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February Meeting Minutes

The February 10th meeting of the Star Valley Chapter of ASSP was called to order by President Daniel Ashworth with 13 members and guests in attendance. The venue was Corned Beef & Company in Roanoke, VA. The meeting, held jointly with the Occupational Health Nurses, was begun with welcome comments and attendee introductions. The business agenda included the following:

**State of the Chapter:** Last month it was reported that the Chapter was experiencing what was faced five years ago – limited participation in Chapter Elected Offices. We are glad to inform everyone that we believe this condition has been addressed as the individuals below have stepped forward as candidates for office. Their bios are found on page 4.

- **President.** Carlton Davis has accepted the challenge and will run for president.
- **Vice President.** Stuart Bowman, who has served the Chapter well, stated he will run for a fourth year.
- **Secretary.** Bob Calhoun will serve his sixth term as secretary.
- **Treasurer.** Brandon Webb will step up as our treasurer for another year.
- **Delegate.** Carlton Davis will be the new delegate.

**New & Old Business:**

- **Glenn Hargrove** has completed ASSP training to officially become our Membership Chairperson.
- Meeting topic plans for Chapter year 2019-20 have been filled with the exception of April. The meeting topic agenda includes:
  - The March 9th meeting will be a tour of Apocalypse Aleworks and brewery safety
  - The May 11th meeting will feature an OSHA update by our local OSHA representatives.
  - The June meeting will feature a night out at the ball bark.
  - Other meeting topics being considered for future meetings include
    - Sharing of best practices
    - Electrical safety presentation by Bob Drane will be conducted at some point.
    - Robot safety, as Bob Calhoun is writing a company procedure on the topic
    - How to use the ASSP website.
    - Recommendations for meeting topics are being sought. Those with meeting topic recommendations were asked to coordinate with Carlton Davis our Programs Chair.
- The Chapter is looking for meeting and newsletter sponsors to help boost Chapter income. Interested attendees were requested to provide any input to any Chapter officer.
- Webpage upgrade and maintenance was reported to be a little slow. Recently the executive committee and all chairperson’s photos were posted. Some news of note was added, a couple of job openings were posted and the latest meeting presentations were archived. There are plans to spruce up the website.
- Star Valley Chapter brochure development: The objective is to define what we offer and identify the benefits of being a member. Stuart’s affiliation with Patrick Henry Community College can find immediate use. Daniel reported that a brochure model has been developed by ASSP that can be utilized.
- It was reported that he Chapter is looking for committee volunteers for all committees and chairpersons for Awards & Honors and the ASSP Foundation. Assistance is also needed for new Specialist Committee/Task Force: Student Section Investigative Committee and Chapter Fund Raising.

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**Presentation:** Dr. David Kent Tutor of *TAP to TREAT* and Wendy Lucas PT of *Lucas Therapies* provided a very interesting and informative discussion regarding Telemedicine Services that included virtual and clinical Occupational Medicine and Services offered 24/7 365 days per year. Valley Occupational Medicine and Lucas Therapies who have partnered with *TAP to TREAT* discussed the following topics:

- Components of an Occupational telemedicine program
- Employers that are appropriate for Occupational telemedicine programs
- Injuries that are appropriate for Occupational telemedicine referral
- Limitations/Benefits

Several hand-outs were provided that explained Tap to Treat processes and benefits:

- The process of reporting, triage-provided, paperwork completion, interaction with employees, referrals and follow-up
- What common work-related issues that can be treated virtually
- Worker’s compensation services that can provided
- Cost-savings that can be realized

Lucas Therapies PC mobile services were identified that include:

- Onsite functional capacity evaluations
- Pre-employment/post-offer testing
- Jobsite analysis and functional job descriptions
- Ergonomic analysis
- Fit-for-duty evaluations
- Injury prevention
- Onsite rehabilitation
- Drug testing
- Consulting services

For more information:

- Tap To Treat – David K. Tutor, MD President/Medical Director phone (865-888-7890); email: dtutor@tapyotreat.us
- Lucas Therapies, PC phone: 540-772-8022/ fax: 540-527-0055; email: info@lucasterapies.com

**Concluding remarks:** Attendees were thanked for their attendance, were asked to consider serving in a committee or chairing an open committee and were reminded of the March 9th Apocalypse Aleworks Tour and Brewery Safety presentation.

