



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

April '24 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring is here and so far the severe weather has been limited across the state. April and May tend to be two months with the most severe spring weather events. Evaluate your facility emergency action plan's 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.

Warm weather is also fast approaching which means that heat stress illnesses could become an issue. OSHA has made it a priory to make heat stress part of their warm weather inspections. Evaluate your facility heat stress procedures and practices to get ready for the hot summer.

If you need some valuable training on heat stress the Alabama Chapter of ASSP along with the University of Alabama and Safe State will be conducting a half day Professional Development Conference for a Heat Stress Trainer Class through a Harwood Grant. **This will be a free PDC event** and will occur at the AGC facility 5000 Grantswood Road Irondale, AL. The class will start at 8 AM and end by noon on May 17, 2024. This class will take the place

of our normal monthly meeting and will be limited to the first 40 who sign up. Signup information will be provided in announcements shortly. If you want any information on this PDC event email me at tteneck@ua.edu or our Secretary Mr. Vincent Scott at vincent.scott@kratosdefense.com.

The April 19, 2024 **Alabama Chapter Recognition Luncheon** is fast approaching. This is the first recognition luncheon event held since 2021. 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. You will need to register to attend this event by Monday April 15, 2024 and registration information will be in this newsletter as well as other mailings sent out this month.

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. The early bird registration with a lower cost ended on March 29, 2024. For registration details visit www.RegionFourPdc.com. 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. Registration is now open and many have already registered. The cutoff in the past was 400 attendees and last year registration closed on July 28, 2024. When they say 400 attendees, they mean it and I think the close date when 400 is reached this year will be earlier and may be as early as late June. So if you are thinking of attending this event do not wait until the last minute. 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 is provided on the [University of Alabama Conference Registration](#) website.

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

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members In March '24

- Keith Boling
- Bo Cheshire
- Kenley Fagan
- Tucker Isbell
- Vivian McSwain
- Jack Power
- Laurence Rauschnabe
- Christian Savage
- Jason Tate
- Bo Young

Long Service Members April '24

- Alicia Taylor, 10 Years
- Thomas Ten Eyck, 10 Years
- Jean Wisdom, 10 Years
- Jeffrey Anthony, 12 Years
- Jason Fritz, 12 Years
- Thomas Brand, 13 Years
- Wayne Jackson, 14 Years
- Victor Gipson, 16 Years
- Jimmy Coleman, 18 Years
- John Tindall, 21 Years
- Jason Timmons, 23 Years
- Robert Duncan, 30 Years
- Bob Fitzgerald, 31 Years
- James Dodds, 40 Years

Membership Breakdown

336 - Total Membership

126 - Professional Members

72 - Student Members

(Remainder are Emeritus, Associate, or Members at Large)

Sections

- 78 - Auburn Montgomery
- 45 - NE Alabama Anniston/Gadsden
- 43 - Tuscaloosa/West Alabama

Student Sections

- 28 - Jacksonville State
- 20 - University of Alabama Birmingham
- 17 - Auburn

Common Interest Groups

- 35 - Women In Safety Excellence
- 16 - Blacks In Safety Excellence
- 5 - Hispanic Safety Professionals

Practice Specialties

- 32 - Construction
 - 7 - Consultants
- 10 - Engineering
- 13 - Environmental
- 12 - Ergonomics
 - 3 - Healthcare
- 11 - Industrial Hygiene
 - 5 - Global Operations
- 31 - Management
- 18 - Manufacturing
 - 7 - Oil, Gas, Mining & Mineral Resources
 - 2 - Public Sector
- 14 - Risk Management
- 12 - Training and Communications
- 5 - Transportation
- 5 - Utilities

(No one listed for Fire Protection or Military specialties.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April '24 Meeting Announcement

ASSP Membership Recognition & Luncheon Event

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

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

Meal is included!

(There will be no Zoom for this meeting.)

Presented by: Alabama Chapter ASSP

About:

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

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 achievement.

Join us for this very Special Chapter Event. Please register by Monday April 15, 2024 through the attendance link below or Chapter website.

Contact Tom Ten Eyck @ 205/348-8563 or Vincent Scott @ 205/581-2812 if you have any questions.

