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Greater San Jose Chapter

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## Presidents Message

Welcome to the 2021-22 ASSP year. I am honored to serve as the President for the Greater San Jose Chapter this term. Our Past-President, Maria Sandoval, served us well through the ups and downs of a challenging year. Although we continue to meet virtually as a chapter, our Executive Committee has made plans for future in-person meetings/network opportunities as the COVID restrictions continue to ease.

One of our goals as a chapter is to make the Greater San Jose Chapter's community a safer place to live and work by connecting members to share best practices and drive professional development. With that goal in mind, our technical meetings are set through the first quarter with speakers from around the globe. Please be sure to check the chapter calendar for information and meeting registration.

I could not do this without the support of an awesome Executive Committee. All their time and effort are what make our chapter successful. We do have a few opportunities open on the Executive Committee and would love to hear from you if you are interested. Specifically we are looking for a Membership Director, Awards and Honors Chair, Programs Chair and Scholarship Chair. Volunteering for any of these positions is a great way to be involved and provides recertification points for many organizations such as BCSP.

Respectfully,

*Ashli Sturgill*

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## Membership Update

### **ASSP San Jose Membership Report February 2021**

Chapter membership increased 2% to 308, which is 21 less than July of last year, 6% less than last year, a little better than last month. We lost 4 and gained 9 new members. This may be due to picking up new members moving to the Bay Area after the school year.

#### **July New Members:**

Savannah Bonty, Fremont  
Kathy Brown, Livermore  
Richard Darden, SJ  
Nirmala Kovvali, Santa Clara  
Ben Lee, Livermore  
Dennis Nicodemus, Fremont  
Phoebe Shamp, Livermore  
Andrew Siersema, Cameron Park, CA  
Naomi Takahashi, Stanford

#### **June New Members:**

Swarli Bhat, Santa Clara

#### **May New Members:**

Skyler Blue, Santa Clara  
Larry Griffe, Hayward  
Kimber Howard, Sunnyvale  
Jeff Khan, Morgan Hill  
David Millman, Redwood City  
Michael Santos, Livermore  
Michael Toll, Santa Clara

#### **Members lost during this period:**

Amanda Andrade, Milpitas  
Christopher Carino, Vallejo

Maya Eckhardt-Polanco, SJ  
Austin Helms, SJ

### **Support for Out of Work Members**

ASSP has a hardship membership program available to members who have lost their jobs. Members can contact ASSP Customer Service at [customerservice@assp.org](mailto:customerservice@assp.org) or +1-847-699-2929 to learn more.

Members who have lost a job please to continue to check the ASSP Career Center for job openings at [jobs.assp.org](http://jobs.assp.org).

Sincerely,

*Jim Beeby*

Jim Beeby  
Membership VP, Greater San Jose Chapter

## **Chapter Updates**

### **ASSP Greater San Jose Chapter**

Congratulations on a great chapter year. The Greater San Jose Chapter has achieved platinum level recognition for the 2020-2021 year. This recognition is based on the information that our chapter Executive Leadership submitted in the Chapter Operations Management Tool (COMT) of 6/30/2021.

This year provided new challenges and ASSP chapters adapted to continue to provide an outstanding value while protecting the health and well-being of their members and local communities. Our efforts benefited your chapter members and the safety profession as a whole. Our chapter's achievement of this level of success is impressive and greatly appreciated by ASSP.

### **Bay Area Safety Symposium March 10, 2022 - Save the Date**

This is an early Save the Date announcement for the Bay Area Safety Symposium March 10, 2022.

## **WISE Update**

**WISE is open to all genders, denoted as WISE Gals and Guys!**

### **ASSP GSJC Receives Platinum Status for 2021**

ASSP GSJC - WISE Section has received Platinum Status for 2021. Congrats to the WISE chapter!

### **Other Chapter WISE News**

- June 2021

- Award consideration has been submitted.
- Replacement board members have been submitted.
- July 2021
  - Chapter Wise is planning a virtual happy hour recruitment and networking mixer.
    - History of Spirits - Each month an ASSP Chapter and/or WISE member will host a virtual meeting to review the history of a chosen spirit and share the ingredients in concocting the spirits. Attendees will have opportunity to follow the recipe
    - Checkout the [ASSP GSJC Events Page f](#) for the virtual happy hour schedule and the spirit that will be reviewed for the event.
    - Download the WISE Announcement slides on the event [here](#).



