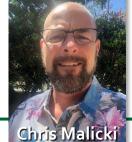
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The President's Message—December 2024

Fellow Safety Professionals:

I am sure that on most major holidays, most of us pick up the phone and contact a friend or family member. I do this as well, but added a twist a few years ago.

I think it is extremely important that we are thankful for what we have, especially in our professional careers. Every Thanksgiving day, I pick up the phone and call the 10 Principles at Cavignac, and thank them for the support and resources that they have provided during the past year. About half of them actually answer, and most say something like, "I was waiting for your call." I make these calls not to make myself feel good, but to make

them feel good, which it clearly does.

All of us have someone to thank for helping us succeed in life. We all have mentors and supporters. Not just now but anytime, I encourage you to think of someone that has supported you in life, and pick up the phone and make that call. It will brighten their day, and have impacts beyond your wildest dreams.

Best to All during this season of Thanksgiving.

Chris Malicki 2024-2025 President San Diego ASSP Chapter

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SAN DIEGO ASSP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting minutes

The Executive Committee met over Zoom on Tuesday, November 5th. Chris Malicki welcomed Wesley Williams, Lee Donahue, Scott Simerson, Monica Netherly, Erica Baird, Tom Jolliff, and Isaac Szmuilowicz. David Ferguson, Avery Fox, Brad Dodson, and EC Emeritus Member Teresa Bonilla did not attend.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> (*Asterisk items require voting for approval.)

- *Review/approve minutes of September 3, 2024 and October
 3, 2024, Lee pointed out some date errors in the October minutes, Scott said he would review and correct them. On the condition of those corrections being made, Wesley motioned to approve, Monica seconded, all present stated Aye, no Nays or Abstentions.
- Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report (Wesley Williams), Wesley reviewed the banking documents sent on November 5th.
- **3.** Dan Hopwood will track chapter safety awards, the Safety Professional of the Year nomination is coming up soon.
- 4. Chris reminded everyone if people want to receive our emails can be manually added to the distribution lists.
- 5. No update on assembling bags for Emilio Nares Foundation, but likely will happen.

NEW BUSINESS (*Asterisk items require voting for approval.)

- Chris and Scott visited Freeburg Industrial on October 24, meeting with Safety Manager Michael Hall to review their facility and work processes. Freeburg fabricates custom shipping containers and equipment enclosures for military and industrial users.
- Chris attended the San Diego AIHA meeting October 18 to see Carmen Cisneros present on workplace violence prevention with about 40 other attendees. Chris was approached by Mr. Patrick McCullough who asked about getting involved with our chapter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Advisors Wesley Williams, Lee Donahue — Next committee meeting is December 5, Lee mentioned discussion topics are making their way from Advisor meetings to ROCs.
- **2. Government Affairs** Monica Netherly Nothing to report.
- 3. Job Line David Ferguson 22 openings on the job line, per email to Chris. *All job line opportunities are validated before publishing.*



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SAN DIEGO ASSP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

(ExCom Minutes, from Page 2)

- 4. Membership Brad Dodson, Absent, Lee stated he did not have the full monthly report, but did see two new members last month, and welcomed them in the newsletter.
- Newsletter Lee Donahue Latest rough draft is done, plan to bring 24 copies to next week's meeting, digital copies to follow.
- 6. PDC Lee Donahue Date set for 21 October 25 to prevent conflict with Sacramento PDC and JTS, Marina Village has a set up conducive to our event. Teresa to send pricing details.
- Programs Erica Baird No speaker in December. Lee Donahue, January 14. Looking for speakers for February and later.
- **8.** Public Affairs Isaac Szmuilowicz Next Red Cross Sound the Alarm will be April 5, 2025.
- Social Media and Website Tom Jolliff Will re-post breakfast meeting announcement, then work with Lee on updating our social media pages. Lee has been correcting minor errors on our website.
- 10.Special Projects Wesley Williams Drumming up ideas for social events like mixers or activities after work. Exploring the possibility of an afternoon meeting. Discussion in the group of prior attempts and logistical hurdles, Lee suggested an informal social meeting at Mission Val-

ley Lazy Dog restaurant because they are able to accommodate any size group. Monica suggested Novo Brazil (Mission Valley, in the former Tilted Kilt location).

