



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

January '24 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and New Years holiday season. The new year is upon us and the next Alabama Chapter ASSP meeting will be Friday January 19, 2024. The meeting will be at the AGC facility 5000 Grantswood Road Irondale, AL 35210. The meeting will start at approximately 11:30 am with the presentation followed by the Chapter meeting and ending with an Executive Committee meeting.

We have some upcoming meetings and special events so mark your calendars. Our February Chapter meeting will be held in conjunction with the Jacksonville State University Student Section of ASSP on Friday February 16, 2024. We will meet on their campus at the Merrill Hall, 700 Pelham Road, North Jacksonville, AL 36265. Parking will be at the hall and across the street near the traffic light. Meeting time will be 11:30 am with a presentation by Dr. Chris Schemel, University of Alabama Safe State Director. He will present on an interesting topic of Fire Safety which will include some of his investigations on the fires and explosions that have happened across this country.

Our March 15, 2024 meeting will feature Mr. Joel Batiz, Birmingham OSHA Area Director. He will provide insight into OSHA and what they will be doing over the coming year as well as issues he has investigated during his career with OSHA. He will be available to answer your questions so please bring them to the meeting.

The April 19, 2024 meeting will be our recognition luncheon. We will thank our long-standing members at this luncheon as well as recognize the Alabama Chapter Safety Professional of the Year. This will be our first recognition dinner in a while so plan on attending this great event.

The [2024 Central Alabama Construction Conference](#) will be at the Hyundai Training Center in Montgomery, Alabama on March 15, 2024 from 7:30 to 3:00 pm. This is a free event with registration through the Deep South Center for Occupational Safety and Health at UAB. Registration is now open so check their website for more information and sign up. This is a free conference with CEUs for attending so a great opportunity to get valuable points for free. Although it says construction in the title there will be general industry break out sessions at the conference.

The 2024 ASSP Region IV conference will be held at the Wyndham Hotel Lake Buena Vista, Florida on May 1 and 2. Registration for this event is open but limited to 200 attendees due to the size of the Hotel Conference area. For details visit www.RegionFourPdc.com. There is an early bird registration with a reduced conference registration fee. This conference is closer than the National Safety 2024 conference in Denver Colorado in August and offers similar CEUs for attending.

Be careful and safe out there in your daily travels and work activities and Happy New Year.

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members In November '23

- Steven Blumeberg

- Kevin Loggins
- Tanner Mize

Long Service Members December '23

- Richard Bullis, 5 Years
- Steve Griffith, 5 Years
- Stuart M Gaughy, 5 Years
- Terry Pouncey, 5 Years
- Don Turley, 5 Years
- Travis Herod, 6 Years
- Misty Potter, 7 Years
- Steven Searle, 7 Years
- Andrew Hall, 10 Years
- Gregory Blake, 12 Years
- John Stumpff, 13 Years
- Benjamin Waits, 15 Years
- Paula Byrd, 19 Years
- Mickey Hannum, 22 Years
- Jessie Godbey, 23 Years
- Earle Durboraw, 29 Years
- Richard Sesek, 31 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

January '24 Meeting Announcement

Date and Time: *January 19 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm*

Location: *Alabama AGC, 5000 Grantswood Rd #100, Irondale, AL 35210*
(Lunch is included)

Title: *TBD*

We hope you will come out and share with us during what we know will be an interesting and educational presentation. Free lunch for those who attend in person.

Register Now

BISE Webinar

[Pass the PEACE: Building an Inclusive & Resilient Safety Culture](#)

Complimentary Education | Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 | 10 a.m. CT | 0.1 CEUs

Learn about tactical and strategic cues that help you develop a resilient safety culture, build beneficial relationships and collaborate to achieve operational objectives. [Register today](#).

Engineering Practice Specialty Activity

[Problem-Solving Skills: Critical for Your Success in Safety](#)

Complimentary Education | Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 | Noon CT

Problem solving is a valuable skill that will set you apart from others and help you advance your career. Expert Mark Hansen will explain the value of skills; discuss the differences between invention and innovation; and help you analyze challenging situations and assemble tools to develop solutions.

[Register today](#).

Tuscaloosa/West AL Section Meeting

Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Section Meeting Friday February 2, Tuscaloosa Gateway Innovation and Discovery Center 2614 University Blvd. E, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404. Presentation TBD.

For more information contact *Section Chairman Mr. Matt Hollub* 205-348-8259 or *Secretary Ms. Christy Holland* 205-562-1126.

February Chapter Meeting At JAX State

February 16, 2024

Alabama Chapter and Jacksonville State University Student Section

Combined meeting:

- *Dr. Chris Schemel Safe State Director* will present on ***Fire Safety and Process Safety Management***, guaranteed to be EXPLOSIVE!!! Start time 11:30 AM.

