierre, Ph.D., M.S., CSP
President, Soteria EHS
Greater Boston Chapter



Eric J. St. Pierre

Brandon J. Hody, M.S., CSP, CIT
Senior Safety and Occupational Health Professional, Concurrent Technologies Corp.
Western Pennsylvania Chapter
"Are My Workers Competent in EHS? Competency-Based Training to Improve Learning," December 2023



Brandon J. Hody



Bruce Lyon

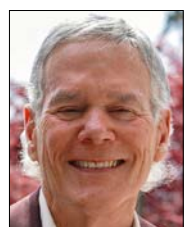
2ND PLACE

Bruce Lyon, M.S., P.E., CSP, ARM, SMS, CHMM, FASSP
Vice President, Risk Management Services, Brown and Brown Inc.
Heart of America Chapter



Georgi Popov

Georgi Popov, Ph.D., CSP, SMS, QEP, ARM, CMS, FASSP, FAIHA
Professor, University of Central Missouri
Heart of America Chapter
"Prevention Through Ergonomics: Integrating Human Factors Into a Prevention Through Design Approach," June 2023



E. Scott Geller

3RD PLACE (TIE)

E. Scott Geller, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor, Virginia Tech
Mountain Valley Chapter
"Emotional Intelligence: A Crucial Human Dynamic for OSH," December 2023



Matthew E. Law

Matthew E. Law, Dr.P.H., CSP, REHS
Manager, Customer Safety Strategy, W.W. Grainger Inc.
Central Florida Chapter
"Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication: Six Principles for OSH Professionals," May 2023

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.



Gregory G. Zigulis

Gregory G. Zigulis, M.B.A., B.S.C.E, CSP, CIH
Owner and Consultant, Sixth Sense Safety Solutions
Greater Detroit Chapter

ASSP Foundation Distinguished Service Award

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



Patricia M. Ennis

Patricia M. Ennis, M.S., CSP, ARM, CIT, CRIS
Director, Risk Control, Arch Insurance Group
Colorado Chapter

ASSP Foundation Next Generation Board Samantha Wooten Memorial Award

The ASSP Foundation Next Generation Board Samantha Wooten Memorial Award recognizes talented individuals who have made a substantial and positive impact on OSH, make a significant difference within their organizations, and lead the industry into the future.

Ashley Gill, M.S., CSP
Principal Consultant, Safety, ERM
Forth Worth Chapter



Ashley Gill

President's Award

The President's Award recognizes individuals for special service to the Society during a president's term. This year, ASSP President Jim Thornton honors the 2022-23 PDC Planning Committee members and 2023-24 Leadership Conference Committee members for their service to the profession and the Society.

2022-23 PDC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Stephanie M. Gurnari, CSP

Branch Risk Engineering Services Manager, Chubb
New Jersey Chapter

Vanessa Brady, M.S., CSP, CIH

Director, Global Capital Planning and Contractor Safety,
Charles River Laboratories
Long Island Chapter

Rosa Antonia Carrillo

President, Carrillo Consultants Inc.
Long Beach Chapter

Jon Cordoba, CHST, CIT

President, P3 Safety Solutions
Arizona Chapter

Stephanie L. Johnson, CSP, CHMM

Director of EHS, AT&T Services Inc.
Southwest Chapter

Van Moore, M.S., CSP

Director of EHS, Advanced Food Products
Central Pennsylvania Chapter

Massimo Alessandro Navaretta, M.A., PCM

Coach and Teacher, Sage Hill School
Los Angeles Chapter

Zachary G. Aviles Presley, CSP, CHMM, CIT, CDGP, CDGT

Lead EHS Specialist, GE Vernova
Central New York Chapter

Alejandro Ruiz, M.S., CSP, CIH, CHMM, CHST, CIT, SMS

Executive Director of EHS and the University Safety
Officer, Rutgers University
Penn-Jersey Chapter



Stephanie
M. Gurnari



Vanessa Brady



Rosa Antonia
Carrillo



Jon Cordoba



Stephanie L.
Johnson



Van Moore



Massimo Alessandro
Navaretta



Zachary G.
Aviles Presley



Alejandro Ruiz

2023-24 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Brittany DeRafelo, M.B.A.

