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Hello Chapter Members

As we continue to adjust to this time of social distancing, the Executive Board has decided to postpone the Awards and Honor Ceremony that was scheduled to be held in May. The ceremony will be held at our next meeting when we are able to meet face-to-face. Historically, elections and installment of the new Executive Board Members would occur at this meeting/ceremony. Since we are unable to meet face-to-face, we are holding electronic voting polls for next year's Executive Board. These electronic polls are being held in order stay in line with language detailed in our Chapter By-Laws,

"Election and installation of officers for the ensuing year shall be held at the May meeting in attendance of a quorum. If there is more than one candidate for any office, election shall be by secret ballot (written or electronic). If there is only one candidate for an office, election may be by voice vote."

"In the event a quorum is not present at the meeting a special mail or electronic ballot will be sent to the Chapter Members and a return of at least 40 votes or 20% of the Chapter membership is required."

Please take a brief moment and follow the link below to formally cast your vote of approval on next year’s Executive Board. The electronic ballot will be open from April 29th to May 15th. I want to thank you all for your flexibility while we continue chapter operations as best as possible during this difficult era.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FNTF3WQ
(sent to Chapter Members via email. Not for Public input.)

Again, I wish you well and stay safe.

Andrew J. Downing, CSP

Greater Baton Rouge Chapter President
MEET OUR LEADERSHIP

Executive Board

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Congratulations to GBR-ASSP Chapter Member Daniel Slattery on becoming our next Region IV Vice President.

Daniel Slattery, CSP, CIT, is the QHSE Manager for Ocean Infinity, a subsea intelligence organization headquartered in Houston, TX, and lives in Baton Rouge, LA. Daniel is a graduate of Strayer University (B.S. Economics) and Columbia Southern University (M.S. Occupational Safety & Health, M.S. Organizational Leadership). He has worked as a safety and health professional with oil and gas, general industry, construction, and maritime industries. Daniel is also an Adjunct Instructor at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Daniel has served multiple roles in the ASSP Greater Baton Rouge Chapter, and is currently the chapter’s Past President. In addition to ASSP, Daniel has been active as a board member for South LA STEPS, participating in American Petroleum Institute's RP 75 SEMS Technical Advisory Group, as well as providing assistance to AIHA on development of the OHSMS Auditing Standard.
Platform Statement

At the end of the day, safety is about people. As an ASSP member, you endeavor to manage hazards and risks in your workplace, and improve health and safety. You do this by developing people, building skills, modeling positive behaviors, and improving the adaptive capacity of your workforce so that your team members are able to safely rise to the challenges of surprise and change in the workplace.

As the Region IV Vice President, I want to share a vision to build with you:

- Chapters which are strong and vibrant, by building on opportunities for developing our next generation of safety leaders;
- Educational opportunities to help our members improve soft skills and sharpen business acumen, helping to increase the perceived value of the safety professional in organizations; and,
- Leverage opportunities to elevate and improve the value of ASSP and chapter membership through networking, educational opportunities for student members, and a focus on the member experience.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you as your Region IV Vice President and continue the work of building an organization of which we are all proud to be members.
MEMBER HIGHLIGHT, Dr. LU YUAN

Congratulations to GBR-ASSP Chapter Member Dr. Lu Yuan on being appointed as an ExCom member (member-at-large) for the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission, one of the nation's foremost academic accrediting bodies.

Dr. Yuan, CSP, is a Southeastern Louisiana University professor of occupational, safety, health, and environment and will serve on the 2020-2021 commission executive committee.

ABET is a non-profit, private accrediting agency for programs such as computer science, applied and natural science, including safety and health, engineering and engineering technology, and is recognized as a leading accrediting agency to assure confidence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

As a member-at-large, Dr. Yuan will assist with the statement editing process, serve as team chair for one visit to an institution seeking accreditation or re-accreditation during the cycle, and attend scheduled commission meetings of the executive committee.

"The appointment recognizes the quality of Southeastern's occupational safety, health, and environment program, housed in the College of Science and Technology, and also demonstrates the excellent reputation the program has earned over recent years," said Dr. Yuan.

Accreditation is a voluntary process and assures a program meets the quality standards of the professions accredited. Southeastern's bachelor's program in occupational safety, health and environment – the only one of its kind in the state – has been accredited by the Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc. since 2008.
Due to the current pandemic situation we will be postponing the GBR ASSP Golf Tournament. It will **NOT** take place on April 3, 2020 as previously planned.

We have been working with our planning committee to determine a date to reschedule this year's event to and have decided on **Thursday, September 10**th.

It is our hope that we will get back to some sense of normalcy long before that time, but this should allow the dust to settle and everyone and everything to be in place for another amazing event!

For information on how you can play, sponsor, and donate contact Annette Springer, Karen Saurage, and visit our website [https://gbr.assp.org/golf-tournament/](https://gbr.assp.org/golf-tournament/).
ASSP presents Safety 2020: Virtual, a unique learning experience during extraordinary times. Now more than ever, we can help you enhance the knowledge, skills and abilities you need to keep workers safe and improve your organization's performance. We have partnered with a best-in-class platform provider to develop a robust virtual conference, and we are confident you will receive the high-quality professional content you expect from ASSP. Join us and learn what you need to know to achieve the highest levels of performance and advance your career.

NEW! Earn 6.5 CEUs

Attend more than 60 education sessions and earn almost four times the number of CEUs that you would earn by attending our in-person event.

Learn from the Experts

Engage with the best minds in safety by asking questions during our concurrent session broadcasts.
Connect with Exhibitors

Find solutions to your top challenges from companies demonstrating their cutting-edge safety products.

2020 Region IV ASSP Professional Development Conference Has Been Rescheduled

The 2020 Region IV PDC on Wednesday, April 15th and Thursday April 16th, 2020 at the Hilton Capitol Center located at 201 Lafayette St in Downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana has been rescheduled to April 2021. The planning committee is currently working with the Hilton to finalize our April 2021 dates. Once we have the new dates for the PDC, we will be notifying everyone. All registrations will be rolled over to the 2021 PDC in Baton Rouge.

Our top priority is protecting the health and well-being of ASSP members in our region as well as our local communities. As we all adapt to the new realities this situation is creating, please
continue to follow the latest guidance from organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization, as well as information from our local health and government authorities. Be sure to check ASSP's website frequently for updates as well.

Please direct any questions or comments to rvp@region4.assp.org.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We are always looking to network and find out if there are job openings. The jobs must be in an Environment, Health and Safety function. For example: Fleet Safety Manager, Director of Environmental, Health and Safety, Risk Manager, etc.

We will post the jobs to our website at gbr.assp.org. This is done currently at no charge, but the chapter is always accepting donations to help establish our scholarship fund. Your contribution is appreciated.

Please e-mail the job information to brandon@gbria.org.

Visit the GBR-ASSP Chapter Website to View Current Job Opportunities