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Upcoming Meetings & Events

September 15-18 ASSP Region VI Virtual PDC
All Face-to-Face Events Are Pending

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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!

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

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Chapter New Member Contest

A very exciting contest has been developed for members of the Star Valley Chapter of ASSP.

Every member who sponsors a new member, now through October 31, 2020 are eligible to enter a drawing to win an original abstract painting created by our own **Glenn Hargrove**. The painting, titled "Can You See Me Now", as shown below, incorporates the hues typically associated with high viz wear. This work is a 14" X 14" stretched canvas painting.

Hats off to Glenn for providing the awesome painting and best of luck to all participating in the contest.





August 3rd Virtual Webinar Recap

Twenty-four people participated in the first ever Star Valley-sponsored webinar. Members from the Delmarva and National Capital Chapters also participated.

The presentation entitled "The New Virginia COVID Standard for Workplaces: What You Need to Know" was given by Courtney Malveaux, an attorney who represents employers in OSHA matters. The presentation featured an interactive discussion about the new COVID-19 requirements, with a heavy emphasis on the Virginia-unique requirements. The Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board (which includes the presenter) passed a first-in-the-nation standard to address COVID-19 in workplaces. Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH), the state's version of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), now will enforce a standard that mandates — and in some instances exceeds — guidance issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and OSHA. The new standard covers most private employers in Virginia, as well as all state and local employees.

Mr. Malveaux is Virginia's immediate Past Labor Commissioner and a former President of the National Association of Government Labor Officials. He represents industrial employers on the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board, which approves OSHA standards for Virginia employers.

The webinar was a great success and provided some timely information. This was Courtney's third time addressing our Chapter.



Courtney Malveaux

3-T's Will Prevent Dropped Objects in Construction

Dropped objects are a leading cause of injuries to construction workers. Fortunately, there's a powerful memory device that can help safety professionals respond. Just as personal fall prevention provides the ABCs (anchor, body support, connectors), dropped object prevention involves the three Ts.

Trapping

- Trapping describes the installation of retrofit attachment points on tools and primary anchoring locations.
- Install anchor attachments on secure locations and remember they are never intended for heavier tools if applied to a person.

Tethering

- Tethering means attaching tools and equipment to the anchor points that hold them, and it often involves use of lanyards.
- You can even adapt tools that seem untetherable, because they lack attachment points, for safety.

Topping

- Topping refers to the containers that workers use to bring tools and equipment to and from heights.
- Make sure these containers have secure closures or tops that can cover the contents and prevent them from spilling if tipped.

Learn More

Gravity doesn't discriminate. For more tips on how to start or strengthen your dropped object safety program, read Joseph Solheid's article, "[Prevent Dropped Objects With 3 Ts](https://safetyfocus.assp.org/blog/3-ts-that-will-prevent-propped-objects-in-construction#)," in the March 2020 issue of Professional Safety. <https://safetyfocus.assp.org/blog/3-ts-that-will-prevent-propped-objects-in-construction#>



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House of Delegates Report: HoD Votes to Approve Bylaw Changes

The 2019-20 House of Delegates has voted to approve proposed bylaws changes. Voting by 2019-20 delegates began on May 15, 2020 and concluded on July 6, 2020. Fifty percent of the delegates voted, compared to 49% voting in previous delegate e-votes. The voting breakdown is as follows:

Motions	Approved	Opposed	Did Not Vote	% Passed
Motion 1: Approve the revised bylaws language to bring ASSP into compliance with Illinois state law for non-officer board members.	123	0	0	100%
Motion 2: 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.	118	3	2	96%
Motion 3: Approve the bylaws language clean-up, adjusting the public director term to a three-year term, bringing consistency to ASSP Board of Director terms.	123	0	0	100%
Motion 4: 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.	122	0	1	99%
Motion 5: Approve the bylaws revision to the make-up of the council on practices & standards to include current elected administrators and a vice-chair.	119	2	2	97%
Motion 6: Approve the bylaws revision to move the Standards Development Committee to be a board standing committee.	119	4	0	97%
Motion 7: 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.	94	29	0	76%

Bob Calhoun, Chapter Delegate 2019-20

Bob Drane's Government Affairs Information

Bob Drane, our Government Affairs Chairperson, provides important information as offered below:

- (1) OSHA has recently been in the news for being under attack for a lack of Emergency Rules regarding COVID 19 as provided in this link: <https://www.ehstoday.com/covid19/article/21137635/osha-attacked-for-lack-of-emergency-rules>
- (2) Congress may be following Virginia's emergency standard lead as presented in this link related to **Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act or the HEROES Act**: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6800>





Star Valley Chapter Earns the Gold Designation

The Star Valley Chapter recently was made aware by the ASSP's Membership & Communities Team that we once again earn the gold designation. Below is the letter we received from the Team.

Congratulations again on being a Gold chapter for the 2018 – 2019-chapter year.

We know it's an understatement to say that 2020 has been a challenging year so far. The last few months have brought extraordinary changes that have caused all of us to think about and do the things we've always done in new and different ways.

And that's how we approached our plan to recognize ASSP's award winners this year. It's new and it's different, but it is still all about congratulating you on your achievement, celebrating your successes and commemorating your significant service to our Society.

While we would love to be able shake your hand and shower you with attention in person, given our current extraordinary circumstances, our plan will promote your achievement in several ways to ASSP's nearly 40,000 members – while providing you with more opportunities to share the news with your chapter, employer, colleagues, family and friends.

