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Long Beach Chapter

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### **CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The first two months of 2021 have been filled with fresh ideas and optimism to overcome the difficult situations that emerged from the COVID-19 Pandemic. I am glad to say that we have an exciting line up of technical and leadership virtual meetings for the upcoming months. We also have new professional development opportunities that the scholarship subcommittee has been working on. In March, we will be opening a members' survey, so I encourage each of you to take a few minutes to complete it and help us understand how we can offer more and better value to you, what kind of information you are interested in, and how frequently you want to see it. The 2021–2022 chapter elections are approaching fast, and if you're going to be part of the continual chapter transformation, please take a step forward and participate as a nominee or be an active voter once the process is open. Please remember to visit our chapter website frequently, so you can see the [latest news](#) and [events](#) accessible to you, which have great value and are available at no cost. Moving forward, I will be sharing a brief message with you during the first week of every month, so if you have

comments or questions, do not hesitate to send me a note at [president@longbeach.assp.org](mailto:president@longbeach.assp.org) so I can address them. I am looking forward to your participation in the upcoming events, and hopefully, we will have the opportunity to meet in person at some point this year.

Julián Arévalo, CSP

## **CHAPTER VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello to all our members (and people interested in Safety). I have updated our bylaws since there were some items that were outdated. The updated version is currently awaiting approval from the Area Director and Regional Vice President, and then it will go the Chapter members for approval. Additionally, we also have a revised scholarship program, which includes a continuation of the \$1,500 scholarship to attend classes at CSU Dominguez Hills, and a new professional development grant for \$1,500, which will be available to members looking to further their career. An announcement regarding the scholarship/grant program will be forthcoming very soon.

I would love to hear your ideas and concerns, so please reach out to me at [vp@longbeach.assp.org](mailto:vp@longbeach.assp.org).

## **2021 ASSP LONG BEACH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

You are invited to attend the upcoming executive committee meetings! These meetings are open to all Chapter members in good standing. Please contact the Chapter President at [president@longbeach.assp.org](mailto:president@longbeach.assp.org), or any committee member to RSVP.

Executive Committee meetings for our chapter are held virtually at this time, until further notice. The next meeting is set for March 11, at 5:00 PM. Committee meetings are regularly held on the second Thursday of every month. RSVP to receive the agenda and the virtual meeting link.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Scholarship/Grant Program information and application requirements coming in March.
2. Survey Monkey – coming in March, please respond and provide thoughts and ideas
3. Favorite pictures of Long Beach, will be approved and posted on the Chapter website
4. Chapter Leader for WISE (Women in Safety Excellence Publishes again! See Page 5

## **CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTION TIME**

ASSP Long Beach Colleagues,

Our chapter is privileged to have a highly diverse group of professionals that work in all types and sizes of industries, including small but vibrant commercial businesses, large construction and manufacturing companies, some of the largest refineries on the West Coast, and the second busiest seaport in the United States. Our chapter is positioned to help all of our members to grow in the profession and make their contributions to safety the best that they can be. We need people like you to volunteer and work with us in the Chapter Leadership so we can continue improving and unleashing the potential we have to give back to our members, our community, and our profession.

Volunteer benefits include:

- Receive 1.0 CEU per year served for any chapter position
- Develop leadership skills
- Build a network with other ASSP leaders in the region and the country
- Increase your visibility as a community leader

Below is the information you need to be part of the Chapter Leadership Team and continue with our chapter transformation. Come and join us!

**We have the following positions available for the 2021/2022-chapter year. New officers assume their position on July 1, 2021.**

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Chair
- Program Chair
- Awards and Honors Chair
- Public Relations & Social Media

You can also let us know about your interest to serve in other capacities, even if there is no title listed here, or you don't want to have an official role. All hands are welcome to serve.

### **Nominations and Elections Committee Notification**

In accordance with our Chapter Bylaws the Long Beach Chapter/Section Nominations and Elections Committee for Chapter Year 2021/2022 has been appointed.

The newly appointed Nominations and Elections Committee will oversee the election of our 2021-2022 Chapter/Section Executive Committee. Members of the committee are listed below.

- Jed Douglas, Chapter Vice President
- Thomas Butler, Chapter Nominations & Elections Committee Chair
- Stephen Comley, Chapter Delegate

Anyone interested in running for an Executive Committee position, as described above, should contact a chapter representative ASAP expressing their interest in serving. Please contact Tom Butler, the ASSP Long Beach Chapter Government Affairs and Nominations Chair, at [tsbutlerjr@aol.com](mailto:tsbutlerjr@aol.com).

Elections will be open via e-ballot until April 28 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, and the votes will be reviewed on April 29. New officers will be announced on May 15th!

