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Hello Chapter Members,

As we bring this chapter year toward a close, I would like to personally thank you all for the opportunity to serve. This was a unique year to say the least. As COVID-19 spread across the globe, it impacted our community, economy, and daily way of life. Although the chapter had to shuffle meetings and events due to this crisis, we will continue to collectively stand strong for the strengthening of the Safety Profession within our community.

I fully appreciate all of the hard work everyone has put into this year's chapter operations. With that being said as well as the optimistic possibility of meeting in person next chapter year, awards and honors will be formally presented to the winners at the 2020-2021 Kick-Off Meeting in September.

Before closing, I have the honor of announcing the 2020-2021 Officer Election results. Thank you everyone that participated in the electronic voting process. The nominated slate of officers passed membership approval by majority (96% to 4%). With these results, I would like to formally present the 2020-2021 Greater Baton Rouge Chapter Executive Members.

- **Chapter President** - Jake Valenti, CSP  
- **Chapter Vice President** - Lasey Thompson, CSP  
- **Chapter Treasurer** - Thai Tran, GSP  
- **Chapter Secretary** - Melinda Anderson, CSP  
- **Chapter Past President** - Andrew J. Downing, CSP  
- **Chapter Member-at-Large** - Julie Roussel  
- **Chapter Delegate** - Daniel Slattery, CSP

Again, I thank everyone for your continued support during this era. I wish you and your families to stay well.

Andrew J. Downing, CSP

Greater Baton Rouge Chapter President
MEET OUR LEADERSHIP

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Our Virtual Resume Review Volunteering Event was a success. We want to extend thanks and gratitude to members for volunteering their time to help make this event a success:

Steven Stogner, Westlake Chemical
Brandon Smith, GBRIA
Julie Roussel, YCI Methanol One
Annette Springer, BASF
STUDENT MEMBER HIGHLIGHT, ALISON GARAUDY

Congratulations to SELU Senior OSH Student, Alison Garaudy, on being selected to receive the BCSP Foundation QAP/GSP ABET Scholarship from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.

Click here to read article about accomplishment.

STUDENT MEMBER HIGHLIGHT, BRENNAN BOOTH

Congratulations to SELU OSH Student Brennan Booth on being selected to receive the Lawrence Mauerman Scholarship from the American Society of Safety Professionals Foundation.
Congratulations to Senior SELU OSH Student Catherine Cangelosi on being selected to receive the ASSP Greater Baton Rouge Don Jones Excellence in Safety Scholarship from the American Society of Safety Professionals Foundation.
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 and have decided on Thursday, September 10th.

We 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/.
SAFETY 2020 Is Now Virtual

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.

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

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

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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