



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Central Texas Chapter

*** 2020/2021 SLATE OF OFFICERS *
* VOTING IS OPENING SOON ***

As we move towards the end of another Chapter Year, I am happy to let you all know that we are expecting a full slate of officers to be voted upon soon. [If you or someone you know would like to be considered for a role please email \[jacob.zollinger@bsigroup.com\]\(mailto:jacob.zollinger@bsigroup.com\)](#). The voting ballot will be published soon, with all votes being made virtually in lieu of live voting in our board meeting.

Nominees for the 2020/2021 Executive Committee and Chair positions are:

Jared Oldfather: [President](#)

Robert Garcia: [President-Elect](#)

Tristan Landers: [Secretary](#)

Jason Allgood: [Treasurer](#)

Mike Bewley: [Past President](#)

David Bollinger: [Delegate](#)

Charlotte Kener: [Delegate](#)

Jennifer Hsu: [Chapter WISE](#)

Robert Box: [Membership](#)

Justin Biels: [Webmaster](#)

Lisa Miller: [Student Chair](#)

Steve Kuntz: [Social Chair](#)

[Volunteers to the Board](#)

- Lane Smith
- Charley Wehbe
- Jacob Zollinger





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UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Central Texas Chapter
NEXT Chapter MEETING
Location/Dates:

Virtual
Meetings

May 18

June 15



ASSP Central Texas 2020 EHS & Risk Technology Summit

November 12, 2020 -More information to come

<https://centraltexas.assp.org/events/2020-ehs-risk-technology-summit/>



Registration is now open for the 2020 Region III PDC on August 31 - September 2 at the Marriott Riverwalk located at 889 East Market Street, San Antonio, TX, 78205.

<https://www.regionthreepdc.com/>



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Strategies to Optimize the Supply of PPE and Equipment

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is used every day by healthcare personnel (HCP) to protect themselves, patients, and others when providing care. PPE helps protect HCP from potentially infectious patients and materials, toxic medications, and other potentially dangerous substances used in healthcare delivery.

PPE shortages are currently posing a tremendous challenge to the US healthcare system because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Healthcare facilities are having difficulty accessing the needed PPE and are having to identify alternate ways to provide patient care.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html>

Pandemics That Changed History

In the realm of infectious diseases, a pandemic is the worst case **scenario. When an epidemic spreads beyond a country's borders, that's when the disease officially becomes a pandemic. Communicable diseases existed during humankind's** hunter-gatherer days, but the shift to agrarian life 10,000 years ago created communities that made epidemics more possible. Malaria, tuberculosis, leprosy, influenza, smallpox and others first appeared during this period. The more civilized humans became, building cities and forging trade routes to connect with other cities, and waging wars with them, the more likely pandemics became. See a timeline below of pandemics that, in ravaging human populations, changed history.

<https://www.history.com/topics/middle-ages/pandemics-timeline>



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* D O W N T H E R O A D *

Virtual Meeting

- May 18, 2020
- 11:30am—1:00pm
- via Video Conferencing (to be provided to registrants)
- Topic: Mid COVID-19 Roundtable

CTC-ASSP Construction Section Meeting

- June 9, 2020
- 11:30am
- Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)
- 8868 Research Blvd. Suite 502 Austin, TX 78758

ASSP Central Texas Annual PDC

- November 12, 2020
- More info to come

ASSP Annual PDC and Expo

- June 23-25, 2020
- Orlando FL
- Orange County Convention Center
- Hotel: TBD
- https://safety.assp.org/?_ga=2.144799987.655453571.1575902319-1738299153.1572876867

ASSP Annual Leadership Conference

- October 1-3, 2020
- Chicago IL
- **Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, Illinois.**
- <https://www.assp.org/education/conferences/leadership-conference>

ASSP Chapter Officers 2018-2019

President: Mike Bewley

President Elect: Jaret Oldfather

Secretary: Robert Garcia

Treasurer: Jason Allgood

Membership: Robert Box

Government Affairs: Del Tally

Delegate: David Tally

Delegate: David Bollinger

Webmaster: Dennis Downing

WISE Chair: Jennifer Hsu

Student Leadership: Justin Bielss

Social Chair/Coord: Steve Kuntz

TAMU Advisor: Adam W. Pickens



Past President

Diane Zbasnik

1995-1996



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CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Greetings Central Texas Chapter!