### **SCHOLARSHIP AND NEW GRANT ANNOUNCED**

Since 1990, the ASSP Long Beach Chapter has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to students beginning their studies in occupational safety or seeking to continue their education. We offer one student scholarship award each year, in an amount of \$1,500. The student scholarship is funded by matching funds from California State University (CSU) Dominguez Hills. Scholarships are available to students pursuing occupational safety and health (OSH) and closely related degrees at the undergraduate level. This scholarship must be used to take OSH classes at CSU Dominguez Hills.

ASSP Long Beach is introducing a new OSH career advancement Grant for 2021, which will be funded by matching funds from a local business. The new Grant will be for \$1,500, and is available to anyone in the OSH profession seeking to further their education or advance their OSH skills.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 18 – noon, Technical Meeting – Crista Vesel makes a presentation on Agentive Language on Incident Investigations
- April 22 – noon, Technical Meeting – ASSP’s Area Director Tom Logan for Region 1, Area 3 makes a presentation.
- May 27 – noon, Technical Meeting – Long Beach Chapter Treasurer Rich Sestokas makes a presentation on Foreign Safety Culture
- June 24 – noon, Technical Meeting – Dr Nic Patee, the CEO of Work Right NW, will give a talk entitled “Recognizing the Ever-Present Importance of H, in EHS”

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

The Cal/OSHA Consultation Unit is pleased to announce the scheduling of our COVID-19 Webinars for the [Emergency Temporary Standard](#).

To register, please visit our COVID-19 [Webinar website](#) to view all available dates and to self-register or view the dates below.

Attendance is limited to 1,000 registered participants per Webinar session. A question and answer session will follow after the presentation.

The intended audience for this webinar is geared towards:

- Business Owners
- Managers
- Supervisors
- Human Resources Staff
- Environmental, Health and Safety Staff

### COVID-19 Webinar Schedule for February 2021

Date	Time	Topic	Language	Zoom Link
Tuesday, February 23, 2021	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Regulations and Best Practices  Hosted by: Cal/OSHA Consultation Services Branch	English	<a href="#">Click here to self-register</a>
Thursday, February 25, 2021	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Regulations and Best Practices  Hosted by: Cal/OSHA Consultation Services Branch	English	<a href="#">Click here to self-register</a>

More webinars may be scheduled as needed and will be announced via email and posted to our website.

Feel free to also browse our other [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Resources](#) while visiting our website.

If you have any questions regarding the registration, feel free to email us at: [SFVConsultation@dir.ca.gov](mailto:SFVConsultation@dir.ca.gov)

## CHAPTER OFFICER PUBLISHES AGAIN

Our own Rosa Carillo (Women in Safety Excellence [WISE] Leader) published another article in the ASSP journal along with three other authors, on serious injuries and fatalities. Here is the link to the article.

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/pam-walaski-csp-a929898\\_serious-injuries-and-fatalities-activity-6754419520045121536-xltt](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/pam-walaski-csp-a929898_serious-injuries-and-fatalities-activity-6754419520045121536-xltt)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Learn How to Become a Cal/OSHA Field Inspector

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/jobs/field-inspector-jobs.html>

Work at Cal/OSHA. Make a Positive Difference in the Lives of California Workers

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/jobs/>

## BEIRUT EXPLOSION CAUSE MAY BE SOLVED

Although the investigation is ongoing, government officials initially believe that welding in the port district inadvertently sparked fireworks that were stored near the welding operation, which in turn, set off a massive cache (~2,750 tons) of ammonium nitrate that had been stored for years in warehouse 12. Workers were welding a door at warehouse 12 as part of maintenance activities. A former port worker said, "There were 30 to 40 nylon bags of fireworks inside warehouse 12". Based on statements from government officials, it is believed that welding sparks ignited the nearby bags of fireworks (the first explosion), which subsequently caused the ammonium nitrate to explode (the second explosion).

[https://www.assp.org/docs/default-source/psj-articles/cpellis\\_0121.pdf?sfvrsn=769f8e47\\_0](https://www.assp.org/docs/default-source/psj-articles/cpellis_0121.pdf?sfvrsn=769f8e47_0)

Reference: PSJ PROFESSIONAL SAFETY JANUARY 2021

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit articles, stories, job openings and other pertinent information for inclusion in the newsletter to Jed Douglas via email at [vp@longbeach.assp.org](mailto:vp@longbeach.assp.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the last month of each quarter (March, June, September, December). The job of the newsletter editor is to edit your documents prior to placing them in the newsletter, so do not despair if you are not the best typist or writer. Submit whatever you have, even if it's written in pencil on the back of an envelope, and if deemed relevant, we will publish it.

Thanks