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Newsletter

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MARCH IS NATIONAL LADDER SAFETY MONTH! SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS.

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Upcoming Events

March - June	Two Virtual Presentation TBD
April 12	Electrical Safety Virtual Presentation by Bob Drane
May-June	Chapter Officer Elections

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RUN FOR OFFICE!
Throw your hat in the ring!



All positions need candidates!



THE WHEELS ARE IN MOTION for STAR VALLEY CHAPTER VIRTUAL MEETINGS

At press time we do not have a virtual meeting scheduled for March.

We are however monitoring the airways, shaking the bushes and leaving no rock unturned in hopes of providing additional virtual presentations through this Chapter year.

You can however assist us in identifying topics you would like to see presented. See page 4 for some ideas. Better yet, you can recommend presentation topics *and* presenters willing to address the Chapter.

Newsletter Contribution Contest

*The Chapter newsletter contest is still in progress. Don't miss the opportunity 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 contest participants!



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February Meeting Recap

The February meeting of the Star Valley Chapter of ASSP was conducted virtually in March 1, 2021. The following members participated:

- Daniel Ashworth
- Stuart Bowman
- Bob Calhoun
- Carlton Davis
- Glenn Hargrove
- Jesse Phillips
- Diana Schwerha
- Andy Smith

The meeting followed the following format.

1. **Welcome comments:** President Carlton Davis welcomed the attendees to our second ever virtual meeting.
2. **Chapter Business:**
 - Our two newest members **Dr. Diana Schwerha** and **Jesse Phillips, CIH** were welcomed and introduced. Diana is a professor at Liberty University and Jesse is employed by Froehling and Robertson at their Roanoke Branch.
 - Dr. Schwerha has offered to be the faculty advisor in hopes of creating a student section within the Star Valley Chapter at Liberty University. The procedure and some details were provided in the February newsletter. There will be more news on this topic.
 - Virtual meetings.
 - A list of potential presentation categories was published in the February newsletter. The membership was requested to select topics and identify presenters. Any information can be provided to **Bob Calhoun**.
 - **Bob Drane** has graciously offered to conduct a virtual presentation in regards to electrical safety on April 12th.
 - The Chapter needs to host one more virtual meetings to meet our goals.
 - 2021-22 Chapter Officer Elections
 - Candidates are needed for all offices that include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Delegate.
 - Interested parties were requested to contact Past President and Nominations and Election Committee Chair, **Daniel Ashworth** at dashworth@bwxt.com
 - The Chapter is looking for volunteers for all committees and chairpersons for Awards & Honors and the ASSP Foundation. Assistance is also needed for new Special Committee/Task Force related to: our Student Section and Chapter Fund Raising.

3. **Presentation:**

We were honored to have **Wyatt Bradbury** speak at the meeting. Wyatt Bradbury serves as a HSE Advisor for Hitachi Rail and is part of the Department of Engineering Faculty and the University of Alabama Birmingham teaching Professional Ethics and Introduction to System Safety for the Advanced Safety Engineering and Management Program. He has experience in aquatic and recreation risk management, electrical construction, power line safety, rail safety, and safety consulting. Mr. Bradbury holds CSP, CHST, and CIT certifications from the BCSP and a Master of Engineering in Advanced Safety Engineering and Management from the University of Alabama Birmingham.

Wyatt is a Past-President of the National Capital Chapter, on the Chapter Leader Training Committee under the Council on Regional Affairs, on the planning committee of the Mid-Atlantic Construction Safety Conference, and is a member of the Emerging Professionals Common Interest Group. Bradbury currently serves as the National Capital Chapter Delegate and as the Assistant Regional Vice President of



Communication for Region VI. He regularly travels the country speaking at local and regional professional development conferences and is a frequent contributor to Professional Safety Journal.

Presentation: *Creating Successful Virtual Engagement Using the Equation: (Purpose x Platform x Setup) + (Content x Engagement) = Successful Virtual Program*

This presentation demonstrated how to generate successful virtual programs. Some key points are noted below.