- **11.Student Liaison** Avery Fox, Absent Julie Godfrey emailed Chris that she has some students interested in attending next week's meeting. Chris related a request from a student at the October meeting, they would like to talk more with the regular members to get insight on professional experiences.
- 12.Succession Planning Lee Donahue Discussion during the recent ROC showed all chapters are being challenged with bringing in new members and leaders. Chris pointed out we are five months into the current chapter year and need to start planning next year's EC roster.

Open Floor & Important Upcoming Dates:

- Next Chapter Meeting: 0730-0830 November 12, 2024, in-person, Admiral Baker Clubhouse.
- Next PDC Planning Meeting: November 19, 2024 for October 2025 via Zoom
- Next EC Meeting: December 3, 2024 via Zoom

Chair: Adjourn meeting.



Do you have an item of interest, safety-related event, sisterorganization meeting, special accomplishment, or other newsworthy article that you would like shared with your fellow San Diego ASSP members? Submit it for consideration via e-mail no later than the 15th of the month! Please e-mail all submissions along with your contact information, including name, e-mail address, and phone number, to **newsletter@sandiego.assp.org**.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Membership Chair

by Brad Dodson

Welcome to our newest members!

Robert Berumen Jonathan Robbins, CSP, CIT Chris Bockstahler, CSP, CHMM, CPP Damian Gonzalez Chantal Mary Eivaz Joseph Lane Seth Valdez, CHST Samuel Adam Simpson, GSP



Do you know someone who should be a part of ASSP? Check out the Member-Get-A-Member Program and get perks for referring them! https://www.assp.org/membership/member-get-a-member

Job Line

by David Ferguson, CSP, CEA, REPA

Looking for a new job? Local employers are looking for you! Visit our job line at **sandiego.assp.org/openings/** to see the latest opportunities.

Looking to fill a position? We can help there too! Notify David Ferguson at **jobline@sandiego.assp.org** and get it posted on our website.

Check us out on social media! by Tom Jolliff



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ASSP Career Center

The ASSP Career Center is a free comprehensive resource available to all ASSP Chapter members who are looking for a job or those who are employed and want to advance their safety careers. The Career Center's Job Seeker Resource Center offers resume writing tips, tools to build your resume online, and a Resume Bank where you can post your resume anonymously for employers to view, except for your name and contact information. But that's not all! You also get interview preparation and follow-up strategies, such as how to bring up and negotiate a salary.

The Job Board lets you to search for job postings throughout the US and internationally by applying filters that fit your criteria, and save them by keyword, location, industry, or job function. The Job Alert automated search sends new postings that meet your criteria right to you, instead of having to log in to search for new jobs. You also get help with career advancement to move your career forward or change industry sectors, including using social media for networking, how to work effectively with recruiters, how to give notice, and negotiating salary and benefits. And you have access to expert coaching!

Employers can post and manage job openings, search and manage job candidates, create a company profile, upload position templates, consult a Resume Bank, and much more. This is a great free resource designed with you in mind—visit the ASSP Career Center and Job Board at **jobs.assp.org/**.

Dates	<u>Event</u>
1-31	Safe Toys & Gifts Month -
1	https://is.gd/zFBKhv
1-31	Holiday Season Drunk Driving Campaign
	https://is.gd/hl1kYu
1-31	Worldwide Food Service Safety Month -
	https://is.gd/nwBsiG
1-7	National Hand Washing Awareness Week
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2-6	National Influenza Vaccination Week -
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2-6	Older Driver Safety Awareness Week -
	https://is.gd/1BPO5R

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Click on an event to learn more!

