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Greater San Jose Chapter

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Presidents Message

Happy Holidays!

I hope that you, our members, and your family have been safe and healthy as we continue to navigate all the ups, downs, and sideways directions that this past year has taken us. It has become apparent over the past two years how much safety professionals are needed in the workplace. We have been asked to create solutions for problems that are not clearly defined, and have had to stretch our creativity to think beyond in a situation we have little or no experience navigating. I am proud of our profession and the way we have risen to the challenge and provided support to our organizations.

Historically, our holiday gathering has included a giving component. As we continue to only be able to meet virtually, once again we are asking for you to give to an organization of your choice if you are able. Our Executive Committee has provided a few options for you to explore.

[ASSP Foundation](#)

[Dorothy's Place](#)

[Teen Kitchen Project](#)

Lastly, we have a few openings on our Executive Committee that we would like to have filled going into the New Year. This is a great opportunity to gain additional leadership skills, network, and be a part of serving our Greater San Jose Chapter. We have a supportive and collaborative team and look forward to your participation. A list and description of open positions are listed below.

Respectfully,

Ashli Sturgill

Ashli Sturgill, MS, CSP, ASHM
President, Greater San Jose Chapter
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president@sj.assp.org

The Greater San Jose Chapter of ASSP is recruiting volunteers to fill open Executive Committee positions. The current term commitment is through June 2022. This is a great opportunity to help grow the safety profession, develop leadership and management skills, and earn recertification points. Training and resources to support each role are available. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please e-mail Ashli Sturgill, President ASSP-GSJC at president@sj.assp.org

Open positions:

Membership Chair: The chapter Membership Chair is responsible for monitoring the chapter's membership by coordinating the chapter's member recruitment, orientation and retention efforts. This volunteer leader works with the chapter's executive committee to identify and pursue opportunities to enhance the experience for existing and future chapter members. Key responsibilities include reviewing the on-line roster once per month to identify new and missing members and send a welcome email to new members of the chapter.

Communications Chair: The Communications Chair is responsible for keeping the Chapter website up to date with current information reflecting current and past operations of the Chapter, producing the Chapter Newsletter quarterly, and publishing any announcements to the membership via the Society provided emailing service (Real Magnet), and social media (LinkedIn, Facebook). There is a current member serving in this capacity who will be transitioning to a new role at the end of the Chapter year in June 2022. This is a great opportunity to learn the position from the current Communications Chair.

Awards & Honors Chair: The chapter Awards and Honors Chair supports member engagement by ensuring that chapter members are recognized for their contributions to the chapter, ASSP and the safety profession. A key responsibility is to oversee chapter awards and honors program, including designation of awards and recognition, all relevant application and selection processes, and ensure presentation of awards to honorees

Scholarship Chair: The chapter Scholarship Chair coordinates the chapter scholarship program, including serving as liaison with ASSP Foundation, soliciting donations, supporting promotional efforts to recruit applicants and recognizing scholarship recipients.

Nominations and Elections Committee: We are looking for 1-3 individuals who would like to volunteer for a short-term position on the Nominations and Elections Committee. The committee is responsible for vetting and producing the slate

of candidates for the 2022-23 chapter year executive committee. The Nomination and Elections Committee will be set and announced in December and will have the first meeting in January. This committee generally meets once a month January-April. Our Past-President, Maria Sandoval, will serve as the Chairperson for the Nominations and Elections. In order to volunteer for this committee, you must be a member in good standing with the San Jose Chapter of ASSP and not be running for an elected position in the 2022-23 chapter year. Please e-mail Ashli Sturgill, President ASSP-GSJC at president@sj.assp.org

Membership Update

ASSP San Jose Membership Report February 2021

Chapter membership increased another 2% to 330, which is 15 more than November of last year, a 5% increase. We lost 5 and gained 10 new members plus 1 late renewal. Turnover of members dropped a bit to about 5%. I sent welcome letters to all new members.

November New Members:

Melinda Anderson, Hayward
Brian Bishop, SJ
Sneha Jagtap, Saratoga
Kimberly Kullen, Sunnyvale
Clayton Reigel, Newark
Michelle Richards, Newark
Chris Romero, Salinas
Mike Truong, SJ
Yunxia Wang, SJ
Francisco Zapata, RWC

October New Members:

Joel Becks, Santa Cruz
Katherine Brown, Livermore
James Craner, Fremont
Marissa Florentino, SJ
Pawel Fudala, SJ
Shri Joshi, Campbell
Michael Kirschner, Fremont
Sahika Korkmaz, Fremont
Ben Lee, Livermore
Steven Nemec, Santa Clara
Charina Rockwell, SJ
Kelly Rogge, SJ
Ray Sethna, Pleasanton
Joe Taylor, Fremont
Tiffany Velasquez, Newark
Yesena Villansenor, Fremont
Shari Zeminsky, SJ