[Register Here To Attend!](#)

NE Alabama Anniston/Gadsden Section

You may have seen the notice about the NE Section and we talked about it at the March meeting. We are reestablishing it which will help us cover the needs of that area as well as create a local meeting for those members. Records show there are 45 members impacted.

Charley Bishop will be the Chairman. He is holding a meeting in April to get things organized. Contact him at cbishop@lyonshr.com for more information and to help.

WISE Service Project

Chapter WISE Service Initiative: Period Project

ChapterWISE created a focused service initiative for all local WISE chapters, as a joint effort, kicking off during Women's History Month. Our goal is to increase awareness of period poverty and to provide menstrual hygiene products to those in need. Learn more [here](#).

ChapterWISE Service Initiative:

Period Project

ChapterWISE is partnering with **The Period Project** and the **Alliance for Period Supplies** to increase awareness of period poverty and to provide menstrual hygiene products to those in need.

Period supply donations needed!



Monetary donations can be made directly on Facebook:
The WISE Fundraiser for Homeless Period Project, Inc.
(The Period Project).



Did you know

- 1 in 4 women struggled to purchase period products within the past year due to lack of income
- 1 in 5 low-income women report missing work, school or similar events due to lack of access to period supplies
- Lack of access to period supplies is linked to using substitute products (toilet tissue or socks), stretching product usage, and missing important events
- An overwhelming 88% of women agree that period products are a basic necessity
- Only 4% of women are aware of a local resource where free or reduced cost period supplies are available
- State and federal safety-net programs cannot be used to purchase period supplies.

BISE Webinars

Blacks in Safety Excellence

[Replay — The Art & Science of Industrial Hygiene & Safety](#)

If you missed our live webinar, watch it on demand. [Log in now](#)

[Replay — Book Club: Elevating Customer/Client Trust](#)

If you missed the live book club discussion, watch it on demand. [Log in now](#)

[Moving the Needle From Compliance to Solutions-Based EHS Management](#)

Complimentary Education | Friday, April 19 | 11 a.m. CT | 0.1 CEUs

Delve into the strategy behind our method of delivering solutions-based actions instead of focusing on the “compliance” argument. Learn about the basics of the professional safety craft — not taught but rather learned — through the crucible of the construction industry. [Register today](#)

From The Specialty Communities

Engineering Practice Specialty

Work Zone Safety Challenges, Opportunities & Technologies

Complimentary Education | Wednesday, April 17 | 11 a.m. CT

Work zone safety is vital for protecting the well-being of both workers and the public. With innovative tools and methods, you can mitigate the hazards and reduce the risks. [Register today](#)

Artificial Intelligence for Safety Professionals

Complimentary Education | Thursday, May 9 | Noon CT

Artificial intelligence (AI) is changing our workplaces. Explore AI basics, current applications and potential benefits, such as operational efficiencies and data analytics. [Register today](#)

Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty

PSM/RMP Current & Updated Regulations

Complimentary Education | Thursday, April 11 | 1 p.m. CT

Discuss OSHA's current Process Safety Management (PSM) of Highly Hazardous Chemicals regulation and recent updates to EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP) rule. How are they alike and how do they differ? [Register today](#)

Manufacturing Practice Specialty

Replay — Book Club: Elevating Customer/Client Trust

If you missed our live book club discussion, watch it on demand. [Log in now](#)

RECENT ACTIVITY

March Meeting



Maveline Perez-Ramos talked about all aspects of OSHA



Maveline was also happy to receive the coveted cup from Tom

Thank you to Maveline Perez-Ramos, Assistant Director of OSHA for our region, for speaking to us about recent changes in OSHA and the emphasis programs they are pushing. Inspections and other activities are getting close to pre-pandemic levels and penalties continue to rise along with inflation. Use the link below to see all the details.

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

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

WISE Update

March Networking and Goal Setting Event – Spring Forward with WISE

On March 14, we had a fun and productive evening networking and setting goals for the rest of the year. We were able to work together to establish obtainable and SMART goals using [goal setting worksheets](#) and each other's experiences and expertise. Stay tuned for details about our next WISE event this summer!



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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