R. Calhoun Chapter Secretary

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**Financial Update by Treasurer Brandon Webb**

The Chapter coffers, as of 1/31/20 where are at $9304.29.

**Support you Chapter Committees – Volunteer!**

Recently we’ve had some members step up to assume chairpersonship and participation in committees. We still have some openings are shown below. All committees could use some volunteers!

- ASSP Foundation Liaison
- Audit
- Awards & Honors + Chair
- Communications
- Governmental Affairs
- Membership
- Nominations & Elections
- Professional Development + Chair
- Programs
Chapter Officer Candidates for 2020-21

In accordance with the ASSP Star Valley Chapter Bylaws, we introduce the slate of officers and their bios for the Chapter year 2020-21. Candidates include:

For President

F. Carlton Davis, MSOS CSP, is a Regional Safety Manager for TLP Management Services which operates bulk liquid tank farms across the US, primarily specializing in petroleum products. He has 15 years with his current company, 14 of which have been in the field of safety. Previous career paths included flipping burgers, DJ & entertainment production, and US Navy nuclear power. Carlton travels extensively for his job, but still finds time to be involved with ASSP and the Roanoke Valley LEPC. He has been a member of ASSP for approximately 5 years, joining while a graduate student at East Carolina University, where he earned his Master's in Occupational Safety. Carlton is currently serving as the local chapter Programs Chair.

For Vice President

E. Stuart Bowman, MBA CSP is a Safety and Environmental Manager for Arconic/RTI International Metals. He has 27 years’ experience in occupational safety and health having also worked for Solutia (CPFilms), Piedmont Business Group and Sara Lee Corporation. Stuart serves on the board of directors for Henry County Public Service Authority and Fieldale-Collinsville Volunteer Rescue Squad. Stuart has 28 years in ASSE where he is a professional member.

Stuart earned degrees and certifications from Patrick Henry Community College, Averett University and East Tennessee State University. He is also an adjunct professor at Patrick Henry Community College where he teaches OSHA 10 and 30-hour General Industry Classes.

For Secretary:

Robert P. “Bob” Calhoun, CSP, CPEA has been as member of ASSP for over 35 years. As a member Cape Canaveral and Star Valley Chapters of ASSP, Bob has served as a president, secretary, House of Delegates delegate and/or newsletter editor for over 25 years. Bob has been Star Valley secretary since 2014.

For Treasurer:

Brandon S. Webb is a certified instructor for the NSC and an OSHA Outreach Training Program Trainer. His career began as a Machinist for 10+ years before making a career change into the safety profession. Brandon holds an A.A.S from New River Community College and is currently working on his Undergraduate from Averett University. Brandon’s career has included heavy manufacturing in a foundry setting, manufacturing of earth moving equipment, nuclear manufacturing, and warehouse and distribution. Brandon spent many years as a safety professional with Griffin Pipe in Lynchburg, VA and is currently employed as the Corporate Safety Manager for Unique Industries out of Philadelphia, PA.

For Delegate:

F. Carlton Davis, MSOS CSP

Elections will take place in May followed by swearing-in ceremonies in June.

OSHA Tip of the Week:

Follow sanitation requirements to protect workers.
See this link for a wealth of information on this subject.

Support the future, support the Foundation!
COVID-19

The information below is from OSHA website https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/. It provides information for workers and employers about the evolving coronavirus outbreak first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. The information includes links to interim guidance and other resources for preventing exposures to, and infection with, the novel coronavirus—now officially named COVID-19.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Chinese authorities identified the new coronavirus, which has resulted in confirmed human infections in China and a growing number of other countries, including the United States. Infected patients have also spread the virus to healthcare workers. The latest situation summary updates are available on CDC’s COVID-19 webpage. There is no evidence of widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States at this time. Without sustained human-to-human transmission, most American workers are not at significant risk of infection. Exposure risk may be elevated for some workers who interact with potentially infected travelers from abroad.