Hello, Central Texas Chapter, I have been consumed by the Covid-19 virus! I am sure all of us are in a similar situation. This situation presents an unprecedented challenge to the Safety professional in that the hazard cannot be seen or detected in advance and the means to determine if an infection have occurred are very limited and difficult to obtain. In the last month I have been chasing the limited supplies of masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes. It has been very difficult as delivery times cannot be guaranteed and even if your order does arrive, you will find you have been shorted.

This pandemic exceeds the capacity of the U.S. Emergency Management system which designed to support a regional emergency such as a hurricane, earthquake or wildfire. In this instance, the entire nation is, or will be, on fire, indeed the entire world is on fire. As a municipal Safety officer, I have been advocating for the steps necessary for the City of Austin to maintain its ability to respond as the traditional avenues of seeking additional help will not be there and the City needs to conserve and protect our employees.

We will be having a virtual meeting this month; we will have roundtable type of format so that we can discuss our challenges as safety professionals during this pandemic. Meeting info will be posted on the webpage. I want to thank past President Jacob Zollinger for helping me during this period.

Thank you all

Mike Bewley



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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to our scholarship winners! This year we are fortunate enough to have issued 3 scholarships to the following winners (all from Texas A&M):



Kathryn Klumb



Pavani Patel

Oluyomi

Oloruntoba





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Speaker of the Month

Join us for a virtual chapter meeting – **“Mid COVID-19 Roundtable.” Come together** with our fellow chapter members to openly discuss key Health and Safety considerations in the middle of the Pandemic. We are here to share! So come ready to participate. Details:

When: May 18th, 2020 @ 11.30 -1.00

Where: via Video Conferencing (to be provided to registrants)

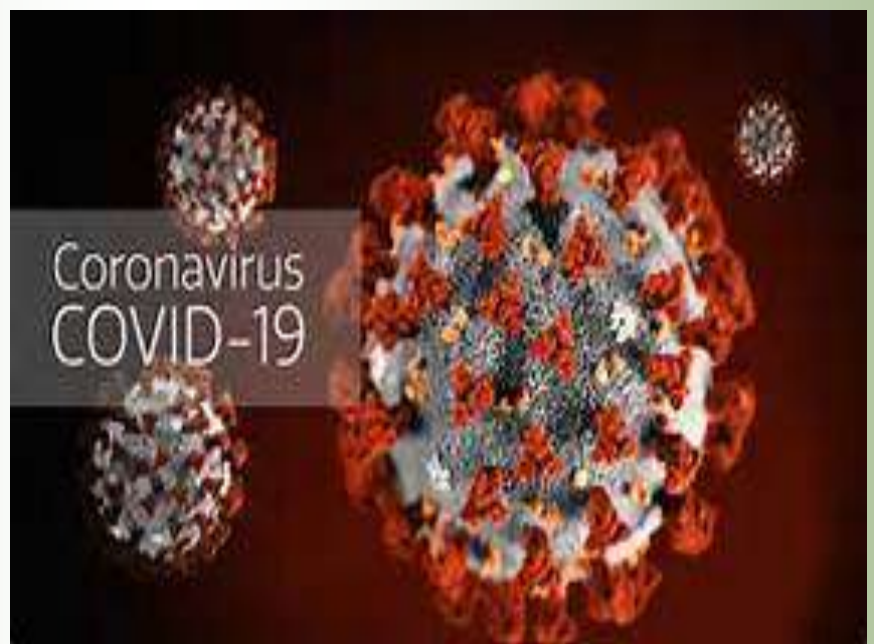
Topic: Mid COVID-19 Roundtable

Sub-topic 1: OSHA Recordability & Safely Working at Home (Moderated by Charlotte Kener)

