

## **March '24 Newsletter**

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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring is almost here which means our severe weather potential ramps up for the southeast. Be weather aware for these events which unfortunately will occur several times in March, April, and May. It might be a good time to evaluate your facility emergency action plan severe weather procedures to be prepared for any severe weather which may impact your area. It will also be a good time to make sure you are prepared at home as well.

Our March 15, 2024 Chapter meeting will feature Ms. Maveline Perez, Civil Engineer and Assistant Area Director for the Birmingham OSHA Area Office. This meeting will be held at our usual location, the AGC facility at 5000 Grantswood Road in Irondale, AL. Ms. Perez will discuss what they will be doing over the coming year as well as her experiences working for OSHA. She will be available to answer your questions so please bring them to the meeting.

The <u>2024 Central Alabama Construction Conference</u> is almost here and will be well attended. It will be held at the Hyundai Training Center in Montgomery, Alabama on Thursday March 14, 2024 from 7:30 to 3:00 pm.

This **event is free** with registration through Deep South Center for Occupational Safety and Health at UAB. Registration is open at their website, uab.edu. The registration is under the Continuing Education listing, scroll down to the Alabama Construction Conference to register. This is a free conference with a great opportunity to get around 0.7 CEU's. Although it says construction conference it has plenty of general industry breakout sessions.

The April 19, 2024 meeting will be our recognition luncheon. This is the first time the event has been held since 2019. All Sections are invited to this meeting as one of their annual meetings so try to attend this event. We will thank our long-standing members at this luncheon and well as recognize the Alabama Chapter Safety Professional of the Year, Mr. Vincent Scott. Please try to attend this special event.

I would like to again congratulate Mr. Vincent Scott, Secretary for the Alabama Chapter, as the 2023-2024 Safety Professional of the Year recipient. Join me in thanking Vincent for all his hard work he does for the Alabama Chapter.

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 <a href="www.RegionFourPdc.com">www.RegionFourPdc.com</a>. There is an early bird registration with a reduced conference registration fee. This conference offers CEUs for attending. The website also has the hotel registration information for this event.

The 2024 Governor's Safety and Health Conference is fast approaching. The conference will be held from Monday August 26 through Wednesday August 28, 2024. One of the guest speakers will be Mr. James Spann, the Weather Authority, for Birmingham's television station ABC 33/40. He does a really great presentation on weather including some tornadic events he has covered over the years. More information will be provided as registration opens.

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

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP Chapter President

#### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

#### **New Members In February '24**

- Todd Archer
- Sarah Bass
- Ashley Garretson
- Derrick Jett
- Terry Shane Sprayberry
- Jerry Turner

#### Long Service Members March '24

- Enatra Hale, 5 Years
- Heather Uselton, 5 Years
- Thomas Wilson, 5 Years
- · Matthew Butler, 6 Years
- Christopher Casey, 10 Years
- Eric Worley, 14 Years
- Edward Grzybowski, 17 Years
- Charles Rankin, 17 Years

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **March '24 Meeting Announcement**

Date and Time: March 15 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Alabama AGC, 5000 Grantswood Rd #100, Irondale, AL 35210

#### Lunch is included!

We will also be offering the meeting via Zoom.

Title: OSHA Update and Information

Speaker: Ms. Maveline Perez

Ms. Perez is a Civil Engineer and Assistant Area Director for the Birmingham, Alabama Office. Please join us for what we are sure will be a very informative presentation on OSHA updates and Ms. Perez's experiences working for OSHA. Please bring any questions you may have.

Register Here For Attendance or Zoom!

## **April '24 Chapter Meeting and Awards**

Date and Time: April 19th | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Alabama AGC, 5000 Grantswood Rd #100, Irondale, AL 35210

Occasion: ASSP Membership Recognition & Luncheon Event

Please join us for this special event as we recognize the membership with this luncheon. We will recognize our long-standing Alabama Chapter members of 10 or more years with a Certificate of Appreciation. Members who have been with the Chapter for 20 or more years will receive their certificate in a frame, but you must be present to get your framed certificate.

We will also recognize our 2023-2024 Alabama Chapter Safety Professional of the Year Mr. Vincent Scott. Please come and congratulate Mr. Scott on this recognition.

Join us for this event which is being held for the first time since 2019.

Look for early registration coming soon!

## **WISE Networking and Goalsetting**

Women in Safety Excellence

2024 Open Member Community Call

Networking | Monday, March 11 | 1 p.m. CT

Join our annual open call to learn about our initiatives, including our local ChapterWISE groups, mentoring and awards and honors programs, and

learn more about our mission to promote the equity and advancement of women in the safety profession and the workplace. Register today

# Spring Forward With WISE - Networking and Goal Setting Event Networking | Thursday, March 14 | 6 p.m. CT

Get ready for spring with WISE! Network with fellow members, learn more about WISE, and set some personal and professional goals to work towards this year!

#### Networking | Thursday, March 14 at 6 pm CST

Whistle Stop Bottle and Brew – 830 N Railroad Ave, Opelika, AL 36801

#### **BISE Webinars**

#### Blacks in Safety Excellence

The Changing Balance of the Art & Science in Industrial Hygiene & Safety

Complimentary Education | Wednesday, March 20 | 11 a.m. CT | 0.1 CEUs

Are you aware of how expected demographic and cultural changes will impact your application methods in your safety and health programs? Using his 54 years of experience and knowledge, Dr. Ben Cranor will share practical guidance to help you become a better problem-solver and prepare more effectively for the changing balance in our profession. Register today

#### <u>Intersectionality in Safety: Tapping Into Our Differences</u>

Complimentary Education | Friday, March 29 | 11 a.m. CT | 0.1 CEUs

Embark on a groundbreaking exploration of the intricate interplay of identities in the safety domain. Take away expert insight on the transformative impact of recognizing your workforce's multifaceted nature and learn how embracing these differences cultivates a resilient safety culture that can propel your organization toward excellence. Register today

## **Engineering Practice Specialty Activity**

[Thought you might like to hear about this one!]

#### **Charging Safety at Work: Are We Prepared?**

Complimentary Education | Wednesday, March 6 | Noon CT

More than 1 million electric vehicles were sold in the first 11 months of 2023 in the U.S. We must understand the work-related risks of using and charging these vehicles. Gain expert insight on what you need to know and how to mitigate challenges you may encounter. Register today

#### **AIHA PDC**

AIHA: Future Of The Profession

Sponsored by the local Alabama Section of AHIA

PDC | Friday, March 22 | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. CT

These are our fellow Safety and Health professionals working more from the health side and happen to be using our regular meeting place. The National AIHA President, Dina Siegel, as well as Chris Robertson, President/CEO of Technical Environmental Services, will be speakers along with other activities and training.

Follow this link to register and for more information.

#### RECENT ACTIVITY

## **February Meeting**



Tom starting up the meeting

The February meeting was AWESOME!

We had a crowd gathered in the Jacksonville State University Campus Merril Hall Building in a very nice class room for our combined regular Chapter and Student Section Meeting. *David Carpenter*, of the <u>Integrity Institute of Contractors</u>, gave us a detailed presentation on some of the little known requirements. He even used an example of a case investigation he was a part of. I won't share pictures here. Not very graphic but gets your attention. See video if you are interested.

You can follow this link to watch the Youtube video.

A copy of the presentation is here.

More pictures were taken. Will try to include in future emails. Share yours with <a href="mailto:secretary@alambama.assp.org">secretary@alambama.assp.org</a>.

I took a few more too.







#### **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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