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Upcoming Meetings & Events

All Face-to-Face Events Are Pending

In this Newsletter

- Virtual Chapter Meeting Plans!
- Chapter Officer Election Results
- Presidential Column
- Virtual House of Delegates Notes
- COVID-19 tips
- Bob Drane's Government Affairs Column

**Stay Safe
Everyone!**



STAR VALLEY CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

Due to the pandemic, physical monthly meetings of the Star Valley ASSP Chapter will not be held until further notice however:



VIRTUAL MEETINGS



are being planned using the ASSP Region 6 format and materials!

More information will be provided shortly!

Periodic newsletters are still being published so provide any information, news of note or greetings to:

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CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS

The Chapter Election votes are in with no ballot fraud reported and with the following results from the Society run election:

32 "For" and 3 "Abstain" votes

Your 2020-21 Star Valley Officers are:

F. Carlton Davis, MSOS, CSP President

E. Stuart Bowman, MBA, CSP Vice President

Bob Calhoun, CSP, CPEA Secretary

Brandon S. Webb Treasurer

F. Carlton Davis, MSOS, CSP Delegate

Congratulations to all!

The electronic election ran from May 4th to the 15th.



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A Message from Incoming President Carlton Davis

Social-distancing, virtual meetings, things that have become “the new normal”. Some of us are adapting better than others are. Like it or not, some changes in the way we interact are here to stay. I have not been excited about many of the restrictions, but I have been impressed with how quickly viable alternatives were implemented. As a group, we are working on plans for both returning to our regular meeting practices as well as integrating a virtual meeting process. We can learn from the past few months, and utilize the technology options while still enjoying a return to face-to-face meetings.

When approached by last year’s leadership with the idea of the role of Chapter President, I was somewhat less than enthusiastic. But I joined ASSP specifically for the interaction with safety professionals, my peers, those with whom I could share ideas, debate, learn from, and perhaps also mentor in some way. This chapter has given me all of that, and I now have the opportunity to give back. At my job, I do have a team within our Environmental, Safety and Health department with whom I can interact, but seeing safety from completely different perspectives, different angles, and problems faced by different industries has been one of the keys in keeping me thoughtful in my approach to issues that arise closer to home. This is why, as we go forward in the 2020/2021 year, I will embrace the “new normal” where I need to; but I will never miss an opportunity to step out of the virtual world, to sit around a table, share a meal (and a drink) with this diverse group of peers, many of whom I can now also call friends.

Carlton Davis II
ASSP Star Valley President

They say that serving as President ages a person. It’s not as clear cut with **Daniel “FDR” Ashworth.**



Pre-President Photo



Post-President photo riding off into the sunset of Regional duties.

OSHA COVID 19 Tip of the Week:

[Stagnant water systems can lead to Legionella hazards during reopening.](#)

See this link for a wealth of information on this subject.



House of Delegates Notes

Bob Calhoun completed his six-year run as Star Valley Chapter Delegate by participating in the virtual House of Delegates (HoD) meeting conducted on June 10th. The meeting was a little subdued because of the current pandemic situation. Anyone who has ever attended this event knows the comradery, jovial and sometimes intense conduct that can be experienced followed by annual ASSP Foundation cavalcade of donations. Normally a great send off in preparation for the National Professional Development Conference.

The virtual HoD featured the following agenda:

- President's Address by ASSP President Diana Stegall featured:
 - A review of the year to date discussed the challenges and adaptations needed to maintain the Society. This included business continuity.
 - A message to share knowledge and society vision and thanked everyone for their dedication.
 - Membership is at 39K unfortunately growth has been "flat lined" since 3/31.
 - For those members experiencing difficult financial times, the Society is offering a free one-year membership.
 - Diana's address can be viewed at this website: <https://www.assp.org/about/house-of-delegates>
- Leaders of 2019 – 2020 and 2020-21 were recognized. It was hoped that the Society Leadership Team will be better prepared, more resilient based on the current conditions and will seize opportunity.
- Summary of seven new HoD motions were summarized as presented below:
 1. Motion: Approve the revised bylaws language to bring ASSP into compliance with Illinois State law for non-officer board members.
 2. Motion: Approve the bylaws language clean-up to clarify that practice specialty and common interest group administrators shall not serve more than one full term in the same office, consistent with all other elected officers and current procedure.
 3. Motion: Approve the bylaws language clean-up, adjusting the public director term to a three-year term, bringing consistency to ASSP Board of Director terms.
 4. Motion: Approve the bylaws language clean-up to add senior vice president as ex-officio member to councils and board committees to bring consistency across all councils and board committees.

