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**Winter Newsletter**



January 2022

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The American Society for Safety Professionals Northern Virginia Chapter (NOVA) in the Washington Metropolitan area was created to better serve the members of northern Virginia. Please visit https://nova.assp.org/ to provide your feedback on how NOVA can better serve you.

**President’s Letter**

To the New Year – CONNECT 2022!



As safety professionals we often find ourselves between a rock and a hard place enforcing policy and regulation, while working for the working class and taking orders from the C-suite. We are observers, who push agendas that make the workplace safer and healthier. Our approach is everything. We need to leave our checklist aside and start dancing with our employees (figuratively speaking). In my experience, ninety percent of safety metrics rely on changing behavior. To change behavior, we must influence behavior. To influence behavior, we must connect with our employees.

How do you do it?

Connect: Start with hello, ask about the family or the hat that they are wearing. Show Respect: Instead of enforcing, collaborate. Set expectations, not mandates. Be Kind: Remember that everyone has something going on in their lives. Kindness will have a lasting positive impact on your relationship with employees.

I hope to CONNECT with more of you this year. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Jamie Kohler, CSP, ARM

President, NOVA Chapter

American Society of Safety Professionals

**Upcoming Chapter Events**

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| 1/20/22 | 12:00PM | IH - “I am not an expert but these are good things to know” | Christie DeVito |
| 2/17/22 | 12:00PM | ISO 45001 - Occ H&S Mgmt Systems | Erica Frank |
| 3/17/22 | 12:00PM | Heavy Equipment | United Rentals |
| 4/21/22 | 12:00PM | General Env. Topic - SPCC, RCRA, Contaminated Soil | Bruce Donato |
| \*Apr/May |  | Networking Event |  |

**Chapter News**

[The NoVA Chapter December Networking Event was a Bullseye!](https://nova.assp.org/2021/12/the-nova-chapter-was-well-represented-at-the-axes-and-os-networking-event/)  
December 14, 2021

[THE GOLF BENEFIT 2021 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!](https://nova.assp.org/2021/10/golf-benefit-2021-was-a-huge-success/)  
October 20, 2021



[2021-2022 Chapter Meeting Schedule](https://nova.assp.org/2021/09/2021-2022-chapter-meeting-schedule/)  
September 13, 2021



ASSP NoVA’s Ax-Throwing Acers!

**Volunteer With Us!**

If you are interested in volunteering, we have plenty of task force committees and special interest groups to get involved with. For more information contact [president@nova.assp.org](mailto:president@nova.assp.org)

* Program Chair – to coordinate technical seminars and assist in obtaining sponsorship
* W.I.S.E. Liaison
* MACSC Liaison
* Region VI 2024 PDC Planning subcommittee
* Emerging Young Professional subcommittee

**Membership Updates**

**30 Years of Service – Congratulations!**

Joan Andersen

Joseph Blatter

David Risi

Barbara Quinn

Vincent Miller

**20 Years of Service – Congratulations!**

Elfreda Edwards

Michael Kerns

Stephanie Armour

Jason Pickett

**New Members – A Warm Welcome!**

Cameron Freeland

Laurence Dallaire

Vinny Gallo

Anand Subramanian

Cristina Windover

Laramie Shields

Kimberly Criddle

Charles Shuck

Matt Meyers

Bruce Carter

Jennifer Furrow

Harrichand Rhambarose

John Pierro

Melissa Eng

Sierra Johnson

Ben Hunt

Robin Repass

Heidi Hill

Matthew Koss

Rich Hubner

Chris Ford

Latoya Sessoms

Bryan Krikalo

Holly Brown

Jon Pryts

Fawn Setler

Tyler Davis

Anthony Tomyn

Stacy Bonneville

Chris Hart

Chad Dutton

Deven Desai

Clint Davis

Josh Culp

Bala Raman

Hai Chua

Robin Low

Mike McCudden

Janet Oshiro

Heather Chandy

Dzuel Erwan Arip

Weiqi Lim

Joy Mathai

Lionel Singh

Carly Bouslog

Christl McDonald

**Support for Out of Work Members**

We know there is an increase in members who have lost their jobs during the pandemic and ASSP’s hardship program can help, encourage any member to complete the form. Individual membership contributes to the overall strength and success of the OSH profession.

For assistance members can contact ASSP Customer Service at [customerservice@assp.org](mailto:customerservice@assp.org) or +1-847-699-2929 to learn more about this program or share the Job Loss Hardship Membership Form with them.  [assp\_hardshipform\_2020.pdf](https://www.assp.org/docs/default-source/community-leader-resources/assp_hardshipform_2020.pdf?sfvrsn=58d4b447_0))

**Career Center**

Located at [jobs.assp.org](http://jobs.assp.org/) - members can post a resume, search job openings, set job search alerts, and more.

Companies looking to hire are welcome to post jobs for a fee.   Internship postings are free with promo code *Internships***.**

**Safety Focus**

Open to anyone in the occupational safety and health (OSH) profession who is committed to education. Whether you want to manage your job’s daily challenges, gain expertise to show your value, advance your career or maintain your safety certifications. [Educational Event for Safety Professionals | SafetyFOCUS (assp.org)](https://safetyfocus.assp.org/)

**ASSP Safety Podcasts**

* [Fall Protection Double Feature: Self-Retracting Devices and Anchorage Connectors](http://safetypodcasts.assp.org/2021/12/fall-protection-double-feature-self-retracting-devices-and-anchorage-connectors/" \o "" \t "_blank)  
  December 27, 2021
* [Prevention through Design: Tips for Designing Out Hazards at Organizations of Any Size](http://safetypodcasts.assp.org/2021/11/prevention-through-design-tips-for-designing-out-hazards-at-organizations-of-any-size/)  
  November 29, 2021
* [How to Earn Continuing Education Units as Safety Professional](http://safetypodcasts.assp.org/2021/11/how-to-earn-continuing-education-units-as-safety-professional/)  
  November 15, 2021
* [Navigating the Road to Success as a Woman in Safety](http://safetypodcasts.assp.org/2021/10/navigating-the-road-to-success-as-a-woman-in-safety/)  
  October 25, 2021
* [What the Z459.1 Standard Means for Rope Access Systems](http://safetypodcasts.assp.org/2021/10/what-the-z459-1-standard-means-for-rope-access-systems/)  
  October 4, 2021
* [From ASP to CSP: A Safety Professional’s Certification Journey](http://safetypodcasts.assp.org/2021/09/from-asp-to-csp-a-safety-professionals-certification-journey/)  
  September 20, 2021
* [Cultivating Relationships to Achieve Success](http://safetypodcasts.assp.org/2021/08/safety-2021-preview/)  
  August 23, 2021

**ASSP Government Affairs Update**

The ASSP Government Affairs Update highlights important public sector actions involving occupational safety and health (OSH). Please share this newsletter with your chapter members and other ASSP colleagues. Be sure to visit [our government affairs webpage](http://send.assp.org/link.cfm?r=NPbadJaiVdWzIxwjp3mDpA~~&pe=_TwlyPmyRpnN-KqhBM-V5AN6eGPzu3VxsMWuu5y0QapqzlZU-N1IGrl20Ht44hwJLbzsAmJY1KebJ3P-mh8enA~~&t=ZToobxU5JAPpRKZNjLPcxQ~~) to learn more.

Department of Labor Regulatory Agenda

OSHA Modernizes VPP Application Process

New Report Shows the 2019 Cost of Injury

ASSP News - Technical Comments on Issues Affecting Workplace Safety



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