



NEWSLETTER

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Education and Networking Sessions Explode

ASSP Long Beach members have sent a clear message recently—they want to participate again! That's music to the ears of the Executive Committee who kicked off the 23-24 term (1 July 2023 -30 June 2024) by vastly overhauling the program.

Some of the many improvements to the monthly sessions include:

All Education and Networking Sessions (formerly known as "technical sessions") now earn CEUs! The Long Beach Chapter has applied to ASSP for the awarding of CEUs for each session in the 23-24 term. Following each session, attendees are provided with a code which enables them to go on-line to the ASSP site to claim their CEUs.

Sessions are all held at the same time and same place every month—no need to wonder where the next one will be! All sessions begin at Noon at CSUDH. Presentations begin at 12:15 and generally run until 1:15, leaving 15 minutes for questions and discussion.

The sessions are now offered in both formats: in-person and virtually. We'd love to see everyone out and in-person, but we know that it isn't always possible. So,



members who cannot make it to CSUDH are invited to attend virtually via Zoom. Everyone who registers is emailed a Zoom link prior to the session. Those who attend virtually are also eligible for CEUs.

Lunch is provided by the Long Beach Chapter. You can't come for a lunch-time education and networking event and not eat, right? The Chapter is providing a complimentary lunch from Jimmy John's (sandwich, chips, and a drink) to everyone who attends in person.

So far, registration for the Education and Networking Sessions for the 23-24 term have been record-setting. For our July session, the presentation was made by Ms. Allyson Clark on It's Getting Hot in Here – Heat Illness Standard. 35 members registered for the event, and the evaluations were phenomenal.

In August, our very own Vice-President/President-Elect, Luis Ortiz was the presenter. Luis gave his incredible presentation on "Safety Management vs Safety Hero," and a whopping 66 members registered. Once again, the reviews were awesome.

In September, Chapter President Chris Rainwater presented on "From Safety Police to Safety Culture: The Transformation of Effective Safety Management." 68 members registered for the event—43% of our Chapter membership!

What's next? The October Education and Networking Session will be presented by none other than Dick Monod de Froideville. Dick will present on the Cal/OSHA Appeals' Process. Don't miss out on this or any of the great monthly Education and Networking Sessions! To register, simply visit the Long Beach ASSP web site, and click on "Events."

Have suggestions for a monthly session? Interested in presenting at a monthly session? Contact the Program Chair, Mayra Ramirez through the Contact link on our web site.

Special points of interest:

- THE 23-24 TERM STARTED ON JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2024
- THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 150 MEMBERS IN THE LONG BEACH CHAPTER OF THE ASSP
- THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER IS KNOWN AS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND IS BOUND BY ASSP AND LOCAL BY-LAWS

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Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

At its meeting in July 2023, the Executive Committee (EC) approved a significant increase to the Long Beach Chapter's Grants and Scholarships program. The program is designed to assist any ASSP member with funding for a number of educational opportunities related to safety and occupational health. The specific grants and scholarships include the following:

1. The Long Beach ASSP/CSUDH Scholarship. This \$750 scholarship is matched by CSUDH to pay for safety-related classes taken at CSUDH.
2. Long Beach ASSP/Private Sector Education Grant. This \$1500 grant is for safety-related classes, continuing education, or certifications.
3. Long Beach ASSP/Private Sector ASP/CSP Certification Grant. These \$500 grants (two awarded annually) are for application fees and testing for the ASP/CSP.
4. Long Beach ASSP/Private Sector Bachelor's Degree Scholarship. This \$2,000 scholarship is to support pursuit of a Bachelor's degree within the safety field.
5. Long Beach ASSP/Private Sector Master's Degree Scholarship. This \$2,000 scholarship is to support pursuit of a Master's degree within the safety field.
6. Long Beach ASSP/Private Sector ASSP Conference Grant. This \$1,000 grant will assist with registration, travel, and lodging for an annual ASSP conference/education event.

Any member of the Chapter in good standing may apply for these grants and scholarships. Generally, members will submit an

essay of at least 1,000 words on the importance of higher education within the safety field, certifications, or attendance at a conference (depending on the grant/scholarship sought).

The window for submitting essays is July 1 - September 30th of each year.

