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Central Texas Chapter

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2020 EHS & Risk Technology Summit

The future is now! Join the innovation conversation.

Thurs. Nov. 12th
Austin, Texas

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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/>

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Central Texas Chapter

NEXT Chapter MEETING
Location/Dates:

DPR Construction

310 Comal St.

Building A, Suite 300

Austin, TX 78702

June 15 (Virtual)

2020 Region III ASSP
Professional Development Conference
August 31 - September 2, 2020
San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk
San Antonio, Texas

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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Who is the W.H.O. ? World Health Organization

The World Health Organization (WHO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health. The WHO Constitution, which establishes the agency's governing structure and principles, states its main objective as "the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health." It is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, with six semi-autonomous regional offices and 150 field offices worldwide.

The WHO's broad mandate includes advocating for universal healthcare, monitoring public health risks, coordinating responses to health emergencies, and promoting human health and well being.^[7] It provides technical assistance to countries, sets international health standards and guidelines, and collects data on global health issues through the World Health Survey. Its flagship publication, the *World Health Report*, provides expert assessments of global health topics and health statistics on all nations.^[8] The WHO also serves as a forum for summits and discussions on health issues. Below is the Covid-19 WHO dashboard showing the affects worldwide.

<https://covid19.who.int/>

Safety 2020 Shifts to Virtual Event

As the COVID-19 pandemic progresses, ASSP continues to monitor the latest information and recommendations from public health authorities and government officials. We have stood for safety for more than 100 years and take our responsibilities seriously during this unprecedented crisis. We remain dedicated to providing educational resources and guidance to help our members and their **organizations manage their occupational safety and health challenges. It's more important than ever** that we support each other and continue to find new ways to connect, learn and share so we can protect more workers and advance the safety profession.

Mirroring the in-person conference, Safety 2020: Virtual will feature educational courses that provide practical information safety professionals can implement today and beyond. Participants will learn from many of the industry trendsetters who were scheduled to present in Orlando. Plans call for 60 sessions that include a Q&A with the speaker. There will be three keynote presentations and two plenary sessions.

<https://www.assp.org/resources/covid-19/latest-resources>



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

Central Texas Chapter Meeting

- June 12, 2020
- 11:30am—1:00pm
- Register using the link below
- <https://centraltexas.assp.org/event/>

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 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

David Johnson

1998-1999



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CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Greetings Central Texas Chapter!

This message constitutes the last President's message for

the year for my term as President of the Central Texas ASSP! I have been serving as an Officer for the last four years and I am happy to relinquish my position to President Oldfather. This month we will be swearing in a new board and I am personally very appreciative that they have decided to step into leadership roles.

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: WISE

Robert Box: Membership

Justin Bielss: Webmaster

Lisa Miller: Student Affairs

I want to give a big shout out and express my appreciation for Dennis Downing who has been our webmaster since I joined ASSP. Thank you, Dennis!



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I also want to express my appreciation for former President Jacob Zollinger who backfilled for me when I was occupied with Covid 19.

While our year was interrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic, our chapter was able to continue the initiatives that were instituted in the last several years:



In closing, the Central Texas chapter is an outstanding chapter by any metric used by the ASSP and I am proud to be a member and appreciated the opportunity to serve our chapter.

Having content driven meetings for our members versus having meetings centered on vendors who would provide lunch.

Developing Professional Development Conferences that are in collaboration between other Professional groups that have a safety focus, particularly the local chapters of RIMs and AIHA, which is an initiative unique to this chapter in ASSP.

Continue to support our WISE members and the UT Women in Engineering outreach

Continue to support our Construction Specialty Practice. Award scholarships to our Student Chapters.

As Safety Professionals we are all uniquely impacted by the current pandemic, particularly as many organizations are tackling the challenges of re-integration, I hope you were able to attend the excellent virtual roundtable the Central Texas Chapter hosted last month where these issues were discussed. Thanks to everyone that participated.

President Mike Bewley



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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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Central Texas chapter students, more specifically TAMU students, were awarded 9 different scholarships from the ASSP Foundation this year totaling just over \$25,000!

After reading some of their applications and hearing feedback from others who were grading their applications I knew they would be well represented. Very awesome representation from our student section! I think next meeting we will have a great opportunity to congratulate them (virtually) when TAMU presents. Below is the link to the foundation and I made a quick word document with just the TAMU awards. Just wanted to share the good news, hope you all have a safe day!

