



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Greater Baton Rouge Chapter Members,

Another chapter year has come to a close and we look forward to the beginning of a new, exciting chapter year.

I want to thank our Past President, **Will Rosette**, and his Executive Board, for their leadership through the last chapter year and their continued support through the upcoming year.

Our priorities for this chapter year will be to increase participation in chapter events by diversifying opportunities for chapter members to get involved. We will host meetings at new, exciting locations while also splitting meeting times between breakfast, lunch, afternoon, and dinner meetings. Our aim is to accommodate a wider audience of chapter members. Additionally, we want to continue to promote and support professional development for our chapter members.

Unfortunately, our annual Golf Tournament was postponed twice due to unfavorable weather conditions. However, Karen Saurage and Annette Springer have been working very hard this whole time to make sure everything is well prepared. With over a year between tournaments, the team is eager to get things kicked off again on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at The Island Golf Course in Plaquemine.

I want to take a moment to introduce our new Executive Board for this year. **Emma Bataineh, CSP** - Vice President, **Brandon Dove, CSP** - Treasurer, **Tyler Traweek, ASP** - Secretary, **Thomas Cagle, CSP, CSHM** – Advisory Group Member, **Wilbert Rosette, II, CSP** - Past President, and **Thai Tran, CSP** – Member-at-Large. This board is a diverse group that shares a wealth of knowledge and experience coupled with the energy, enthusiasm, and passion that will be needed to continue the legacy of the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter. I am excited to work alongside these individuals as we set our sights on not only meeting but exceeding the goals and expectations of this chapter.

With all of the meetings, events, golf tournament, and other announcements we have planned, please check our website and follow our LinkedIn for up-to-date information.

The whole Greater Baton Rouge ASSP team is looking forward to a prosperous year, and we hope that you can join us, and maybe bring a friend too!  
Thank you.

Chris McGlynn, CSP  
Chapter President

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Reminder!

GBR ASSP GOLF  
TOURNAMENT

Thursday October 5, 2023  
The Island - Plaquemine, LA  
9am - 3pm

Meet our new  
Executive Board and  
Committee Chairs!

## EXECUTIVE BOARD



Chris McGlynn, CSP  
President



Emma Bataineh, CSP  
Vice President



Brandon Dove, CSP  
Treasurer



Tyler Traweek, CSP  
Secretary



Will Rosette, CSP  
Past President



Thai Tran, CSP  
Member-At-Large



Thomas Cagle, CSP, CSHM  
Advisory Board



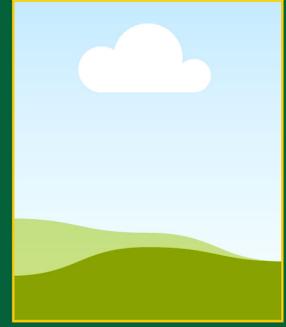
# COMMITTEE CHAIRS



PROGRAMS  
Erin McAlister



MEMBERSHIP  
Michael Dodds



GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Annette Springer, CSP



GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Karen Saurage, CSP



COMMUNICATIONS  
Alex Wright



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Gregg Landry



SLU STUDENT SECTION  
LIAISON  
Jake Frelich



SPONSORSHIP  
Garrett Leeper



OSHA ALLIANCE  
Hunter Pinion



COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH  
Laremy Stilley



NOMINATIONS &  
ELECTIONS  
Will Rosette





# Greater Baton Rouge Chapter Event Calendar 2023-2024

September 2023	October 2023	November 2023
<p><b>19<sup>th</sup></b> – Chapter Meeting 11:00am -12:30pm Mike Anderson’s Gonzales, LA</p>	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup></b> – Golf Tournament 9:00am – 3:00pm The Island Plaquemine, LA</p> <p><b>16<sup>th</sup></b> – Chapter Meeting 1:00pm – 5:00pm LSU Baton Rouge, LA</p>	<p><b>14<sup>th</sup></b> – Chapter Meeting 7:30am – 9:00am River Parishes Community College Gonzales, LA</p>
December 2023	January 2024	February 2024
<p><b>19<sup>th</sup></b> – Christmas Social 3:00pm – 5:00pm L’auberge Baton Rouge, LA</p>	<p><b>16<sup>th</sup></b> – Chapter Meeting w/AIHA 6:00pm – 7:30pm Sno’s Seafood Gonzales, LA</p>	<p><b>20<sup>th</sup></b> – Chapter Meeting 11:00am – 12:30pm TBD</p>
March 2024	April 2024	May 2024
<p><b>19<sup>th</sup></b> – Chapter Meeting 11:00am – 12:30 pm ABC Pelican Baton Rouge, LA</p>	<p><b>16<sup>th</sup></b> – Chapter Meeting 3:00pm-5:00pm Top Golf Baton Rouge, LA</p>	<p><b>21<sup>st</sup></b> – Chapter Meeting &amp; Awards 6:00pm – 7:30pm TBD TBD</p>

\*\* Registration for all meetings is available on [gbr.assp.org](http://gbr.assp.org) or our Eventbrite site \*\*





**We recently renewed  
our OSHA Alliance!**

**AGREEMENT RENEWING AN ALLIANCE  
BETWEEN  
BATON ROUGE AREA OFFICE  
THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
AND  
GREATER BATON ROUGE CHAPTER  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Baton Rouge Area Office and the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), formally named and known as the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), continue to recognize the value of maintaining a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful American workplaces. To that end, OSHA and Greater Baton Rouge Chapter ASSP hereby renew the Alliance signed December 19, 2008, with a continued emphasis on providing for those individuals seeking to increase their professional competency in safety and health with information and guidance and access to training resources that will help them protect employees' health and safety. Specifically, both organizations are committed to providing Greater Baton Rouge Chapter ASSP members and others with information and guidance and access to training resources that will help them protect the health and safety of workers and understand the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act). Through the Alliance, the organizations will continue to address hazards that have contributed to a significant number of fatalities investigated by OSHA's Baton Rouge Area Office within the past three fiscal years. In renewing this Alliance, OSHA and Greater Baton Rouge Chapter ASSP recognize that OSHA's State Plan and On-site Consultation Project partners are an integral part of the OSHA national effort.