Senior Manager of Environment, Health, Safety and Risk
Management North America, ESAB
Philadelphia Chapter

Aaron J. Cameron, CSP, ARM

Risk Control Casualty Consultant, Sompco
Western Pennsylvania Chapter

Marilyn Joy Hubner, Ph.D., FAIHS

Managing Director, BuildUp Research
International Chapter

Melissa McKenzie, CSP, STS-C

Industrial Safety Programs Specialist, UCOR
East Tennessee Chapter

Dustin G. Richartz, M.P.H., CSP, ARM

Senior Loss Control Consultant, Lockton Cos.
Colorado Chapter

Daniel Bradley Utpadel, OHST

Senior EHS Manager, Trinityrail
East Texas Chapter



Brittany DeRafelo



Aaron J. Cameron



Marilyn Joy Hubner



Melissa McKenzie



Dustin G. Richartz



Daniel Bradley
Utpadel

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

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



2ND PLACE

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



3RD PLACE

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



MURRAY STATE
UNIVERSITY

Region Safety Professional of the Year

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

Region I: Danny H. Kim, Ph.D., Associate Professor, California State University, Fullerton; Orange County Chapter

Region II: Joseph Knickerbocker, CSP, CHST, CRIS, Safety Manager, Okland Construction; Utah Chapter

Region III: Jethzabeth Aguirre-Solis, CHST, COSS, EHS Director, American AllWaste LLC; Gulf Coast Chapter

Region IV: Timothy Holland Bernardi, CHST, COSS, Safety Director, Mader Southeast; Central Florida Chapter

Region VI: Paul Esposito, M.S., CSP, CIH, Star Consultants; Chesapeake Chapter

Region VIII: Brittany DeRafelo, M.B.A., Senior Manager of Environment, Health, Safety and Risk Management North America, ESAB Corp.; Philadelphia Chapter

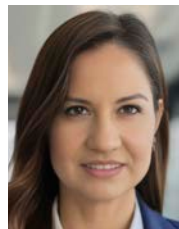
Region IX: Raghuvaran Chakkravarthy, M.S., CSP, CHST, SMS, STS, PMP, RMP, Safety Director, Gilbane Building Co.; India Chapter



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Joseph Knickerbocker



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Timothy Holland Bernardi



Paul Esposito



Brittany DeRafelo



Raghuvaran Chakkravarthy

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: Monique Parker, CSP, Vice President of Safety Environment and Health, Piedmont Lithium; Tarheel Chapter

Emerging Professionals in OSH: Jacklyn Matsanka, CSP, ASP, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, Spark Therapeutics; Philadelphia Chapter

Hispanic Safety Professionals: Milton Razin Guerrero, M.Sc., CSP, CIH, REHS, EHS Specialist, 3M; Northwest Chapter

Women in Safety Excellence: Tara Diesbourg, Ph.D., CPE, Assistant Professor, Oakland University, School of Health Sciences; Greater Detroit Chapter



Monique Parker



Jacklyn Matsanka



Milton Razin Guerrero



Tara Diesbourg

Practice Specialty Safety Professional of the Year

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

Consultants: Dave K. Smith, CSP, ASP, ARM, CSHM, Managing Consultant, Dave Smith and Co; San Francisco Chapter

Engineering: Mark Hansen, M.S., M.Sc., P.E., CSP, CPE, CPSA, FASSP, Safety Officer Plutonium Infrastructure Leader, N3B; Southwest Chapter

Ergonomics: Adam Cox, M.P.H., CSP, CIH, HSE Manager, Numat; Greater Chicago Chapter