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MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING, JANUARY 14

NFPA 70B and You:

What the Standard Means to the Typical Workplace Lee F. Donahue, SMS, CHST, CUSP, OHST

NFPA 70B is now a Standard instead of a Recommended Practice. What does that mean? What should you be doing differently? How does this impact your business? Join us on Tuesday, January 14th and learn what you need to know to protect your operation and stay compliant!

Lee Donahue is the Sr. Safety Manager at Morrow-Meadows Corp., an electrical contractor operating primarily on the West Coast with outlying projects throughout the country. He has worked as an electrician in California and Illinois and as such needed to comply with NFPA 70, 70B, and 70E. He has also worked in the construction roles of estimator, project manager, and service manager, and has incorporated these NFPA documents into those responsibilities. As an outside consultant, he worked with both construction and occupational clients to ensure their safe compliance with these documents, specializing in analysis of both electrical and safety systems. As an instructor he has trained on safety practices, power quality, and especially live electrical work practices.

Our calendar of events is available at https://sandiego.assp.org/events/



PDC News
by Lee DonahueOur 2025 Professional Development Conference will be held on October
21th at the Marina Village Conference Center. We're excited about this
new venue! The PDC Committee meets over Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday
of each month at 7:00am. Interested in helping out? Reach out to any
ExCom member or contact Lee at president-elect@sandiego.assp.org.



OSHA News Releases U.S. Department of Labor OSHA, Office of Communications

Department of Labor encouraged by decline in worker death investigations

November 4, 2024

Initiatives lead to significant reductions in fatal trench collapses, falls **WASHINGTON**—Fewer workers are dying from hazards where the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has focused its enforcement resources. Preliminary agency data show a decrease in fatalities the agency is mandated to investigate, including significant reductions in fatal injuries from trench collapses and falls, two of the leading causes of death among construction industry workers.

"These numbers are promising evidence that stronger enforcement and collaboration with labor and management, driven by the Biden-Harris administration's workercentered approach, is saving lives," said Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health Douglas Parker. "Most striking is the improvement in areas we have focused on with employers and unions. Our state program partners have also seen improvements."

In fiscal year 2024, federal OSHA investigated 826 worker deaths, an 11 percent reduction from 928 in the previous year. Excluding Covidrelated deaths, this is the lowest number of worker fatalities OSHA has been mandated to investigate since FY 2017.

Visit https://www.osha.gov/news/ newsreleases/osha-national-newsrelease/20241104 to learn more.

Statement by Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety, Health on occupational injuries, illnesses in 2023

November 8, 2024 WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Labor's Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health Douglas Parker issued the following statement on the Bureau of Labor Statistics 2023 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses:

"Today's report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics reveals that the rate of recordable workplace injuries and illnesses in 2023 fell to its lowest level since 2003. Private industry non-fatal injuries and illnesses decreased 8.4 percent from 2022.

"We are encouraged by these significant improvements in injury and illness rates in 2023. Looking at the BLS report and our own recent analysis showing fewer worker deaths in OSHA's purview, our formula of strong enforcement combined with collaboration between government, labor and the private sector to make workplace safety and health as a core value is making a difference in the lives of America's workers.

"Despite the progress reported today, OSHA's work is far from complete. Too many workers are injured or sickened every day in the United States, mostly from preventable incidents. We all must continue our commitment to making sure that every worker is able to go home

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights. "Providing Leadership & Direction to the Safety Professional since 1911"

healthy and whole.

"Safety and health is not a partisan issue, and we hope the strategies associated with these outcomes will continue."

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Release Number: 24-2333-NAT.

OSHA unveils winners of the 'Beat the Heat' photo contest

November 19, 2024

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration is excited to reveal the winners of its nationwide "Beat the Heat" photo contest. This competition called on organizations, businesses, and safety advocates to bring forward their most innovative tools and educational resources to help protect workers from the dangers of extreme heat whether indoors or outdoors.

