



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

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## Long Beach Chapter

July 2021 Newsletter

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### **IN-COMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello to all our members (and people interested in Safety). I will be assuming the role of the President of the Long Beach Chapter at the start of our new officer period, commencing on July 1st, 2021. I would like to thank Julián Arévalo, our recent President, for his hard work and dedication to the advancement of the Chapter. I would also like to congratulate our incoming executive committee members, composed of both new and existing members.

I look forward to moving our chapter into the future on our 30th anniversary, with:

- additional communication via social media
- frequent updates of our website
- soliciting feedback from our members
- interacting with other Chapters in our Area (Area 3 of Region 1)
  - Los Angeles
  - Valley Coastal
  - Orange County
- interesting speakers at our general monthly meetings

I am seeking volunteers for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration committee, and I would love to hear your ideas and concerns, so please reach out to me at [President@longbeach.assp.org](mailto:President@longbeach.assp.org).

Thanks, Jed Douglas

## **IN-COMING VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I look forward to serving with Jed Douglas and the other Committee members to sustain the Long Beach ASSP Chapter. We will be celebrating 30 years as a Chapter! Hopefully, we can have an in-person meeting/celebration and invite past Presidents, and members to join the celebration. If you're interested in participating in the planning of our 30 year celebration, please let me or anyone on the Executive Committee know. Also, I look forward to working towards achieving Chapter awards and continued success for the Long Beach Chapter. I hope to be able to increase membership and encourage students to join our Chapter for increased participation and growth. I look forward to the coming year and to serve as the Vice-President of our Chapter.

Karen Townsend, [vp@longbeach.assp.org](mailto:vp@longbeach.assp.org)

## **2021 ASSP LONG BEACH CHAPTER MEETING**

On Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> at noon, our general meeting topic will focus on serious incidents and fatalities. As safety professionals, our aim is to prevent injuries. Every policy, procedure, program, and activity centers around the goal of keeping workers safe. Despite the significant efforts, the profession is going in the wrong direction! In 2011, Terry Norris, then president of the American Society of Safety Professionals, commented on the failure of American companies to reduce the rate of serious incidents and fatalities (SIFs). *"A statistical plateau of worker fatalities is not an achievement, but evidence that this nation's effort to protect workers is stalled. These statistics call for nothing less than a new paradigm in the way this nation protects workers."* Since 2011, however the situation has only gotten worse. 2019 saw more than 5,300 fatalities, the most in a dozen years and the fifth increase in the last six years. However, during this same time, total incident rates have dropped. It appears that the new paradigm suggested by Norris remains elusive. Cary Usrey and James Loud present.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Scholarship/Grant Program information and application requirements herein, apply now!
2. Favorite pictures of Long Beach Contest, will be approved and posted on the Chapter website
3. Our long time former President and Treasurer Rich Sestokas moved to San Francisco. We wish him the best of luck, and expect he will find his way into the local ASSP Chapter(s) in the Bay Area.

## 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) training. This scholarship must be used to take OSHA Training Institute classes at CSU Dominguez Hills. CSU Dominguez Hills offers 56 different OSHA numbered and specialty courses, plus 23 courses in hazardous waste, trainer, and awareness level topics.

ASSP Long Beach is introducing a new OSH career advancement Grant for 2021, which is funded by matching funds from SCS Engineers, whose corporate office is located by the Long Beach Airport. The new Grant will be for \$1,500, and is available to anyone in the OSH profession seeking to advance their OSH skills and career. We are happy to announce that SCS Engineers has generously donated ½ of the new grant funds.

Scholarship/grant applications are being accepted starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, and close on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The winners will be announced on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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The SCS logo is a red circle with the letters "SCS" in white. It is positioned on a dark, metallic-looking structure that resembles a stylized letter 'E' or a similar geometric shape. The structure is set against a background of a city skyline at night, with lights reflecting on water. A small globe is also visible on the right side of the structure.

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## 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 July 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 8 – 5 PM, Executive Committee meeting
- July 15 – noon, Technical Meeting – Cary Usrey and James Loud present  
**What got us here?** Heinrich's Legacy and the common misconceptions associating consequence and causes when data comes from different types of incidents.  
**How do we fix it?** Suggestions for addressing serious incidents and fatalities (SIFs) systemic approaches and better data analysis.
- Speakers needed for August through December member meetings, please let us know if you would like to speak or know someone that would.

### CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS

ASSP Long Beach Colleagues, we are pleased to announce the election results. The following people were elected and appointed to the executive committee:



Vice President  
Karen Townsend



Secretary  
Juan Ceballos



Treasurer  
Jenny Song

- Programs Chairperson - open (Feel free to Volunteer!)
- Awards and Honors Chairperson - Rene Rivera
- Public Relations & Social Media Chairperson - Summer Marek
- Professional Development Chairperson - Anthony Santos
- Membership Chairperson - open (Feel free to Volunteer!)