1. Determine what are we trying to accomplish.
2. Determine the platform to be used. "Go-to-meeting" is used by ASSP Region 6 and the Chapter pays for this. Zoom is free.
3. Setup considerations:
 - a. How is registration to be accomplished? Care is needed to control logon security to avoid potential disrupters.
 - b. How is the event going to be marketed? Many choices were identified: email, social media, newsletters, the ASSP website hub, etc. The goal is to maximize the reach.
 - c. Presentation options can include many things including training, auditing, etc.
4. Content
 - a. Slides are not always needed.
 - b. It is suggested that students be provide input and even present (project/education status etc.)
 - c. Chapter members can be spotlighted.
 - d. Collaboration with other Chapters is a means to accomplish several objectives.
5. Engagement
 - a. A moderator is needed.
 - b. It is important to address the participants. Ask for experiences, feedback, etc.
 - c. Take advantage of the technology and the experience of attendees.
 - d. Engage early, identify expectations and seek participation.
 - e. Acknowledge the limitations with participant's means of access: mobile, desktop, web and the limitations that could be created.
6. Follow-up
 - a. Identify follow-up techniques that could be utilized: recordings, session summaries, social media and future events.
7. Sources of information
 - a. ASSP Community Platform, Region 6 communication has established a source for "tips & tricks"

A question and answer period followed the presentation that created lively response and excellent information exchange and discuss how to tailor these virtual engagement opportunities to our Chapter. Some of the discussion centered around

- Marketing (Mayday Marketing was identified a possible source),
- Graphic design (may utilize the assistance of personnel who dabble in this arena).
- Assignment of CEUs. There are options that require some research and cost determination.

4. **Concluding remarks**

- Many thanks to Wyatt for his presentation. This information will benefit the Chapter conduct virtual training so important in this time and especially appropriate to our Chapter that serves 27 counties in Virginia.
- Attendees were reminded to provide a list of preferred virtual presentations and recommend presenters who may be interested in conducting virtual information exchanges.



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- Attendees were reminded to consider supporting the Chapter by running for an office or serving on a committee.
- Newsletter input was requested by sharing articles expertise, a best practice or other worthy endeavor. Attendees were reminded that there is added incentive in contributing to the newsletter as contributors will be eligible to enter a raffle to win an original abstract painting created by our own **Glenn Hargrove**. The painting, titled "*Can You See Me Now*", 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

5. Upcoming events:

- Virtual meetings:
 - Bob Drane: Electrical Safety (April 12, 2021)
 - Froehling & Robertson: Problematic aspects of asbestos sampling, lab processing and unclear regulatory issues by Glenn Hargrove. (TBD)
- News about our student section
- Chapter elections
- Since some COVID-19 restrictions are being considered, the annual Chapter "night out at the ballpark" was mentioned for consideration. Bob Calhoun accepted an action to research options, pricing and availability.

The meeting was convened at approximately 7:30pm.

Bob Calhoun, Star Valley Chapter Secretary

! Virtual Meeting Topics !

In the age virtual meetings, experts offer prepared meetings on a variety of topics in a virtual format. We as a chapter need to identify such speakers and topics. From the list below, please identify those topics you are interested in or recommend your own. ASSP Region 6 offers a method to distribute such information virtually.

Send your comments or discuss with Bob Calhoun at rpcalhoun@bwxt.com or 434-382-9212.

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In Recognition of Career Contributors

As a part of the newsletter contribution effort, I'm honoring one of my most influential college professors Robert (Bob) McClay Jr. From his obituary and the Indiana University of Pennsylvania's (IUP) Department of Safety Sciences website:

Bob McClay, 82 of Indiana, PA passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family on January 24, 2021 after a 15-year battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Bob graduated from Bucknell University in 1959 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He later earned an MBA from American University and completed graduate studies in Ergonomics and Industrial Engineering at North Carolina State University. Following his graduation from Bucknell, he worked a short time and then attended Officer Candidate School for the United States Navy, serving on the USS Bayfield during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War.