OSHA received 400 submissions from 114 competitors across 33 states and the District of Columbia. A panel of experts evaluated each entry based on criteria that included photo quality, suitability for OSHA publications, originality, clarity of message, creativity, and effective inclusion of workers, employers, or the workplace.

The winning photos highlight effective strategies to keep workplaces safe from the heat.

Visit https://www.osha.gov/news/ newsreleases/osha-traderelease/20241119 to see who the 18 winners are. •

(see OSHA News Releases, Page 8)



(From OSHA News Releases, Page 7)

DOL Seeks Nominees for Maritime Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health by January 6 November 20, 2024

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Labor is seeking membership nominations for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Maritime Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health.

Committee nominees should have a strong interest in the safety and health of workers in the shipyard, longshoring and commercial fishing industries. The Secretary of Labor will select 15 members to create a broad-based, balanced and diverse committee representing the interests of employers, employees, safety and health professional organizations, government organizations with interests or activities related to the maritime industry, academia and the public.

Members serve a two-year term, beginning on the date of the Secretary's appointment to the committee. The advisory committee meets approximately twice per year.

Submit nominations and supporting materials electronically to the Federal eRulemaking Portal. The deadline for submitting nominations is Jan. 6, 2025. Read the Federal Register notice for additional information.

MACOSH advises the Secretary of Labor in formulating maritime industry standards and matters pertaining to the administration of the Occupational Safety and Health Act related to the maritime industry.

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Department of Labor Petitions Federal Court to Force US Postal Service to Comply with Subpoenas in Employee Whistleblower Investigation

Employer refuses to provide documents, allow witness interview

Date of action: Nov. 20, 2024

Type of action: Petition to enforce subpoena

Employer: U.S. Postal Service, New Salem, Pennsylvania

Background: The department filed a petition today in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania to enforce its subpoenas issued by its Occupational Safety and Health Administration as part of a whistleblower investigation of the U.S. Postal Service in New Salem, Pennsylvania. OSHA opened the probe in October 2023 after an employee alleged in a whistleblower complaint that she was suspended after reporting safety hazards involving an assigned vehicle and a workrelated injury.

During its investigation, OSHA interviewed a USPS manager regarding the suspension and later learned that almost immediately after the interview, USPS supervisors began conducting safety observations of the employee as she drove her truck. They later claimed to have seen the employee violating safety rules, and USPS then fired the employee based on the alleged infractions. The employee then contacted OSHA, which amended the earlier complaint to include the termination as an additional act of retaliation.

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to re-interview the manager, including making an audio recording of the interview, USPS refused to allow the audio recording unless OSHA also hired a court reporter to transcribe the interview. In addition, after OSHA issued a document subpoena to obtain relevant documents and information, USPS refused to produce certain documents. The department's petition asks the court to enforce both of these subpoenas.

Since 2020, the department has filed nine federal lawsuits to protect USPS probationary employees fired after reporting injuries in California, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Washington.

Learn more about OSHA's Whistleblower Protection Programs.

Quote: "OSHA has the power to subpoena employers for necessary information to complete its investigative process," said OSHA Regional Administrator Michael J. Rivera, in Philadelphia. "Employers cannot refuse to produce relevant documents and are not entitled to dictate the way in which OSHA conducts interviews."

Docket Number: 2:24-mc-01262-MRH

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NIOSH and United States Fire Administration (USFA) have signed a partnership agreement to improve online training for emergency responders. NIOSH will create online training materials from its research, and USFA will provide this training through its National Fire Academy online system. This collaboration offers an effective way to turn research into practical training. For more information, contact <u>Wesley Attwood</u>.

Federal Register Notices

Request for Public Comment on the Draft Skin Notation Profiles: Allyl Alcohol, Formamide, Formic Acid, Phenothiazine, and Picric Acid

The <u>notice</u> was posted on October 28. Comments must be received by December 27.

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program Enrollment, Appeals & Reimbursement

The <u>notice</u> was posted on November 4. Comments must be received by January 3, 2025.