## LONG BEACH CHAPTER 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

2021 brings the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Long Beach Chapter. The first installment of our Chapter history is presented below. More installments to follow.

### FORMATION OF THE LONG BEACH CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS (now Professionals) Chapter 1

#### **Marianne Thomas CSP, CPEA, CESCO, MBA, Remembers:**

After completing 17 years of work at the Texaco Refinery in Wilmington, as the Supervision Operations/Safety manager, I was hired by McDonnell Douglas, Long Beach Division, as a Senior Safety Engineer. A fellow employee (Rhonda Kent) at McDonnell Douglas encouraged and sponsored me to join the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), which I did in July of 1986. I had attended meetings prior to joining, to get the feel of the organization. The only chapter at that time close to Long Beach was the Los Angeles Chapter. We had to go to evening meetings at TAIX's French Restaurant in Los Angeles. This was difficult as the LA Chapter did not support Aerospace or the Refineries, but it did get me started as a member of the ASSE.

I talked to my fellow workers at McDonnell Douglas about expanding ASSE to have a Long Beach Chapter. Most of the staff agreed and we formed a committee to work toward creating a new ASSE Chapter in Long Beach. I organized a group of Safety Engineers at McDonnell Douglas (Gary Gunn, Russ Ford, Rhonda Kent, Matt Gunther, and myself) to gather enough information to go to Skip our General EH&S Manager at McDonnell with a proposal. McDonnell Douglas had already agreed to pay for meetings and PDC conferences, so they were open to the idea. We presented our proposal and Skip presented it to the McDonnell Douglas Management Representatives, and they agreed that it was a good idea. The agreement allowed McDonnell Douglas to provide sponsorship and be allowed input into the formation of the ASSE Long Beach Chapter. In the meantime, we told the Los Angeles Chapter that we wanted to form a new Chapter and they gave \$500 to assist in the creation of the Long Beach Chapter. The McDonnell Douglas Management Representatives then agreed to support the new Chapter and provided \$150 to help get the project up and going.

With this combined effort from Los Angeles ASSE Chapter and McDonnell Douglas support, we formed a committee and actively worked to create a new Long Beach Chapter. We were fortunate because other members wanted an ASSE Long Beach Chapter, so we had great cooperation from many different Safety and Health Professionals in numerous fields. We were off to a great start. We informed ASSE headquarters requesting guidance to create a new Chapter/Section. Headquarters was extremely helpful. The committee then went to work to create the new Long Beach Chapter, this included finding a meeting location, getting speakers, officers, people signed up, and much more. All in all, this was a successful beginning.

#### **Tom Butler PhD, CSP, Remembers:**

I joined the ASSE in November of 1975. At that time, I was working as a construction safety engineer for Cal/OSHA in the Vernon California District office. I also became District Manager (DM) of the Cal/OSHA Long Beach District office in 1975 and served as DM until 1992 when I became Manager of Regulatory Documentation and Communication of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), until my retirement from MWD in 2000.

I attended monthly ASSP meetings at the Los Angeles Chapter for many years starting in 1975. The ASSP Los Angeles Chapter met for monthly dinner meetings at Taix Restaurant starting at 6 PM on Sunset Blvd. in West Los Angeles. As traffic conditions worsened in Los Angeles, it became more and more difficult to reach the LA chapter meetings on time, so a group of ASSP safety professionals started the process of forming a Long Beach Chapter. I also served as an officer in the Section and Chapter as a participant.

To begin the Chapter forming process, as prescribed in the ASSP procedures, the new Section was formed in the late 1980s under the auspices and assistance of the Los Angeles Chapter. The new ASSP section was known as the Long Beach/South Bay Section of the Los Angeles Chapter. To get a taste of the activities of the Long Beach/ South Bay Section please see Volume 1, Issue 1 of the Section's newsletter, posted on the ASSP Long Beach Chapter website (<https://longbeach.assp.org/>). The first President of the Long Beach/South Bay Section was Allen Quignon. The first President of the Long Beach Chapter was John O'Toole.

In addition to \$500 support funding from the LA Chapter to establish the new Section (which was eventually repaid with funding from the new Long Beach Chapter) the McDonnell Douglas Corporation contributed \$150. This also reflects the support from the McDonnell Douglas Safety Professional members of the Section and the new Chapter who enthusiastically participated in the establishment.

The Long Beach Chapter Bylaws were adopted June 7, 1991, chartered June 19, 1991, and approved by the Regional Vice-President on August 2, 1991.

### **HOW WILL "COVID VACCINE PASSPORTS" AFFECT TRAVEL?**

With the federal government unwilling to take the politically charged step of creating or endorsing a universal digital health pass or app, several companies are trying to fill the void. That might mean Americans will need several digital passes, like so many credit cards in a wallet. It could also mean employers, businesses and venue operators will each have to decide which works for them - or they might not bother using any at all.