**Raising Awareness of OSHA's Rulemaking and Enforcement Initiatives**

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following goals related to raising awareness of OSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives:

- To share information on OSHA's National/Regional/Local Emphasis Programs, Regulatory Agenda, and opportunities to participate in the rulemaking process.
- To share information on occupational safety and health laws and standards, including the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers.

- To convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace as well as to provide input on safety and health issues.
- To encourage worker participation in workplace safety and health by organizing a forum aimed at worker outreach whereby ideas and information can be exchanged.

#### Training and Education

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following training and education goal:

- To develop effective training and education programs for workers of the Greater Baton Rouge ASSP to promote understanding of workers' rights, including the use of the OSHA complaint process and the responsibilities of employers and to communicate such information to workers and employers.

#### Outreach and Communication

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

- To develop information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to develop ways of communicating such information (e.g., print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and OSHA's and the Greater Baton Rouge ASSP Web site to employers and workers in the industry).
- To speak, exhibit, or appear at OSHA's or Greater Baton Rouge ASSP conferences local monthly meetings.
- To work with OSHA to provide expertise in developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards and to provide expertise in developing ways of communicating such information (e.g. print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools and OSHA's and the Greater Baton Rouge American Society of Safety Professional's Web site) to employers and employees.

OSHA's Alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with OSHA for purposes such as raising awareness of OSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives, training and education, and outreach and communication. These Alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both OSHA and its Alliance participants. By entering an Alliance with a party, OSHA is not endorsing or promoting, nor does it intend to endorse or promote, any of that party's products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives of each organization will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the

participants. In addition, they will meet at least twice per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance. OSHA team members will include representatives of the Baton Rouge Area Office and any other appropriate offices. OSHA will encourage State Plan States' and OSHA On-site Consultation Projects' participation on the team.

This agreement will remain in effect for three years. Either signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the written concurrence of both signatories.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.



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**Roderic M. Chube**  
Area Director  
Occupational Safety and  
Health Administration  
Baton Rouge Area Office



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**Lance S. Roux**  
Representative  
Greater Baton Rouge Chapter  
American Society of Safety Professionals



# CALL FOR SPONSORS

Sponsorship opportunities for the 2023 – 2024 Chapter Year are now available. The Greater Baton Rouge Chapter has a long history of supporting its 450+ members with relevant and timely safety best practices, partnering with other professional associations and governmental entities such as AIHA, ABC, SHRM, OSHA, and providing networking opportunities to connect members across the region.

## What's in it for our sponsors?

- Demonstrated support of the development of the SH&E profession.
- Exposure to a large community of SH&E professionals in our area.
- The opportunity to align your organization with a specific topic or safety event.

## Sponsorship Opportunities

### Premier Sponsor – \$1,000

- Your logo displayed on the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter website for the chapter year.
- Your company logo in all Chapter communications.
- 10% discount on any new purchase for the 2023 golf tournament (*takes place in Spring 2024*).
- Focused job promotion to our membership via email blast to membership, newsletter advertisement, promotion at Chapter meetings, and posting on our website Jobs Board.
- Complimentary attendance for 1 person at all chapter meetings.
- 5 ASSP personalized name badges.

### Supporting Sponsor – \$500

- Your logo displayed on the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter website for the chapter year.
- Placement of sponsor advertisement in the Chapter newsletter.
- Display table for literature/handouts in the meeting room at sponsored meeting (1). Your company will be highlighted by the Chapter President during the meeting introduction.
- Complimentary attendance for 2 people at this chapter meeting.



# SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

## When:

September 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.: Registration & Networking

11:30 a.m.: Meeting Begins

12:30 p.m.: Meeting Adjourns

## Where:

Mike Andersons, 1500 Louisiana 30 W, Gonzales, LA 70737

## Price:

\$25.00 - Click [here](#) for registration

## Speaker:

Alex G. Novas, Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA

The presentation will provide an overview of OSHA's role in the prevention and elimination of work-related hazards, an update on current compliance issues, and information on how to obtain available compliance assistance resources.

Alex Novas joined the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in 1991 as a Compliance Officer in the Baton Rouge Area Office. After serving as an Assistant Area Director, he became a Compliance Assistance Specialist in 2007. His duties include administering the Strategic Partnership and Alliance cooperative programs, while also overseeing and conducting audits for the Voluntary Protection Program. In addition, he travels throughout the state of Louisiana providing advice, education, and training to businesses, labor organizations, and other associations to encourage voluntary compliance with OSHA's safety and health standards. Alex is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a graduate of Louisiana State University.

## Premier Chapter Sponsors:



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