The following motions are bylaws revisions to the Council on Practices & Standards:

5. Motion: Approve the bylaws revision to the make-up of the council on practices & standards to include current elected administrators and a vice-chair.
6. Motion: Approve the bylaws revision to move the Standards Development Committee to be a board standing committee.

The following is a motion revising the qualifications for elected leaders:

7. Motion: Revise bylaws language, removing the professional member requirement for the elected positions of regional vice president, area director, practice specialty/common interest group administrator, and practice specialty/common interest group assistant administrator.

Voting will be open until July 6, 2020. Bob chose voting in favor of all motions after receiving no negative response to a previous email to the Chapter. Votes can be changed by 7/6/20

- ASSP Foundation Parade of Pledges is open for donations with links on the ASSPO webpage.
- Adjourn



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As a follow-up to the HoD virtual meeting, the Society provided this update:

What we loved....

- Having 204 delegates & guests join our meeting today
- Seeing your comments congratulating our outgoing and incoming leaders
- Learning you donated \$64,500 to the ASSP Foundation
- Hearing Diana Stegall's outgoing remarks as ASSP President
- Watching that amazing virtual passing of the medallion between Diana and Deb

What we learned....

- Sometimes things go much more quickly than we anticipate
- Need a better way to end the meeting
- Virtual gatherings work — let's do more throughout the year
- It's important to find a way to see, hear and talk with everyone

What's next

- Look for the recording and Q&A on the delegates page
- Watch the State of Society address (if you haven't already)
- Review the new business items and cast your vote before the July 6 deadline

All information is posted on the delegates page here, <https://www.assp.org/about/house-of-delegates>

Bob Drane's Government Affairs Information

Bob Drane, our Government Affairs Chairperson, provided information that should be reviewed as soon as possible by all safety professionals. These topics are rising to the top of OSHA's priority list. We should all be aware of these forthcoming issues.

OSHA Issues Final Rule to Protect Privacy of Workers

To protect worker privacy, OSHA has issued a final rule that eliminates the requirement for establishments with 250 or more employees to electronically submit information from OSHA Form 300 (Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses) and OSHA Form 301 (Injury and Illness Incident Report) to OSHA each year. These establishments are still required to electronically submit information from OSHA Form 300A (Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses). The agency is also amending the recordkeeping regulation to require covered employers to electronically submit their Employer Identification Number with their information from Form 300A. For more information, click this link to the Federal Register.

OSHA Publishes New Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Controlling Silica in General Industry

OSHA has posted new FAQs on the agency's standard for respirable crystalline silica in general industry.

OSHA developed the FAQs in consultation with industry and union stakeholders to provide guidance to employers and employees on the standard's requirements, such as exposure assessments, regulated areas, methods of compliance, and communicating silica hazards to employees. The questions and answers are organized by topic, and include an introductory paragraph that provides background information about the regulatory requirements.

The general industry standard became effective on June 23, 2018, however, OSHA provided additional time to implement certain medical surveillance requirements. Medical surveillance must be offered to employees who will be exposed at or above the action level for 30 or more days a year starting **on June 23, 2020**. (Medical surveillance must be offered to employees who will be exposed above the permissible exposure limit (PEL) for 30 or more days a year starting on June 23, 2018). Furthermore, Hydraulic fracturing operations in the oil and gas industry must implement engineering controls to limit **exposures to the new PEL by June 23, 2021**.

For more information, click this link to the OSHA's Occupation Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica website.