<https://foundation.assp.org/scholarship-and-grants-recipients/2020/>





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2020-2021 ASSP Central Texas Officers

PRESIDENT: Jaret Oldfather is the Director of Safety for iFLY / SkyVenture. He is a strategic and tactical safety professional with almost a decade of experience managing safety for organizations with facilities, assets, and personnel internationally. Jaret holds the credentials of Associate Safety Professional (ASP #27339) and Occupational Health and Safety Technologist (OHST #4218) from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (bcsp.org). He is an alumnus of Nicholls State University with two Associate Degrees **and a Bachelor's in Safety Management. Jaret volunteers as Vice President** and is on the board of Central Texas Chapter of the American Association of Safety Professionals (assp.org). He is also leading the ASTM (astm.org) task group on Indoor Skydiving currently working on an industry consensus standard. He enjoys brainstorming on how new technology can be applied to old safety challenges and is happiest when exploring nature with wife Hannah, daughter Jolie (4), and dog Bear.



PRESIDENT ELECT: Robert served in the military after 5 years where he provided safety training and services during field deployments. He currently works for the City of Austin Convention Center Department as a Safety Specialist. He is actively working towards achieving safety certifications. Robert is fairly new to the safety field but is looking forward to a long productive career. Robert also serves on the Taylor City Council for the last 4 years. He is also the founder of Giving in the 21st Century which is a non-profit organization to help with **local charities. Robert has been “officially” in the safety field for 5 years.**



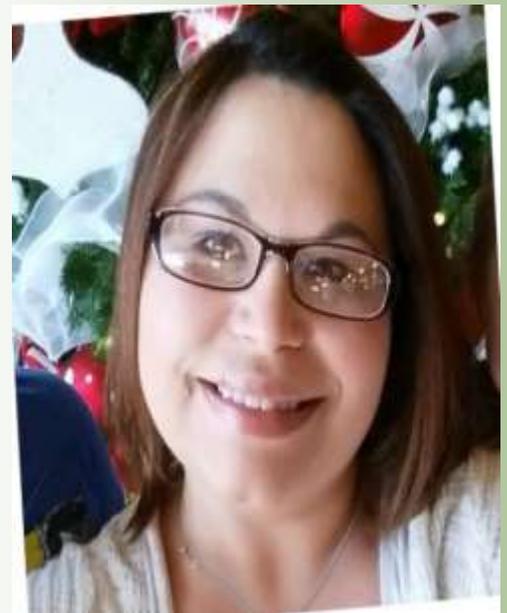
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STUDENT CHAIR: Lisa Miller, CESSWI is an Inspector for the City of Bryan, she is the point of contact for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit and compliance. She is experienced in multi-permit regulatory compliance in the MS4 general, construction general and multi-sector general permits. She has 7 years of experience as a MS4 inspector and compliance, she has 20 years as an inspector and project manager in the construction industry. As a recent graduate from Texas State Technical College she is excited to take on the role as Student Liaison for 2020-2021.

SECRETARY: **Tristan Landers, aka “the Safety Lady”, is an Austin** Area HSE Senior Coordinator for Flintco. Tristan spent 12 years working as a Critical Care Registered Nurse before becoming a Construction Safety Professional. She still saves lives every day through empowering workers to value their own lives and choose safe work practices. As President of the ASSP Texas State Technical College Student Section, she earned a 2015 ASSP **President’s Award and Mike Torres National Leadership Award for her** work on the Region III Student Leadership Conference. She has Associate degrees in both Environmental Compliance and Occupational Safety and Health from Texas State Technical College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Safety and Health with a Project Management Specialization from Columbia Southern University and is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Columbia Southern University. Tristan has earned both CHST and GSP credentials through the BSCP. Tristan has been featured in a *Safeopedia* **“Women in Construction” Podcast series, and working** Grainger on a National Women in Construction Ad Campaign. She is the mother of five children and is expecting her first grandchild in early June 2020.





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PAST PRESIDENT: Mike Bewley retired from the Austin Fire Department as a Captain with 23 years of service. While in the Austin Fire Department, Mike focused on developing programs in Firefighter safety and training dealing with Low Occurrence/High Risk situations. After retiring from the Fire service, Mike was served in the Texas Division of Emergency Management as the Plans Unit Supervisor, responsible for all the emergency plans for the State of Texas, the Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources program and the Hurricane Officer program. Mike Bewley currently serves as the Safety Manger for the City of Austin Public Works Department. In his current position Mike developed the construction safety program for the City of Austin covering \$1.5 billion worth of projects per year. Mike also oversees safety for the Street and Bridge division responsible for all right of way maintenance in the City of Austin. Mike initiated the Heavy Equipment Training program and is responsible for the Emergency Management functions in the Public Works department. Prior to his current assignment, Mike was Safety Manger for Journeyman Construction and Safety Coordinator the Austin Public Health department were he was part of the team responding to the Ebola outbreak. Mike has an M.B.A. from Colorado State University, and M.A. in Disaster and Emergency Management from American Public University system and holds certifications as an EMT and CSP.

