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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ASSP Members,

As summer comes to an end, a spectacular fall begins! I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Brittany Jacobs and I am the 2020-2021 President of the ASSP Philadelphia Chapter. I was last year's President-Elect and have been involved with the organization for 6 years. I am a health and safety consultant with Compliance Management International and before consulting, worked in general industry. I look forward to continuing to serve the Philadelphia ASSP membership and support in our thriving chapter.

Speaking of thriving, the Philadelphia chapter in 2019-2020 achieved the highest level of recognition as a Platinum Chapter! Platinum Chapters meet rigorous standards of excellence and are identified as strong role models for other chapters. Past President Steve Stewart led the charge in obtaining this achievement. His leadership, and the groundwork laid by other past presidents Cheryl Scanlon, Rich Horan, helped our Chapter achieve this prestigious award. The hard work of all executive board members involved in recent years has not gone unnoticed and I thank each of you for your service. To our membership, the executive board and I thank you for participating in the ongoing development and growth of our chapter. We could not have done this without you!



As we begin the 2020-21 meeting calendar the executive board is diligently at work to provide continuing education and networking opportunities despite the pandemic. Though the formatting of meetings may have changed, our community has gotten even closer with the opportunity to meet virtually. Our meetings for the foreseeable future will be held online and we are looking forward to the opportunity to meet in

person when we can do so safely. Look out for our emails with information to register for upcoming meetings.

Early in the pandemic, we had to cancel several in-person events including our Spring Professional Development Conference. Though this was a disappointment, we're looking ahead to a PDC in spring 2021, reviewing opportunities for a virtual, or perhaps in-person event. We're also looking forward to our first virtual meeting of this new year, which will be presented by the OSHA Philadelphia Area Office Director, Theresa Downs. Theresa will be discussing what OSHA updated in 2019 and looking at the Regulatory Agenda for the remainder of 2020. OSHA update meetings provide great opportunities to interact with our local OSHA Area Director and stay in the loop on updates to come.

As we work to build the rest of the 2020-2021 meeting calendar, we invite members to take the opportunity for professional growth in presenting to your peers on a topic of your choice. *"In learning you will teach and in teaching you will learn."* We invite our members and those working in the safety industry to email assp.philly@gmail.com if you have interest in presenting or have a topic you would like to request. We invite you to take this call to action in your professional journey and share your knowledge with our community.

I would personally like to thank each and every member in our community for everything you have done in supporting health and safety at your organizations. It has been a difficult few month for us all. Together as a community, we remain strong and provide support to each other. Thank you for being a part of the ASSP Philadelphia Chapter!

Have a happy and safe autumn!

2020 CHAPTER UPDATE

ASSP Virtual Meetings

All upcoming safety programs for the ASSP Philadelphia Chapter will be virtual. If there is no speaker fee, there will be no fee to attend the meetings. However, if there is a speaker fee, all attendees will be charged a nominal fee to attend the meeting.

Thank you for your understanding and we hope to see everyone soon!

- Greg Wharton ASSP Philadelphia Treasurer



UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

Upcoming Meetings:

[September 17, 2020: OSHA Updates for 2020 Hosted by: Theresa Downs 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM](#)

Topic:

This session will cover the rules OSHA has updated in 2019/2020. A look at what the Regulatory Agenda is and what OSHA has on for the rest of 2020. A review of twenty most frequently cited serious violations in General Industry in 2019. Finally there will be a general overview of what the Philadelphia Area Office has experienced in 2020.

BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY

In the age of social media, instant communication and telecommuting, connection to a strong, live safety community has never been more important. Your membership in the ASSP Philadelphia Chapter is a tremendous resource that can help you filter through the noise and keep you in touch with what's really important. Whether it is following us on our social media platforms ([LinkedIn](#) or [Facebook](#)), attending our monthly [events](#), or becoming involved in a subcommittee or leadership role, you have the power to decide your level of engagement. Why look any further than this community of safety professionals - right here in your backyard - to support your professional and personal development!

I encourage each of our 500+ members to look at their schedules and find the time to become involved. I am excited to see what this chapter's leadership will achieve as we continue to build off the success from last year's team. Finally, as we start to make our plans and book out the calendar, we want to assure all of our members that the executive committee is dedicated to making your membership experience the best it can be!