There is much more to learn about the transmissibility, severity, and other features associated with COVID-19 as the outbreak investigation continues. Infected people can spread COVID-19 through their respiratory secretions, especially when they cough or sneeze. According to the CDC, spread from person-to-person is most likely among close contacts (about 6 feet). Person-to-person spread is thought to occur mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other respiratory pathogens spread. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. It’s currently unknown if a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes.

In addition to this OSHA guidance, employers and workers should consult interim CDC guidance specific to COVID-19. CDC also provides tips on what the general public should do during the ongoing outbreak.

FY 2021 Federal Budget Cuts OSHA, NIOSH, Grants & Emergency Preparedness

As reported by the American Industrial Hygiene Association on February 10th, President Donald J. Trump issued his FY 2021 budget request to Congress. Below are a few highlights that could directly affect our profession. The budget:

- Would eliminate all funding for NIOSH's Education and Research Centers (ERCs), which play key roles in the OSH professional pipeline.
- Would eliminate all funding for the Susan Harwood Training Grants, which provide grants to nonprofits to educate and train workers on OSH hazards and rights, with a focus on underserved, low-literacy, and high-hazard industries and workers.
- Would cut funding for OSHA by $4.4 million.
- Would eliminate all funding for the Chemical Safety Board, which conducts root cause investigations of accidental industrial chemical releases and provides a list of key findings and recommendations to avoid future incidents.
- Would reduce funding for State and local emergency preparedness, management, and response grants by $535 million.

References:
www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/...
www.dol.gov/general/budget
Source: American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
Region VI Northern Area Director Candidate Daniel Ashworth, Ph.D., CSP, CFPS

Recently ASSP provided email access to vote for the 2020 Society Elections. A familiar name is found as a candidate for Region VI Northern Area Director, our own Daniel Ashworth, Ph.D., CSP, CFPS. Daniel’s bio and platform statement is provided below:

Daniel Ashworth, Ph.D., CSP, CFPS is an EH&S professional with nearly 15 years of fire protection, safety, and emergency management experience. More importantly, he is a husband and father to two wonderful children: a seven-year-old son and three-year-old daughter. Daniel leads a group of seven multi-discipline professional and technical employees that support Industrial Safety, Chemical Safety, Fire Protection, and Emergency Preparedness Programs for a high risk, high reliability industry. Daniel also served as a team member and lead ISA/PSA reviews in the areas of chemical safety, fire protection, and radiation safety. He serves as On-scene Director and also participates in the BWXT NOG-L Emergency Team, recognized as Station 18, Campbell County, VA; providing Fire, EMS, and HazMat response.

Prior to his work with BWXT, Daniel worked in the Healthcare Industry and Nuclear Industry. As a Sr. Life Safety Consultant for Smith Seckman Reid, Inc., Daniel was responsible for project management and leading teams performing Life Safety, Environment of Care, and Emergency Management audits of Healthcare and Ambulatory Care Facilities. As a Fire Protection Engineer for Nuclear Safety Associates, Inc. and Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., his duties included performing Fire Hazard Analysis, supporting the development of process hazard analysis reports, and conducting field design verification, hazard analysis walk downs, and audit assessments. Daniel earned a B.S. in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology and a M.S. in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management from Eastern Kentucky University. Presently, Daniel completed a doctorate (Ph.D.) in Safety Sciences at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Platform Statement

As a Region VI Area Director, I not only bring my professional and membership experience, I also bring five years of experience in Chapter Leadership and three years of experience as a Regional Officer. My goal is to assist the Chapters in exemplifying Member engagement in a proactive way that adds value not only to the members but also to their community. I want to help in reinforcing our commitment to the education of the profession and mentoring the current and future generation of EH&S professionals. My goal is to provide the leadership and guidance in a manner that makes a positive difference in our memberships’ live, careers, and community.

As a Region VI Director, I would make it a high priority in continuing the growth of providing trainings and educational opportunities to the entire Region through the webinar platform. I would like to not only encourage the participation in monthly Local Chapter meetings but also like to see the participation, collaboration, and knowledge exchange of our professionals within our Region through consistent monthly webinars – available to all membership of the 14 chapters comprising Region VI.

The Elections are open through March 31, 2020 11:59 PM, CDT.