Scholarship Selection: All essays will be submitted to the Grants and Scholarships Chair. The essays will be reviewed and ranked by the Chair, and recommendations for selection will be provided to the EC. The EC will select a single recipient for each grant and scholarship to be awarded by November 1st of each year.



Grant and Scholarship Opportunities Expanded

Essay Tips

Good essays require planning, thought, and motivation. When writing an essay to compete for a grant or scholarship, consider:

- Why is this educational pursuit important to me?
- How will this grant/scholarship help me to improve the field of safety and occupational health?

Also, remember these tips:

- Grammar counts! In any essay, be sure to avoid common grammatical and spelling errors.
- A strong and compelling introduction is always helpful.
- Be clear about where you are in your career and where you want to go.

We look forward to reading your essays and to awarding the grants and scholarships!

The 2023 Safety Professional of the Year Award (SPY)

The EC is proud to announce its selection for 2023 Long Beach Chapter Safety Professional of the Year. This year's award goes to the one and only Thomas (Tom) Butler.

Tom is a founding member of the Long Beach Chapter, and he has been a member of ASSP (previously ASSE) since 1975. In a long and storied career, Tom has achieved a great many things as he strove to improve the safety profession and give back to this professional community.

Tom's many years of service to the Long Beach Chapter, including through the long Covid pandemic, ensured that this chapter not only survived but thrived. Tom served as Chapter President in 1994, 2009, and 2012. In between those stints as President, Tom served in a variety of other officer roles, always working hard to make the Chapter successful.

Although Tom finally relinquished his role on the EC on June 30, 2023 (he last served as Chair for Government Affairs), he continues to advise the current EC. The truth is, without Tom Butler on the phone or the other end of an email, it just wouldn't be ASSP Long Beach.

On behalf of all members of the Long Beach Chapter of the ASSP, and on behalf of countless others who have been touched by this incredible man, the Executive Committee offers our EXTREME thanks and congratulations to Tom as he receives this well-deserved accolade.



THOMAS BUTLER

Chapter Founding Member

1991

Chapter President

1994

2009

2012

ASSE/ASSP Member Since

1975



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Long Beach Chapter

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEERS GIVING BACK

The members of the Executive Committee serve the Chapter as volunteers. These safety professionals dedicate hours every month to ensuring that the Chapter is meeting the needs of its members, honoring the mission of the ASSP, and, above all, ensuring that ASSP serves as a valuable resource to all of you. Our mission to advance, support, and inform the safety community is at the heart of everything we do.



Luis Ortiz: Vice President



Jed Douglas: Treasurer



Rosa Carrillo: WISE Chair



Julian Arevalo: Pro. Development



Mayra Ramirez: Programs



Anthony Campos: Membership



Calvin Pierre: Awards



Allyson Clark: Social Media



Karen Townsend: Elections



David Carlos: Government Affairs



Amelia Ortiz: Newsletter



Anaís Ortiz: Grants and Scholarships



Chris Rainwater

A Message from the Chapter President

In 2021, at the height of the Covid pandemic, then Chapter President Jed Douglas contacted me to see if I'd be interested in serving on the EC. "You've been nominated..." he stated. Honored, I accepted a role on the Long Beach Chapter EC. It turns out that the only person who knew my name was Jed Douglas, but that's another story!

The truth is, serving this Chapter on the EC, first as Program Chair and Member Chair in 2021, then as Vice-President in 2022, and now as your Chapter President has been an incredibly rewarding experience. In fact, I want to take a page from Jed's playbook and tell you all what he told me—you're nominated to serve!

In the coming months, and in accordance with the ASSP and Long Beach ASSP by-laws, we will begin the annual process of electing members to the Executive Committee. Only a few of the positions are elected (Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary), and the remaining positions are appointed. Because the Vice-President automatically becomes the President for the following term, members are electing their *future* President when they cast their votes for Vice-President.

As Past-President, Karen Townsend will serve as our Elections Chair for the 24-25 term elections. Under our by-laws, we must establish an Elections Nominating Committee by January and hold elections in April.

I want to strongly encourage all of you to consider stand-

ing for an elected position or volunteering to serve in one of the appointed positions for the 24-25 term. Service to the ASSP and the Chapter builds strong leadership skills and credentials, it allows you to give back to the safety community, and it is an amazing networking opportunity as you meet your fellow safety professionals from every walk of life, every career path, and across multiple industries.