Michael Zhang, Fremont

September New Members:

David Boldovinos, Hollister

Bianca Gonzalez, SJ

Stephen Hemperly, Bay Point, CA

Michelle Kincaid, EPA

Matthew Lowe, Castro Valley

Vera Marie, Salinas

Jose Moreno, Chowchilla

Daniel O'Connel, Fremont

Katherine Quartararo, San Ramon

Estella Silva, Santa Clara

Michael Voudouris, Foster City

Royal Willard, Beaverton, OR

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 or +1-847-699-2929 to learn more.

Members who have lost a job please continue to check the ASSP Career Center for job openings at jobs.assp.org.

Sincerely,

Jim Beeby

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Membership VP, Greater San Jose Chapter

Chapter Updates

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

The 2022 Bay Area Safety Symposium will be held on Thursday, March 10th, 2022 at the San Ramon Marriott located at 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon, California. For complete details and to register online, visit www.SafetyBayArea.com.

This Annual Symposium provides one of the most sought after events for attendees to learn the profession's best practices focusing on Safety, Health, Industrial Hygiene & Environmental Issues. The Symposium is attended by over 400+ attendees annually and features an Exhibition of over 40+ Sponsors and Exhibitors. The event features a keynote speaker and 16 breakout sessions with five concurrent tracks running throughout the day.

You do not need to be an ASSP member to attend.

2022 Call For Speakers|

2022 Call For Speakers On-Line Application – [Click Here](#)

If you have any questions or need immediate assistance, you can reach us by e-mail at safety@safetybayarea.com or call Erika May at 661-472-6591.

WISE Update

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

Other Chapter WISE News

- **December 2021**
 - **'Tis the Season Virtual Holiday Social- Register now**
 - **Networking | Wednesday, Dec. 15 | 5 p.m PT**
 - Come one, come all to celebrate the season with WISE! Let's reflect on the year we've had, get excited about the year to come, and share some joy and happiness with each other! Bring your favorite food and drink, dress in whatever makes you happiest and enjoy some much-needed and well-deserved fun!
 - **Chapter Wise is planning a virtual happy hour recruitment and networking mixer.**
 - 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](#) 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](#).



- **January 2022**
 - **Women in Safety Excellence CIG - 2022 Open Call - Register Here**
 - Thursday, Jan. 20 | 9 a.m. PT
 - All ASSP members are invited to join our call to hear about WISE accomplishments in 2021, and get a sneak peak of what's to come in 2022. Register now

Sincerely,

Mary Stine

Mary Stine
WISE Chair, Greater San Jose Chapter

Regulatory Updates

Federal OSHA ETS Update

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has “stayed” the mandates and has ordered OSHA to “take no steps to implement or enforce” and OSHA has responded that they have “suspended activities related to the implementation and enforcement of the ETS pending future developments in the litigation.” Cal/OSHA Standards Board also has announced it will “cease working on a ‘Horchel’ adoption of the federal ETS while the legal battle plays out.”

The very strongly worded decision by the court stated, “The Mandate’s stated impetus—a purported ‘emergency’ that the entire globe has now endured for nearly two years, and which OSHA itself spent nearly two months responding to - is unavailing as well. And its promulgation grossly exceeds OSHA’s statutory authority.”

As the court stated “The public interest is also served by maintaining our constitutional structure and maintaining the liberty of individuals to make intensely personal decisions according to their own convictions—even, or perhaps particularly, when those decisions frustrate government officials.”

Guide to Cal/OSHA Revision

Guide to Cal/OSHA has been revised in November 2021. To review the copy of the Guide to Cal/OSHA, [click here](#).

Federal OSHA Quick Take Newsletter

To read the latest addition of Federal OSHA Quick Take Newsletter, [click here](#). Get quick news update on federal OSHA leadership and takeaways from previous OSHA's enforcement cases.

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-osha-updates.html> and 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.

[Visit the ASSP Greater San Jose Jobs Website Page](#)

Upcoming Events

November 30, 2021 The Road to Fatalities can be Paved with Compliance

To register: [click here](#).

Presenter: Michale G. Phillips

Safety is about people. That is so fundamental to what we do that it almost goes without saying. However,

December 15, 2021 “Are you ready for your test? And don’t forget to show your work.”

Read more about the event: [click here](#).

Presenter: Todd William Loushine, Ph.D., P.E, CSP, CIH

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[ASSP Sacramento Chapter](#)

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.

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

Sincerely,

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