



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to All!

It's hard to believe that we're nearing the end of the 2023 first quarter already. Vincent has put together a very full newsletter this month, so please take a few minutes to review all the upcoming happenings and/or opportunities to get involved.

Our meeting this month is on Friday the 17th. Please plan to attend if your schedules permit. Remember, we still offer an online attendance, but we'd much rather have you in person. Please register and I'll plan to see you there.

Has everyone signed up for the upcoming Regional PDC to be held in Tuscaloosa at the Bryant Conference Center? Vincent has more information on this available in the body of the newsletter. In addition, you'll see the proposed upcoming slate of officers, speakers, and opportunities for the Chapter.

As for my safety minute/challenge this morning, please remember to say something when we see something. More often than not, we fix things without saying something. Go ahead and fix the hazard or hazardous conditions; however, also remember to report the event so everyone can be on the lookout for similar occurrences. In some safety cultures, the recognized hazard might be considered a near miss and we all know our programs improve when near misses are reported and acted upon as if an injury occurred.

I hope to see you on the 17th. Until then, let's all be safe on purpose!

– **Paul**

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members In January '23

- Scott Cosner
- Murray Gibson
- Darnell Hill
- Ifeanyi Okpala
- Wentao Qu
- Maya Roth
- Bob Sesek
- Fulton White

Long Service Members February '23

- James Swindle, 6 Years
- Kenny Cribb, 15 Years
- Frank Wampol, 15 Years

New Members In February '23

- Edward Cortez
- Jonathan Crowe
- Clayton Dalton
- Ulysses Fogle
- Murray Gibson
- Robyn Gillespie
- Sarah Harmon
- Javian Lopez
- John Mitchell
- Lucie Outlaw
- Houston Payne
- Delana Pierce
- Wyatt Pope
- Joseph Price
- John Sims
- Justin Sims
- William Smith
- James Riley Storey
- Summer Watts
- Dremere Woods
- Brayden Wright

(Highest month membership increase ever of active members.)

Long Service Members March '23

- Jesse Wells, 11 Years
- Eric Worley, 13 Years
- Edward Grzybowski, 16 Years
- Charles Rankin, 16 Years
- Darren Alexander, 18 Years
- Ross Boeker, 24 Years
- James Tillery, 29 Years
- Robert Forrester, 35 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Chapter Meeting Invite!

The March Chapter Meeting will be at 11:30 AM on this Friday, March 17th at the Alabama AGC Building. Jason Hyche from OSHA will talk to us about 2023 regulatory updates. Register with the Link Below.

REGISTER

2023 Alabama Chapter Membership Survey

We need to hear from you!

- To keep our chapter growing
- To meet your needs as ASSP Members
- To meet our Chapter goal of promoting the advancement of the safety profession and safety professionals and development of our members.

[Here is a video from our President about the Survey.](#)

Look for the Survey announcement coming soon.

Chapter Elections

The Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of offices for the next 2 year period starting in July. They are:

President: **Tom Ten Eyck**

Vice President: **Justin Shepherd**

Secretary: **Vincent Scott**

Treasurer: **Allyn Holladay**

You can also nominate members for these positions. Chapter members may submit a signed petition nominating an individual for elective office. The petition will require ten signatures to be valid. The petition shall be accompanied by a written acceptance by the nominee(s) and shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Nominations & Elections Committee 30 days in advance of the election. The names and qualifications of such nominees shall be published and distributed to the membership at least 15 days prior to the election. Everyone will receive the voting information in May.

RECENT ACTIVITY

January Meeting

For the first meeting of the new year, **Deborah Lechner** of [ErgoScience](#) spoke to us about the use of Artificial Intelligence and sensors to promote safety and decrease injuries. [You can watch it here to review or if you missed it. The presentation is located here.](#)



February Meeting

Dr. Stephanie Lynch, PHD spoke to us about **Workplace Infectious Disease Control**. Besides the knowledgeable presentation, there was a lot of discussion and input from the members in attendance. You are sure to learn something from the recording. Find the [Zoom recording here](#) and the [Powerpoint Presentation is here.](#)



Auburn/Montgomery Section February Meeting

The Section held their meeting on February 23rd at the Hyundai Training Center. **David Wilbur** with [Vetergy Group, LLC](#) was the speaker. His topic was *Admitting Human Error in the Workplace – Maximizing Safety and Reliable Performance with Human Factors*. He was great! He provided handouts and it was an interactive class. Several commented they would be taking something back to work from the presentation! We had 35 in attendance! Below are a couple of pictures.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

University of Alabama SafeState Consultant Position

The [University of Alabama SafeState Program](#) is recruiting to fill a full-time **SAFETY CONSULTANT** position in the *Occupational Safety and Health Consultation* division. As a UA SafeState Safety Consultant, you'll be joining a team of professionals delivering occupational safety assistance to small employers in Alabama. This is a benefits-eligible position.

For more information and to apply, visit the UA Job Line:

[Safety Consultant - 518784 - Alabama, United States \(ua.edu\)](#)

Persons interested in learning more about this opportunity may also contact Matt Hollub (mhollub@ua.edu), (205) 348-8259

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[Royal Cup Inc](#) is looking to fill a **Safety Representative** position at our Birmingham manufacturing site. Please contact Tim McCune at TMcCune@royalcupcoffee.com or 205-213-6506. You can also find more detail on the [Job Description](#).

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, etc.

We will post the jobs to our website. No charge but the chapter is always accepting donations to help establish our scholarship fund. Your contribution is appreciated.

Please e-mail the job information to secretary@alabama.assp.org.

[Visit the Alabama ASSP Chapter Jobs Page](#)

EXTRA!

Other Items You May Be Interested In

You can find the latest [Chapter By-Laws at this link](#).

Region IV PDC will be at University of Alabama, Bryant Conference Center April 26th - 27th. [You can still register](#).



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