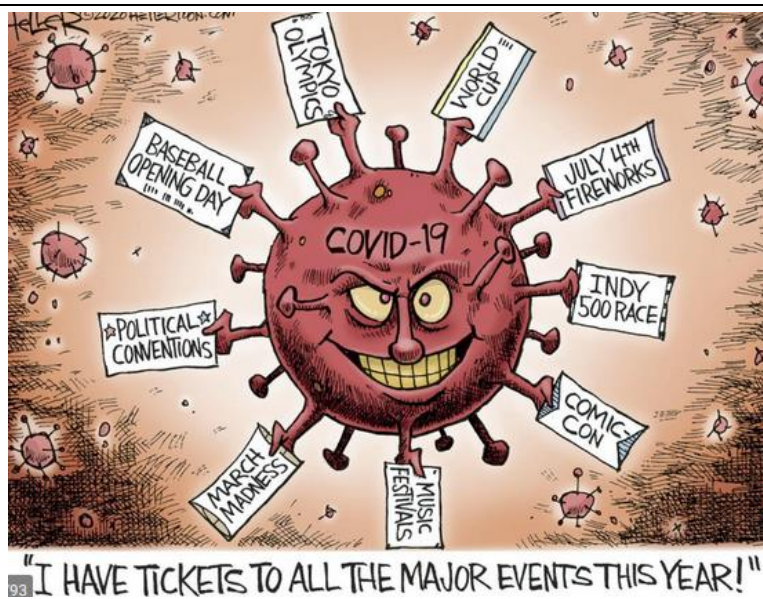
Award Certificate

- We will send a commemorative certificate noting your achievement to the 2018 – 2019-chapter president (to the primary address on file with ASSP).
- We've attached a digital copy (PDF and JPG) of the certificate that you can readily share via email, social media and other online channels.
- If you would like to display your achievement, you can purchase a specially designed [frame](#) for your certificate or [contact us](#) to purchase a physical award.

Society Recognition

- Listed on our 2020 Award Showcase webpage that will launch later this summer
- Included in our award showcase video linked on our 2020 Award Showcase webpage
- Highlighted in a special edition of Chapter Leader Update
- Highlighted during the virtual 2020 Leadership Conference

Your accomplishments help advance our Society, elevate the occupational safety and health profession and keep workers safe each day. Thank you for sharing your passion and dedication with ASSP.



A little COVID-19 humor provided by **Brandon Webb**. Source: <https://www.cagle.com/joe-heller/2020/03/covid-19-events>.

← OSHA's COVID-19 Tip of the Day:

Tip #126 Explore how technologies can help limit customer contact.

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





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QUICK LINKS

[2020 Virtual PDC Registration](#)

[2020 Virtual PDC Schedule](#)

[2020 Virtual PDC Sponsorship](#)

[ASSP Region VI Website](#)

The 2020 Region VI PDC has gone virtual!

CEUs Approved - 2.4 Continuing Education Unit Credits will be provided. Attendees will be awarded 0.6 CEU's per day and must login each day, all 4 days to receive the full 2.4 CEU award.

The 4-day online conference runs from September 15-18. For complete details and to register, visit <https://region6.assp.org/pdc>.

Early Bird Registration, Only \$99
(until August 31) - [Click Here](#)

Virtual PDC Sponsorship, Only \$250 - [Click Here](#)
(Includes Company Logo recognition on all marketing materials and a link to your company website)

2020 Virtual PDC Schedule
[Click here](#) to view the complete 2020 schedule.

If you have any questions, please call Erika May at 661-472-6591 or email safety@regionsixpdc.com.

2020 Virtual Sponsor



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7th Annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls

The 7th Annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls has been rescheduled for September 14-18, 2020. OSHA is partnering with other safety organizations to encourage employers to provide safety demonstrations on fall protection equipment, conduct talks regarding fall-related hazards, safety policies, goals and expectations, and promote the event by using the #StandDown4Safety on social media.

Extensive resources are available on OSHA's Fall Prevention Stand-Down webpage at <http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown> in various languages. Resources include:

- A video entitled "5 Ways to Prevent Workplace Falls," encourages employers to educate and train workers on fall protection equipment;
- A series of fall prevention publications, with an emphasis on construction, and fall prevention videos;
- OSHA's Fall Prevention Training Guide, a lesson plan for employers, including several Toolbox Talks; and
- Guidance on ladder and scaffolding safety.

New Chapter Year Kickoff and Newsletter Ventures

Now that we're at the start of a new Chapter year, it is the perfect time to begin new ventures. We're looking for suggestions and contributions for the newsletter. Here are some ideas:

- Provide a list of topics you would like to see presented virtually or at monthly meetings
- Supply us your bio to publish.
- Provide a list of topics you would like to see presented and discussed in the newsletters
- Identify those people who have shaped your career and how.
- Recognize people who contributed to your career
- Offer your favorite recipes, vacation spots, etc.
- Provide your baby photo for the membership to guess (and chuckle at)
- Identify software, equipment, websites, companies, etc. that assist job performance
- Give a shout out to your school, hometown, community etc.
- Tell us about your hobbies
- What makes you proud to be a safety professional
- List things that challenge you on the job
- List your profession pet peeves
- Provide us your birth date so we can keep track of this momentous occasion.

The newsletter is designed to be a resource. We're looking to make it fun as well.

Consider contributing. This newsletter venture has begun with a very old photograph (yes in color) featuring a youth at the start of their career in occupational safety and health.

Bob Calhoun



Bob Calhoun on his first health and safety job circa 1985.