California, like many other states, operates a vaccine registry that holds the vaccine data of most of its residents. But the state has yet to decide whether to partner with a technology company for use of the data in a digital pass. Source - LA Times

Read the full article here - <https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2021-06-14/covid-vaccine-passport-united-states>

### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Date:** June 17, 2021

#### **CHANGES TO EMERGENCY TEMPORARY STANDARDS FOR COVID-19**

Following the June 17 vote by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to adopt the revised COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order to allow the revisions to immediately take effect on June 17. The revised regulations reflect the state's latest COVID-19 public health guidance. The updates include changes to face coverings and physical distancing requirements. More information on the revised COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards can be found in Cal/OSHA's Frequently Asked Questions.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) is looking for hazmat inspectors.  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/oc/jobs/3041206/hazardous-materials-specialist-i>  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/oc/jobs/3041775/hazardous-materials-specialist-ii>
- UCLA is looking for an entry-level safety position (Safety Specialist I). If you want to apply, click the link below. Then click “Search Jobs.” Scroll down and search for “safety” under “Working Title.”  
<https://lnkd.in/gpUW2iF>
- Zenith Insurance Company – Safety & Health Consultant.  
[https://recruiting2.ultipro.com/ZEN1000ZENIC/JobBoard/ec30bd4b-96b7-4360-92ed-64afa0d11b5f//OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=7c5b76da-7598-4e33-a62b-84d63344ebf6&utm\\_source=LINKEDIN&utm\\_medium=referrer](https://recruiting2.ultipro.com/ZEN1000ZENIC/JobBoard/ec30bd4b-96b7-4360-92ed-64afa0d11b5f//OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=7c5b76da-7598-4e33-a62b-84d63344ebf6&utm_source=LINKEDIN&utm_medium=referrer)
- An entry-level safety position at Pulmuone. It’s a Korean food company operating in the U.S.  
[https://www.job.com/job/ehs-specialist-in-fullerton-ca/82292718?utm\\_campaign=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_source=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_medium=organic](https://www.job.com/job/ehs-specialist-in-fullerton-ca/82292718?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic)
- An entry-level EHS specialist at Freshly, City of Commerce.  
[https://freshly.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Freshly\\_Careers/job/Commerce-CA/Safety-Coordinator--EHS-R-1914?lever-source=Indeed](https://freshly.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Freshly_Careers/job/Commerce-CA/Safety-Coordinator--EHS-R-1914?lever-source=Indeed)
- NRG energy, City of Industry.  
[https://careers.nrgenergy.com/nrg/job/CITY-OF-INDUSTRY-Environmental-Health-&-Safety-Specialist-CA-91745/750682900/?utm\\_campaign=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_source=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_medium=organic](https://careers.nrgenergy.com/nrg/job/CITY-OF-INDUSTRY-Environmental-Health-&-Safety-Specialist-CA-91745/750682900/?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic)
- EHS Specialist at Lakeshore (Long Beach/Carson area).  
<https://jobs.smartrecruiters.com/Lakeshore/743999748114546-ehs-specialist>
- Tesla (Chatsworth)  
[https://www.jobilize.com/job/ehs-specialist-energy-products-chatsworth-tesla-united-states-hiring?utm\\_campaign=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_source=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_medium=organic](https://www.jobilize.com/job/ehs-specialist-energy-products-chatsworth-tesla-united-states-hiring?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic)

### **Candidate Search for EHS Manager with Corporate level potential**

Pico Rivera area, Southern California

Base salary +/- \$125k plus 10% bonus plus \$300/month allowance plus exceptional benefits

This international multi-billion dollar Fortune 500 caliber name recognizable food and beverage manufacturing organization has doubled in sales to over \$5 Billion and rated as one of the top companies to work for. The position has starting salary +/- \$125k range depending on experience plus +/- 10% bonus plus excellent benefit package. The successful candidate will have proven EHS management experience within manufacturing environment with track record of reducing accidents and injuries. The preferred candidate will have a Bachelor degree, ability to promote to the corporate level, experience in plant of 300 plus people with 12 or more

production lines, currently or has been with name recognizable food or beverage manufacturing company. Candidates from cosmetics, chemical, pharma and OTC drugs or similar industries will be considered.

Requirements:

- Several years Manufacturing Leadership experience preferred.
- Several years of Safety/OSHA and Environmental background Preferred.
- Management & leadership experience at a mid to large manufacturing company preferred.
- Experience managing a team required.
- 4 year Degree required.
- Food background preferred.
- Union experience preferred.
- Continuous improvement experience preferred.
- Must be able to multi-task and work in a fast paced environment
- Attention to detail, strong ability to follow-through
- Ability to perform the job with a high level of safety awareness
- Strong leadership abilities

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