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: EEOICPA Dose Reconstruction Interviews and Forms

The <u>notice</u> was posted on November 8. Comments must be received by January 7, 2025.

New Communication Products

Fact Sheet

Respirator Selection Guide for the Healthcare Industry

Updates From State Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) Programs:

• Annual Report: Occupational Fatalities in Kentucky—This Annual Report provides surveillance from Kentucky workplace incidents. It can help government, industry, workers, and communities target their injury prevention efforts and resources.

- Hazard Alert: Ladder Safety—This <u>Hazard Alert</u> from Oregon offers information to prevent falls from ladders. The Alert provides examples of fatal events as well as safety tips to help prevent similar occurrences.
- Fatality Narrative: Welder Fell 32 Feet From Storage Tank Roof—The Fatality Narrative (slideshow) from Washington State involves a welder who fell 32 feet from a storage tank roof. To help prevent similar occurrences, the narrative provides prevention recommendations and requirements.

NORA

New Safety Data Sheets Videos Now Available

NIOSH and the NORA Respiratory Health council developed a video series on safety data sheets. Safety data sheets contain vital information about potential safety and health hazards for chemical substances and mixtures. The video series is available in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>. For questions, contact <u>Paul</u> Henneberger.

Upcoming Healthcare and Social Assistance Council Meeting

Join the NORA Healthcare and Social Assistance council when they meet December 12 at 1 p.m. (EST). Please contact <u>Suzanne Tomasi</u> for the meeting invite.

Immune, Infectious, and Dermal Disease Council Webinar

Join the NORA Immune, Infectious, and Dermal council for their meeting on December 13 at 12 p.m. (EST). Please contact <u>Seth McCormick</u> for the meeting invite.

Subscribe to NIOSH eNews for updates.



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HELPFUL LINKS AND OTHER INFORMATION

American Industrial Hygiene Association www.aiha.org

American Red Cross www.redcross.org

American Society of Safety Professionals Main Website www.assp.org

ASSP Center for Safety and Health Sustainability www.centershs.org

ASSP Learning Library www.safetybok.org

ASSP Risk Assessment Institute www.assp.org/advocacy/risk-assessment-institute

Cal/OSHA California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) www.dir.ca.gov/dosh

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) www.cdc.gov

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) www.cpsc.gov

Electronic Library of Construction Occupational Safety & Health www.elcosh.org/index.php

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) www.epa.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) www.fema.gov

FEMA "Be Ready" Website www.ready.gov

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration www.fmcsa.dot.gov

Food and Drug Administration www.fda.gov

Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) www.msha.gov

National Institute of Health Sciences (NIH) www.niehs.nih.gov

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) www.cdc.gov/niosh

National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) www.cdc.gov/nora

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) www.osha.gov

OSHA Silica Fact Sheets www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.searchresults? pSearch=Controlling+Silica+Dust+in+Construction+&pSearch=

OSHA Silica Frequently Asked Questions www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/ generalindustry_info_silica.html

San Diego ASSP Website sandiego.assp.org

US Chemical Safety Board (CSB) www.csb.gov

The COVID Corner (not for much longer!)

<u>City of San Diego</u> www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus Status of City Services: www.sandiego.gov/status

<u>County of San Diego</u> www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus 211 San Diego: 211sandiego.org Sheriff's Department: www.sdsheriff.net Office of Education: covid-19.sdcoe.net

State of California

covid19.ca.gov

Employment Development Department: www.edd.ca.gov/ about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm Cal/OSHA: www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Health-Care-General-Industry.html Department of Public Health: cdph.ca.gov/covid19

Federal Government

www.coronavirus.gov The White House: www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/ coronavirus-guidelines-america OSHA: www.osha.gov/coronavirus CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV

Global/Nongovernmental Resources

ASSP: www.assp.org/covid-19 Johns Hopkins: coronavirus.jhu.edu United Nations: www.un.org/en/coronavirus World Health Organization (WHO): www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019 AIHA Back to Work Safely: www.backtoworksafely.org

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