CHAPTER WISE: Jennifer Hsu, MPH, CSP is a seasoned, goal-focused Environmental, Health & Safety Consultant for BSI Group. Jennifer has a demonstrated record of accomplishments, including Certified Safety Professional (CSP) certification and 12+ years of EHS experience in a variety of industries, such as pharmaceutical, healthcare, and biotechnology working on general safety and more technical programs such as industrial hygiene, ergonomics and laboratory safety. She applies skills and expert-level knowledge to develop, implement and manage best practices for workplace environmental, health, and safety practices. Jennifer possesses an exceptional grasp of OSHA rules and regulations and is highly skilled in managing teams in support of achieving organizational objectives. Jennifer will continue in the role of Chapter WISE Chair for 2020-2021, where she will build upon her four years of collaborating with the ASSP Board to support Chapter WISE initiatives.

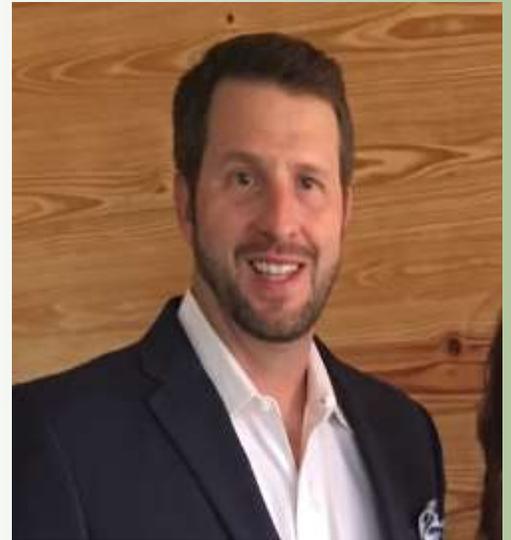




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TREASURER: Jason Allgood Mr. Jason Allgood, CSP, PMP, has been a proud ASSE member of the Central Texas Chapter (CTC) since 2006 while previously holding the position of Secretary of the CTC during the years of 2011-2013 and is currently active in the following organizations: Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) – Central Texas Chapter; Project Management Institute (PMI); Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE); American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) – Central Texas Chapter; and Toastmasters International. Mr. Allgood is currently completing graduate level courses in the Strategic Decision and Risk Management program at the UT Executive Education at the McCombs School of Business through a custom program initiative setup with his company. He is also on track to complete his Certified Risk Manager (CRM) designation by the end of 2018 with the completion of the final two courses, CRM Financing of Risk and CRM Practice of Risk Management.



WEBMASTER: Justin Bielss, GSP, currently serves in the Texas Army National Guard as the safety officer for the Joint Counterdrug Task Force as well as his unit, B Co. 1-114th AVN. He currently manages the safety program for nearly 300 service members. Mr. Bielss has served with the Texas National Guard for over 20 years and has spent the last 15 years as an aviator flying various helicopters where he has deployed twice to Iraq and Afghanistan. Mr. Bielss is a **graduate of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University with a master's of science in occupational safety management.** Mr. Bielss has been a member of ASSP since 2015, and active in both Central Texas Chapter as well as the ASSP Foundations Next Generation Board. He is excited to begin working at the chapter webmaster while still closing working with students in his role with the foundation in 2020/2021.



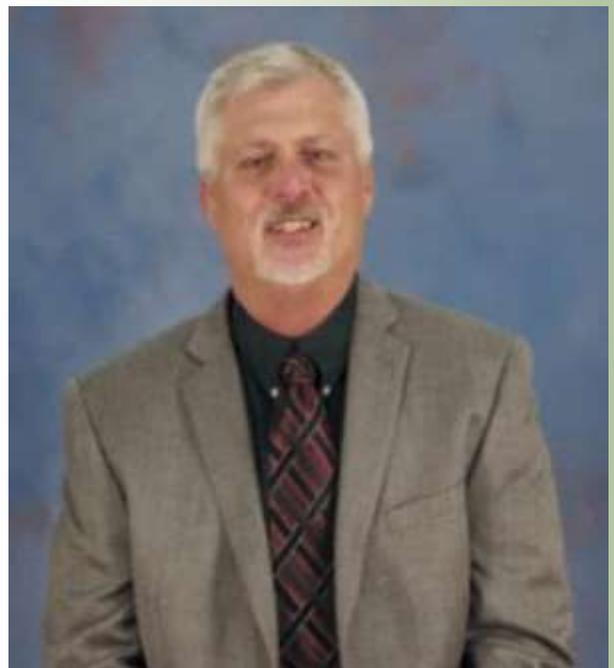
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Delegate: Charlotte Kener As a Consulting Specialist Charlotte has worked in the EHS field for the last three years with BSI EHS Services and Solutions where she is a Consulting Specialist. Her focus is on not only environmental compliance but also supporting the health and safety field supporting clients Ergonomic, OSHA Compliance, Permitting and full service safety needs. She joined ASSE in 2016 where she promptly filled the position of Chapter Secretary. She continues to be an active member of ASSE supporting coordination efforts for chapter Professional Development Conferences, Attending National training seminars and her weekly secretarial duties for the chapter.