Fire Protection: Chris Butts, P.E., CFPS, ARM, AET, SET, Assistant Vice President and Senior Property Risk Control Specialist, Sompo; Tarheel Chapter

Healthcare: Pamela A. Hunter, Ph.D., M.S., CSP, Senior Loss Control Consultant, Workers' Compensation Trust; Connecticut Valley Chapter

Industrial Hygiene: David S. Risi, M.S., CSP, CIH, Solution Executive, VelocityEHS; NOVA Chapter

Management: Miaozong Wu, Ph.D., CSP, ARM, Associate Professor and Coordinator of M.S. in Occupational Safety Management, University of Central Missouri; Heart of America Chapter

Manufacturing: Jonathan A. Zimmerman, M.S., CSP, CHMM, Senior Director EHS, Pepsi; Southwestern Ohio Chapter

Military: Lt. Col. Glen Reukema, M.A., MMS, CSP, ASO, Aviation Safety Branch Head, U.S. Marine Corps; NOVA Chapter

Oil, Gas, Mining and Mineral Resources: Jeffrey M. Citrone, M.S., CSP, CIH, Manager of Health and Safety Compliance, Kahuna USA; Colorado Chapter

Public Sector: Randy S. Milliron, A.A.S., SMS, Safety Manager, City of Gillette (WY); International Chapter

Risk Management: Daniel J. Rollino, M.S., CSP, ARM, CRM, Risk Specialist, Chubb; New Jersey Chapter

Training and Communications: James Junkin, M.S., CSP, MSP, SMS, ASP, CEO, Mariner-Gulf Consulting and Services LLC; Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

Transportation: Joey K. Shibata Garza, CSP, Safety Manager, McCabe, Hamilton and Renny; Hawaii Chapter

Utilities: Joshua G. Fisher, CSP, CEAS III, Senior Safety Coordinator, Orlando Utilities Commission; West Florida Chapter



Dave K. Smith



Mark Hansen



Adam Cox



Chris Butts



Pamela A. Hunter



David S. Risi



Miaozong Wu



Jonathan A. Zimmerman



Lt. Col. Glen Reukema



Jeffrey M. Citrone



Randy S. Milliron



Daniel J. Rollino



James Junkin



Joey K. Shibata Garza



Joshua G. Fisher

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: John C. Suter, CSP, CIH, ARM

Engineering: Scott Baranowski, M.S., CSP

Environmental: Isaac Wetse Mate

Ergonomics: Anuja Patil, CSP, CPE

Fire Protection: Abbey Haidar, CFPS

Healthcare: Maralee R. Sartain, CSP

Platinum Common Interest Group

Blacks in Safety Excellence:

Emmanuel Badu Winful, CSP

Hispanic Safety Professionals: Luz

S.S. Marin, Ph.D., CSP, ASP

Women in Safety Excellence: Camille

P. Oakes, CSP, SMS, CIT

Gold Community

Construction: Randall C. Butler, M.S., CSP, SMS

Emerging Professionals in OSH:

Melissa W. Rohrer, CSP, CHST

Management: Stacey A. Brooks, CSP, CHMM, CPEA

Military: Marjorie J. McDonald, CSP

Oil, Gas, Mining and Mineral Resources: Jesse James McCathron

Risk Management: Favio Antonio Corral, CSP, ARM

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: Nicholas Hugh Sexton, M.S., CSP, CIH, ARM, CPCU

Arkansas: Patrick Smith, Ph.D., CSP

Badgerland: Lea Burger

Bakersfield: Vicky Wun Kiu Furnish, REHS

Bayou: Cody Rink, CSP, ASP, SMS

Broken Top: David McClung

Central Florida: Josh Densberger, CSP, ASP

Central Illinois: Stig T. Ruxlow, CSP, ALCM

Central Indiana: Mark C. Frye, CSP, CHMM

Central Ohio: Layne D. Wortman, CSP, ASP

Central Texas: Damian Alvarez

Chesapeake: Edward Fitter

Coastal Bend: Kyle H. Moulder, CSP, ASP

Colonial Virginia: Matthew J. Phillips, M.S.