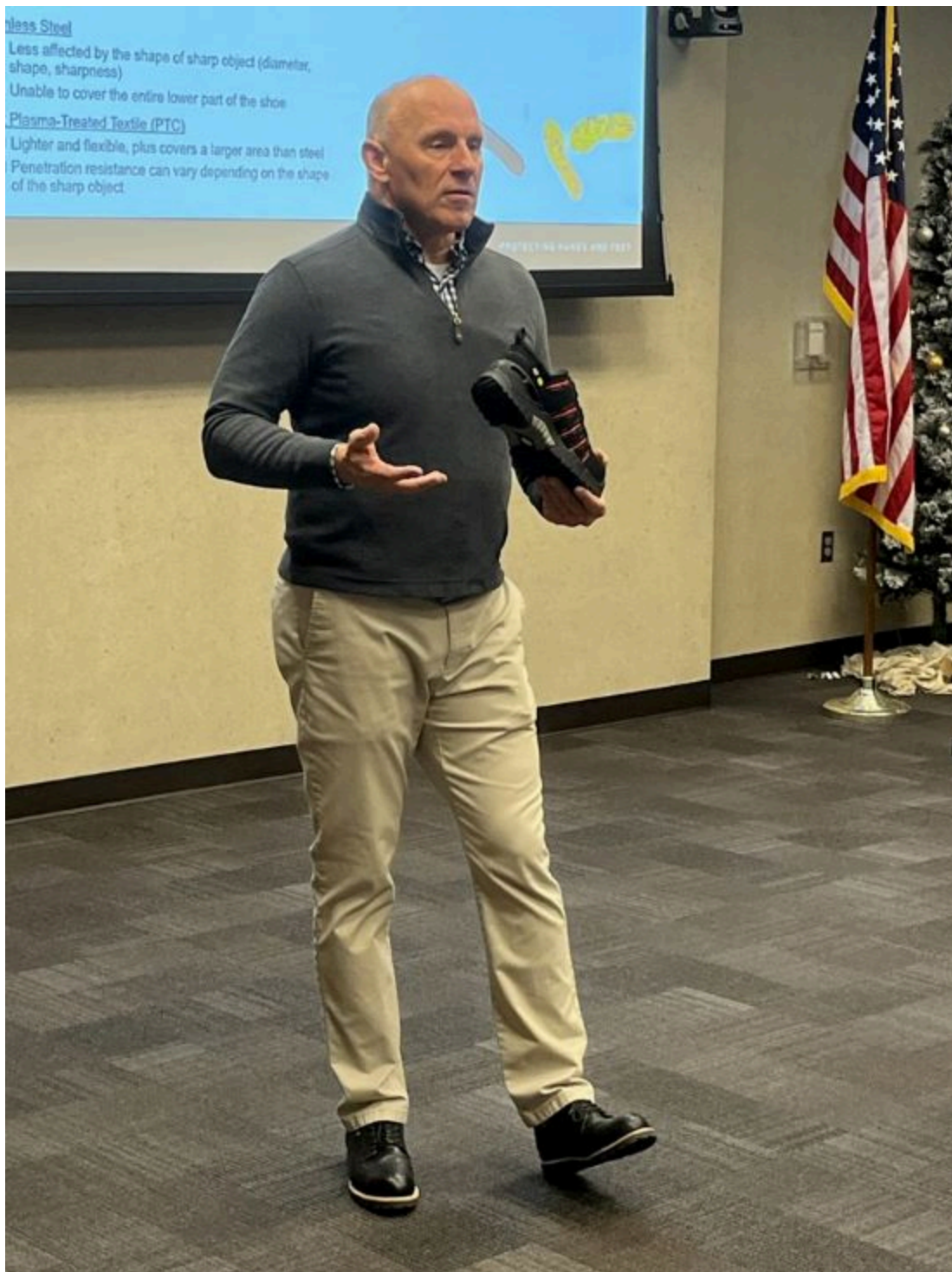
- Jacksonville State University, Merrill Hall, 700 Pelham Road, North Jacksonville, AL 36265, parking at the hall and across the street near traffic light.

Save - The - Dates!

Look for the other opportunities for participation that Tom mentioned in his newsletter. You don't want to miss them!

RECENT ACTIVITY

December Meeting



Jim got us excited about footwear and tech

Jim Bell with [Ejendals](#) spoke in depth about the design of safety shoes and how they should work. There are so many parts and functions of a shoe. He also introduced us to Ejendals which is new to the US along with their technology that measures the shape of the soles of our feet. Inserts can be very important to our health. You might like to know that Jim can be reached at jim.bell@ejendals.com.

[You can follow this link to watch the Youtube video.](#)

[A copy of the presentation is here.](#)



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, 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](#)



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