Sub-topic 2: Alignment and Disparities Between WHO, CDC, AIHA (Moderated by Jennifer Hsu)

Sub-topic 3: How to Shutdown Safely, and How to Re-Open/Re-Start Business (Now or in the Future)? (Moderated by Jaret Oldfather)

Hosted by: Jacob Zollinger, BSI Principal Consultant





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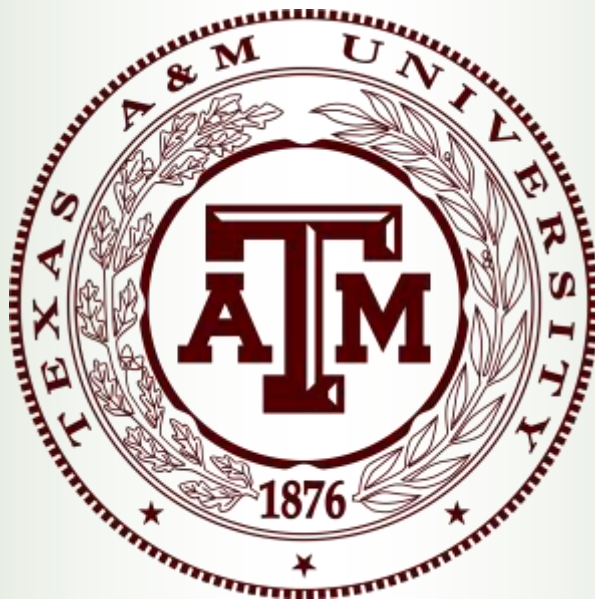
June Meeting

Join us for a virtual chapter meeting to end the year.

When: June 15th, 2020 @ 11.30 -1.00

Where: via Video Conferencing (to be provided to registrants)

Topic: Installation of new officers. Financial report. Texas A&M Student Presentation



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Around the Water Cooler

Construction Practice Section

Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday every other month. For more information, please contact John Brattloff at johnb@whiteconst.com or Todd Smith at todd@slaterpainting.com.

Women in Safety Excellence Section

Interested in joining the WISE common interest group?

For more information about WISE:

Link: <http://www.assp.org/practicespecialties/wise>

Contact: Jennifer Hsu, MPH, CSP ChapterWISEATX@gmail.com

Employment Opportunity Highlights

For employment opportunities go to Central Texas Chapters current job openings at:

<http://centraltexas.assp.org/current-openings/>

or Society's job board at : <http://jobs.assp.org/>

Certification Aids

Chapter has purchased the certification exam preparation software for those who are interested in CSP & ASP exams.

Contact ASSP Officer Robert Box to reserve the CD's

\$300 deposit each

\$50 per month to rent

Remainder will be given back to renter after return

Volunteer Opportunities

Marketing Chair * Awards & Recognition Chair * PDC Committee Member

Interim Student Affairs Support * Construction PDC Booth Staffing



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Chapter WISE @ UT Girl Day 2020

By Jennifer Hsu, MPH, CSP – Chair of ChapterWISE Committee



For the second year in a row, ChapterWISE volunteered at The University of Texas – **Austin's Girl Day event. This year, our team lead over 300+ students** through our Slime Laboratory event, emphasizing experiment preparation and laboratory PPE. We had lines out the door for the entirety of the event, which would not have been possible without the help of our ChapterWISE volunteers. BIG THANK YOU to the Texas Mutual Team: Hannah Bolton, Alea Davis, Adriana Torres, Ashley Mikytuck, and Marisela Cortes, as well as Herb Santos, Joann Natarajan, and Charlie Jamison.

We look forward to coaching and inspiring students on safe practices and behaviors for years to come!





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