I am extremely proud—exceedingly so, and profoundly grateful for the service of your current EC members, all of whom are shown on the previous page. These men and women all have fulltime jobs, and several of them have more than one! They are safety professionals across a wide spectrum of industries, and they are all at different points in their respective careers. They have different educational backgrounds and certification statuses. In short, they are a fantastic representation of our members!

None of us seems to have an extra moment to spare these days, and yet these volunteers put in several hours a month to ensure that our Chapter is doing all it can to provide each of you with great educational opportunities, networking opportunities, continuing education units to support your certifications, and so much more. They do it because they love the profession they serve, and I invite all of you to drop them a line sometime to let them know that you appreciate their efforts.

Registration at the Education

and Networking sessions since July has been absolutely tremendous! Thank you for your support as we strive to come back even stronger post-pandemic. If you have suggestions for presentations, please let us know. If you've attended one of the recent events and have ideas for how to make them even better, we would love to hear from you.

October is a very busy month for us as we all gather to attend the Joint Technical Symposium in Carson on October 12th. On the 19th, we gather at CSUDH for our monthly Education and Networking Session. Then, on October 25-27, Luis Ortiz and I will attend the Fall Region 1 Operating Committee meeting.

The rest of the year will find our focus to be on family and friends as we all settle into the holiday season. Our Chapter is planning social events for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, and we hope to see you at those.

In the Spring, our Chapter, together with the Orange County Chapter, hopes to host the Spring Region 1 Operating Committee meeting. Our respective chapters are submitting a proposal to bring the bi-annual meeting to Long Beach, so stay tuned for more information about that exciting possibility!

Finally...just THANKS. For everything you do day in and day out for our profession, for ASSP, and for the workers you strive to protect, know that you are appreciated.

"You've been nominated."

Jed Douglas, 2021

Focus on Members

When Josh Peinado tagged along with a friend to attend the ASSP Long Beach Chapter's August Education and Networking Session, he had no idea just how it would change his life. Like so many other safety professionals, Josh had an interest in safety programs; however, his primary duties with his employer

working Session, Josh listened carefully as Chapter Vice-President Luis Ortiz presented on "Safety Management vs. Safety Hero," an excellent presentation which focuses on the importance of ensuring that responsibility for safety is shared among all employees within an organization.

Following the presentation, Josh spoke to Luis and others about various safety issues and concepts. He clearly had a keen interest in everything he learned at the session.

Josh got a lot more than great information and lunch! Josh's interest impressed other safety professionals in attendance, and in no time he earned the support of a mentor.

Not long after that, Josh also landed his first position in safety—well done, Josh! Ac-

cording to Josh, "This event gave me the opportunity to put myself out there, outside of my comfort zone."

Josh was so excited and motivated by the dialogue around the "Safety Hero vs Safety Management" presentation, that he brought his mom, brother, nephew, and girlfriend to the September Education and Networking Session where he listened to Chapter President Chris Rainwater's presentation on moving from an emphasis on safety compliance to a positive safety culture. Josh said, "The presentations build off each other. Chris's presentation provided a different perspective but it was all relatable."

We are thrilled to have Josh as our newest member, and we look forward to watching as he does great things.

Have a story like Josh's? Email Newsletter Editor Amelia Ortiz through the Long Beach ASSP web site! We'd love to print your



Josh Peinado (red shirt) and family at the September Education and Networking Session

were not related to safety.

At the Education and Net-

Executive Committee Seeking a Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Long Beach ASSP Chapter is seeking a volunteer to serve as Chapter Secretary for the remainder of the 23-24 term (through June 30, 2024). This important elected position, open for appointment by virtue of an unexpected vacancy between terms, is primarily responsible for record-keeping, development of the agenda for the meetings of the Executive Committee, keeping notes at the meetings and preparing the minutes of those meetings, and other admin-

istrative duties.

The position of Secretary typically requires a volunteer commit-

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ment of no more than three hours a month. Although in-person participation at meetings of the EC is preferred, the Secretary is al-

lowed to attend virtually when necessary.

This is a rare opportunity to join the EC in a highly visible position of leadership.

Those who are newer to the safety profession are encouraged to consider this opportunity to develop new skills while playing an important role in your local ASSP Chapter.