Colorado: Jeffery Vigil

Columbia-Willamette: Steven M. Frost, CSP, ASP, CHST

East Tennessee: David Hixenbaugh, CSP, ASP

East Texas: Rock Spraggins, CSP

Florida Suncoast: Philip Zazzera, M.S., CSP, ASP

Fort Worth: Jeanne Rannels

Great Plains: Kelvin D. Thurman, CSP

Greater Baton Rouge: Chris McGlynn, M.S., CSP

Greater Boston: Jeffrey Myung, CSP

Greater Detroit: Sandra Aufermann, M.S., CSP, OHST

Greater San Jose: Nirap Sainju, CSP, CHMM

Greater Tidewater: Alexandria Lepock, CSP, ASP

Gulf Coast: Jeron G. Quincy, CSP

Hawaii: Robert J. McCarthy, M.S., CSP, OHST, SMS

Heart of America: Derek R. Farmer, CSP

Kuwait: Safdar Ali Khan

Long Beach: Chris Rainwater, M.P.A., M.S.O.H., PCSOH

Long Island: Delaney K. Jones, ASP, CHSP

Lower Columbia Basin: Mark D. Cranston, CSP, CHST

Michiana: John R. Hewitt, CHST, OHST, COSS

Middle Tennessee: Jay P. St. Pierre, CSP

National Capital: Bruce A. Donato, CSP, CHMM, QEP

New Jersey: Corey B. Jones, CSP, CHST, SMS

New York City: Nikhailia Morgan

Nigeria: Fatima Omeyami Zubair;

Tolulope Folorunso Akanbi Olubanwo, M.S.

North Carolina: Douglas J. Gaylord, M.S., CHMM, SMS

Northeast Iowa: Kirk Dighton, M.S.

Northeastern Illinois: Timothy E. Janis, CHST

Northern Ohio: Holly A. Bollin, M.S., CSP

Northwest: Alanna Christina Lee, CSP

NOVA: Richard J. Haehn, CSP, CHST

Oklahoma City: Ashley Harris, GSP

Orange County: Brian Bao Nguyen, M.S., CSP, ARM

Penn-Jersey: Ashleigh Layton, CSP

Permian Basin: Stevan Parker

Philadelphia: Julie Marie Anderson, CSP

Piedmont: Brandy Zadoorian, CSP

Puget Sound: Brian Padgett

Quad Cities: Carrie Kolodji, ARM, AINS, CRIS, AIS

Sabine Neches: Troy W. Crow, CSP, ASP, CIT

Sacramento: Diana Tejada Guzman, M.S., CSP, ASP

San Diego: Lee F. Donahue, CHST, OHST

San Francisco: Alice Oi Hang Yu, M.S., CSP, CPE

Snake River: Chad Hoffman, ARM

South Florida: Bobby L. Glass, CSP, ASP, CHST, CSMP

South Plains: Ketha R. Molina

South Texas: David Hughes, CSP

Southern Nevada: Benjamin Bojda, CSP, CIH

Southern Oregon: Patti B. McGuire

Southwest: Shameka S. Lewis, M.S., GSP

Tarheel: Peter Boccardo

Three Rivers: Brandon T. Jerald, CSP, ARM, CIT

Triad: Jennifer Calloway, CSP, CHST

Tulsa: Sarah Jewel Harwood, CSP, GSP

Utah: Sarah A. Galvez, ASP, OHST

Valley Coastal: Lori J. Elder, CSP, ASP

West Michigan: Chris Scholten

Western Pennsylvania: Wayne Vanderhoof, CSP, CIT

Wisconsin: Matthew F. Schmidt



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