He was one of the founding professors of IUP's Safety Science program where he taught for nearly thirty years and was instrumental in building the department into the first nationally accredited program. Bob is credited with developing the majority of the courses taught in the program, was instrumental in the development of the Master of Science in Safety Sciences program in 1983, and served as department chairperson from 1974 to 1975 and again from 1982 to 1985.

Bob was active in many professional organizations and truly dedicated to the advancement of the profession. He led and served on many committees and held numerous leadership positions for the American Society of Safety Engineers. He was a dedicated professor and took great pride in the accomplishments of his students. He loved catching up with alumni and reminiscing about their time together. He traveled the country in support of the profession and was also actively involved in the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, The System Safety Society, The Society for Risk Analysis and the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA). Bob was always willing to support any initiative that would further efforts in improving workplace safety and health and one of his proudest honors was being recognized as an ASSE Fellow in 2003. After his retirement from IUP, as Professor Emeritus, he taught at East Carolina University for five years.

Not only was Bob a superior instructor and renown subject matter expert he was also a friend to many of his former students including myself. I always looked forward to seeing him at the ASSP National Professional Development Conference IUP alumnus get-togethers' where he attended almost every year until his illness prevented his participation. Bob's dedication to his profession and to his students was impeccable and he remembered each and every student often with humorous antidotes.

As the IUP Department of Safety Sciences website stated: "To say he was a "rock star" in the department is an understatement. Alumni continue to ask about him to this day, and are always happy to share wonderful memories of a beloved professor who made them work hard to reap the benefits of a thriving profession". A great resource and friend was lost but the memories and his legacy continue as he inspired many.

Bob Calhoun

Position Opening: Safety Manager Eastern NC

A Fortune 500 Industry Leader is searching for a site Safety Manager. Ideal candidate will have a BS and a minimum 5+ years' experience. Strong preference for candidates who have experience leading programs and have managerial experience. The position will report to the Plant Manager and will sit on the site Leadership Team. This is a world class company with great pay and benefits. A generous relocation package is available for the successful candidate. Please forward an MS Word resume to Tom Harrell at

tharrell@selectsearchllc.com



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March is National Ladder Safety Month! National Ladder Safety Month is the only movement dedicated exclusively to the promotion of ladder safety, at home and at work. It is important make users of ladders aware of the importance of the safe use of ladders through resources, training and a national dialogue.

The American Ladder Institute (ALI), the only approved developer of safety standards for the U.S. ladder industry and is the presenting sponsor for National Ladder Safety Month. ALI believes ladder accidents are preventable, but without better safety planning and training and continuous innovation in product design, the country will continue to see far too many fatalities. Please join ALI and its members in sharing this message with the world year-round.

The “why”: Every life saved is precious

The goals of National Ladder Safety Month are to:

- Decrease number of ladder-related injuries and fatalities
- Increase the number of ladder safety training certificates issued by ALI
- Increase the frequency that ladder safety training modules are viewed on www.laddersafetytraining.org
- Lower the rankings of ladder-related safety citations on OSHA’s yearly “Top 10 Citations List”
- Increase the number of in-person ladder trainings
- Increase the number of companies and individuals that inspect and properly dispose of old, damaged or obsolete ladders

The link to National Ladder Safety Month is <https://www.laddersafetymonth.com/About/National-Ladder-Safety-Month>

ALI offers many resources regarding ladder safety. For example this link <https://laddersafetytraining.org/> provides free ladder safety training that is a tool for the proper selection, care and safe use of all ladders, including stepladders, single and extension ladders, articulated ladders, and mobile ladders. This training also outlines safe ladder practices in all applications, such as construction/painting, building and custodial services, warehousing, power, manufacturing, chemical and petrochemical, oil and gas, and at home.

Webinars are also being offered all month long.

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