Delegate: W. David Bollinger, CSP
CHMM. Past chapter president (twice); 2019 PDC chair; 2019-20 delegate for Central Texas Chapter of ASSP. Masters Degree in Safety Studies from West Virginia University. 36 years experience as an EHS professional in insurance, chemical, food manufacturing and pharmaceuticals industries. Security Manager for Abbott Labs. Retired from Pfizer as EHS Manager in 2016. Currently working as an independent EHS and OSHA outreach trainer focusing on general industry applications. Previous presenter at Region III ASSP conference in San Marcos. Manager of two VPP sites and special government employee (SGE) for VPP program inspections.





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SOCIAL CHAIR: Steve Kuntz is CEO of Velocity Vue, Inc. which is a Texas based company that values your safety and offers mobile applications that support owners, general contractors, sub-contractors and workers improve their workplace safety culture and ability to go home safely every night. Steve has 37 years in sales and finance experience capturing over \$2B in software, hardware and services contracts for US commercial, government and international entities. Steve has a strong foundation in providing insights from disparate data sets. For example he founded a pattern recognition tax compliance solution for State Tax Agencies with Teradata. Steve has an MA in Economics from the University of Florida.



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Mr. Box has over 30 years of occupational health, safety and ergonomics experience, spanning a broad range of industries and operational sizes. He brings a passion for continuous safety improvements as a function of successful business operations.



He has served as Safety & Ergonomics Manager in the world's largest mobile phone manufacturing facility where he was able to implement simple changes into operations that changed safety behaviors to drive losses down. He later was promoted to Workplace Solutions Manager of the Americas, using his ergonomics and safety background to assist with the design and construction oversight of workplaces throughout the Western Hemisphere, including the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Chile and Argentina.

Mr. Box also has experience in the workers' compensation insurance industry where he has been a Loss Control Consultant and Safety Consultant Supervisor in Texas. Working with this company has given Mr. Box broad exposure to businesses of all complexities and sizes.

He completed his Bachelor of Industrial Engineering degree and also earned his Master of Science degree with emphasis on Safety and Ergonomics. **His master's thesis project focused on safety and ergonomics** in a foundry environment. Mr. Box is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP), as recognized by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.



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BOARD VOLUNTEER: Jacob Zollinger, CSP is a National Practice Director for BSI Consulting experienced in multi-jurisdictional regulatory compliance in the laboratory, general industry and construction sectors. He is experienced in driving organizational change within diverse, fast-paced and complex political environments. As the National Practice Director, Information Solutions Mr. Zollinger has overall **accountability for BSI's US-based consulting team** that supports clientele in technology utilization assessments, database development and hosting, and selection/configuration/implementation/ongoing **support of EHS software. Mr. Zollinger also currently manages BSI's EHS Solutions Innovation Team** out of Austin, Texas, which focuses on leveraging existing and emerging technology platforms to drive continual improvement within BSI and the global client base. He is excited to **take on a role of "Volunteer to the Board" in 2020/2021, where he'll** leverage his 6 years of ASSP board experience to support the executive committee as they see best fit.



BOARD VOLUNTEER: Lane Smith is a Safety Manager with DPR Construction in Austin Texas . In his 22 year career as a safety professional Lane has enjoyed great successes leading the safety initiatives with top tier contractors in both the USA and Australia. Recently Lane has been pushing to improve and reinvent the morning huddle (aka JHA or PTP). Currently Lane leads a team of 12 safety professionals who are for injury free environments on projects which employ over 400 DPR Craft workers, 1400 construction partners. Lane received his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from the University of Central Arkansas and is currently pursuing accreditations with the ASSE.

BOARD VOLUNTEER: Charley Wehbe, ASP, has a BS in Environmental Studies. She is currently an EHS Consultant at BSI EHS Services and Solutions and in her five years of work in Austin has focused on a broad scope of stormwater pollution prevention, chemical management systems, corporate social responsibility, hazardous waste management, and general health and safety compliance. Her ability to collaborate across EHS disciplines and manage complex projects has won her several awards within BSI, and she is eager to bring that skill set in support of the ASSP CTC board!