- August 2021
  - Chapter Wise is planning a networking / live mixer at a local wine cellar in Capitola, CA. More details to come on a later date.
- September 2021
  - Chapter Wise will start discussion on the back to school mentorship program - More details to come on a later date.
- October 2021
  - Leadership Development Conference- Kahoot's games and incentives

Sincerely,

*Mary Stine*

Mary Stine  
 WISE Chair, Greater San Jose Chapter

# Regulatory Updates

## **Cal/OSHA Urges Employers to Prepare to Protect Workers from Unhealthy Air due to Wildfire Smoke**

Oakland—Cal/OSHA is urging employers in California to be prepared to protect workers from unhealthy air due to wildfire smoke. When workers might be exposed to unhealthy air from wildfires, California’s protection from wildfire smoke standard requires employers to take steps such as changing the location of work operations, modifying work schedules or providing proper respiratory protection like N95 respirators.

Read more, [click here](#).

## **Cal/OSHA High Heat Advisory: Employers Reminded to Protect Outdoor Workers from Heat Illness**

Oakland —Cal/OSHA is reminding all employers to protect outdoor workers from heat illness as excessive heat warnings and watches have been issued throughout the state, with triple digits forecast through Monday, July 12. Employers in California must take steps to protect outdoor workers from heat illness by providing water, rest, shade and training.

Read more, [click here](#).

## **COVID-19 Resources**

- Center for Disease Control - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Federal OSHA - [Safety and Health Topics - COVID-19](#)
- US Equal Employment and Opportunity Commission - [Coronavirus and COVID-19](#)
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH) - [CDPH COVID-19 Guidance](#)
- [Cal/OSHA and Statewide Industry Guidance on COVID-19](#)
- National Safety Council - [Guidance for Employers: COVID-19 and the Workplace](#)

## **Cal/OSHA Important Updates**

For more important Cal/OSHA updates and news release at your fingertips, visit the following websites: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/cal-oshia-updates.html> and [https://www.dir.ca.gov/dirnews/link\\_page.html](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dirnews/link_page.html).

# Career Opportunities

We are always looking to network and find out if there are job openings. The jobs must be in an Environment, Health and Safety function. For example: Fleet Safety Manager, Director of Environmental, Health and Safety, Risk Manager, Health and Safety Specialist etc.

We will post the jobs to our [website](#). This is done currently at no charge, but the chapter is always accepting donations to help establish our scholarship fund. Your contribution is appreciated.

Please email the job information to the VP Jobs Coordinator, Naci Ozgur, at [jobs@sj.assp.org](mailto:jobs@sj.assp.org).

## Upcoming Events

### **Session 1: August 10, 2020 Safety & Human Performance**

**To register:** [click here.](#)

Safety is about people. That is so fundamental to what we do that it almost goes without saying. However, most safety professionals have very little understanding of what makes people tick. Safety curriculum often has little information on this subject, focusing often more on technical information. What little information that is provided is often incomplete or based on pop psychology rather than sound science. As a result, a lot of what safety professionals are recommended to do to deal with problems involving people is often unhelpful and sometimes harmful. This presentation will focus on the key principles of human performance that provide a foundation for understanding what makes people tick and how we can leverage these principles to improve safety and operations.

### **Session 2: August 17, 2020 Safety & Human Performance**

**To register:** [click here.](#)

Session 2 will be a Q&A session with the presenter Ron Gantt from the August 10, 2021 presentation.

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### **Other Bay Area Environment, Health and Safety Associations**

[Bay Area Environmental Safety Group \(BAESG\)](#)

[American Industrial Hygiene Association Norcal](#)

[Public Agency Safety Management Association](#)

[Semiconductor Environmental Safety and Health Association \(SESHA\)](#)

## Follow us on Social Media

Follow the ASSP Greater San Jose Chapter on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

As chapter members, please feel free to utilize these platforms to communicate with members on topics for career advice, certification prep course recommendation and regulatory changes and updates, specifically for California.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Comments from the Author

Hope you enjoy this edition of the ASSP Greater San Jose Chapter Newsletter.

If you have suggestions for content or like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact me at [communications@sj.assp.org](mailto:communications@sj.assp.org).

Stay safe and remember to be vigilant with the COVID-19 safety protocols at work and home.

Sincerely,

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