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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



Welcome Spring!

As seasons change, the programs we manage in safety and health change. Stay in tune with regulatory changes in Virginia and best practices when it comes to total worker health by attending our spring technical meetings.

April 20th – Nuts and Bolts of Total Worker Health (ask for recording)

May 18 – Annual VOSH Update

Like my mother would say, "its better to be safe than sorry."

Sincerely,

Jamie Sydykov, CSP, ARM

President, NOVA Chapter
American Society of Safety Professionals

Upcoming Chapter Events

4/20/23	12:00PM	April 2023 Meeting – Nuts and Bolts of Total Worker Health® Approaches (Ask for recording)	Christie DeVito
5/18/23	12:00PM	Annual VOSH Update	Virginia DOLI
6/14/23		Cranes (WMACSA)	Bruce Donato

Chapter News

[2023 Corporate Safety Award Program](#)

April 10, 2023

[Calling for Nominations on These Available Board Positions](#)

February 15, 2023

[2022 Chapter Awards & Recognition](#)

August 1, 2022

February 2023 - Vic D'Amato presenting on When and How to Sample



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

Membership Updates

We encourage all members to send their brief resume and photograph to introduce them on this column.

May GTC Hybrid Meeting: Women in Safety Discussion

Please join us for a special discussion with the ASSP Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) Common Interest Group and our Greater Tidewater Chapter Executive Committee. The Greater Tidewater Chapter has the unique distinction of having an all female team of elected officers. Join us in person or online.

May 24, 2023

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

[May GTC Hybrid Meeting: Women in Safety Discussion – ASSP Greater Tidewater Chapter](#)

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 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](#)

Career Center

Located at 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*.

[Senior Director, Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management](#)

[Risk Management Analyst](#)

[Industrial Hygienist / Environmental Scientist](#)

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 \(assp.org\)](#)

ASSP Safety Podcasts

The Case for Safety Podcast features conversations with safety experts sharing their ideas and insights you can use to help your organization improve worker safety and health.

[How Mentorship Can Help You Build Relationships and Advance in Your Career](#)

[Expert Tips for Designing an Effective Safety Training Program](#)

[Utilizing Technology to Improve Your Safety and Health Management System](#)

Free Training Funded by OSHA Susan Harwood Grant

Fall Protection

This online self-paced series addresses the three parts of the personal fall arrest system (PFAS) — the “anchor,” the “bodywear” and the “connecting device” – widely known as the ABCs

Courses:

- [Fall Protection: Anchorage Connectors](#)
- [Fall Protection: Full Body Harness](#)
- [Fall Protection: Connecting Devices](#)

Infectious Diseases

The following live, instructor-led courses provide guidance on planning and managing pandemics; review regulations and a legal framework for infectious diseases; discuss industry best practices and more.

Courses:

- **Pandemic Challenges: How to Return to Work Safely** | Course was conducted on March 1, 2023. On-demand version coming soon.
- **Legal Framework and Workplace Best Practices for Infectious Disease Including COVID-19** | Course was conducted on March 8, 2023. On-demand version coming soon.
- **Planning and Management of Pandemics and Other Infectious Diseases** | Course was conducted on March 16, 2023. On-demand version coming soon.
- **Managing Psychosocial Risks in the Workplace During Pandemics and Other Crises** | Course was conducted on March 23, 2023. On-demand version coming soon.
- [General Considerations for Organizations on Managing Infectious Diseases](#)

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](#) to learn more.

[ASSP Comments on OSHA's Effort to Modernize VPP](#)

[OSHA Releases 2022 Injury and Illness Data](#)

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