GET INVOLVED

Have you ever thought about getting more involved with ASSP? What a better way to take advantage of your membership and the benefits it provides than to be on the team

who guides the chapter? These opportunities can spur career growth and ultimately lead to better job opportunities. We strongly encourage you to become more involved in our community of over 500 safety professionals who lead, manage, supervise, research and consult on safety around the area and beyond. Take advantage of a wide range of benefits available to our ASSP members and become a chapter leader. Email assp.philly@gmail.com to learn more!

COVID-19 LATEST RESOURCES

ASSP National has been regularly updating their [COVID-19 webpage](#), providing the latest resources to assist members, their employers and their clients with re-opening as safely as possible. Some highlights include:

- A COVID-19 **community discussion** to ask for advice and share your experience with other front-line safety professionals.
- Webinars, podcasts and articles on various aspects of COVID-19.
- Links to COVID-19 resources from a number of other governmental and professional organizations.

ASSP Journal Article Podcasts

In today's world, information is changing rapidly. Let's be honest, we don't always have time to sit down and read an article or a book. I started listening to podcasts on Leadership a few years ago, and a few months ago I thought, "Are there safety podcasts?" Yes! And there are some great safety podcasts out there! Here are a few podcasts I've enjoyed:

ASSP Safety Podcasts – This podcast tops the list with professional content, relevant topics and recently features a lot of content regarding safety and COVID, including the Psychosocial Impacts of COVID-10 and Ergonomics for your Home Workspace.

The Accidental Safety Professional from Vivid Learning – Over 60 podcasts with titles that draw you in such as "Almost like a bad spy movie" and "Roadhouse and Dr. Phil." They interview leading professionals in our industry and keep the conversation flowing!

Safety Justice League – A rowdy group of young Gen X-ers who enjoy craft brews and random discussions about facial hair provide a really fresh perspective on a variety of safety topics. They do a weekly regulatory update that's matter of fact, Safety Shorts you can listen to during your morning coffee, a Saturday random rant,

and longer podcasts on safety topics and professional development like growing your confidence and public speaking.

Which safety podcasts do you enjoy? Share your recommendations with me on Linked-In!

- Julie Anderson ASSP Philadelphia Delegate



CHAPTER OFFICERS

The new officers of the ASSP Philadelphia Chapter for the 2020/2021 year:

President: Brittany Jacobs

President-Elect: Kate McGee

Vice President: John Suter

Treasurer: Greg Wharton

Secretary: Helen Rush

Delegates: Julie Anderson

Hoyt Emmons

Omar Whitfield

Past President: Steven Stewart

To contact the officers, please visit: <https://phila.assp.org/chapter-officers/>

NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

Please give a warm Philly welcome to the following safety professionals who have joined our chapter since we published our last newsletter:

- Kellie Caldwell - Pepsico
- Ivyann Castillo
- Adam Glass - Philly Shipyard
- James Keefer
- Matthew Hassler
- D'Angelo Marshall - Vanalt Eletrical Construction
- Onyeka Onyekwelu

- Amanda Scott
- Dane Tanner - Clean Earth

JOB POSTINGS

The following jobs were posted on our [Chapter website](#) at the time this newsletter was distributed. Postings are for 30 days unless instructed otherwise, so the jobs on the website may be slightly different when you visit.

Job seekers, also consider posting your resume to the [ASSP Career Center](#), where employers across our region and across the country can match it to their job openings. At the Career Center, you can also set up a customized search to be automatically notified when jobs meeting your criteria are posted.

WHS Specialist

Reading, PA

Health and Safety Specialist

Center City Philadelphia, PA

[Click here to visit our website](#) to view the details about these jobs.

Jobs are posted as a service to our members who are looking for jobs, or for members whose companies are seeking qualified candidates.

Please note that job postings may be edited or abbreviated for web posting; be sure to obtain a complete copy of the job posting from the contact person listed.

To post a position, e-mail your information to the [Webmaster](#). Postings should be submitted in a format that is easy to cut and paste (plain text, Microsoft Word, etc.). Information such as experience required, salary range, who should be contacted and how should be included.

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Do you have an idea for the newsletter, a photo from an event, or an article or blog post you would like us to publish? Please send the information to Helen Rush at secretary@phila.assp.org

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