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Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

February Newsletter



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President's Message – February 2026

Members,

Thank you to everyone who joined us in January for our joint meeting with the AIHA Deep South Section. A special thank you to **HASC Louisiana** for sponsoring the evening and to **Dr. Tommy Hysler** for his timely and informative presentation on OSHA's proposed Heat Stress Standard and Case Management—a discussion that clearly resonated with our membership. As a reminder, **100% of the January meeting proceeds** will be donated to **St. Vincent de Paul**, and we are continuing to accept donations via QR code through our **May Awards Banquet**, where we will also announce a chapter volunteer day.

February will be a standout month as we host an **all-day P&ID workshop on February 27** in collaboration with **LCA and ACC**, generously sponsored by **Nighthawk Safety and Rescue**. The day will begin with industry updates from **Mike Boykin (LCA)** and **Danny Forrest (ACC)**, followed by a classroom introduction to P&IDs led by **Glenn Young and Karen Morton, P.E.** at **River Parishes Community College (RPCC) in Gonzales**. We will then apply that learning directly using the P&IDs from RPCC's live hydrogen unit, creating a truly practical, hands-on experience. After lunch, we are excited to host a panel discussion and Q&A featuring **Doug Knittig (Westlake Geismar)**, **Matthew Lotz (Solstice Baton Rouge)**, **Brian Williamson (Methanex)**, and **Adam Beary (Bear Process Safety)**, moderated by **Nina LeBlanc of HASC**—this promises to be a lively and valuable conversation. It will be a full, action-packed day for our members.

Looking ahead, March will bring our **Leadership Webinar Series**, which is open and welcome to *all*—not just Greater Baton Rouge or ASSP members. We encourage you to share the registration links widely with colleagues, partners, and anyone who could benefit from these discussions. Meeting sponsorships are still available. March will also include our **annual Golf Tournament on March 20**, where team and sponsor registration is open and door prizes are welcomed. We are also preparing for our **Innovation & Education Symposium on May 14 at L'Auberge Baton Rouge**, followed by our **2026 Awards Banquet** that evening.

There is a lot ahead, and it's an exciting time to be part of ASSP Greater Baton Rouge. Thank you for your continued engagement and support!

In service,

Tyler Traweck

Tyler Traweck, MBA, MS, CSP
President, ASSP Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

Piping and Instrumentation Diagram Workshop



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February Meeting

Sponsored by:



February 27, 2026 | 8AM - 4:15PM

River Parishes Community College – BASF Room

- Core P&ID Concepts
- Hands-on Field Walk-Down
- LCA & ACC Updates
- Expert Safety Panel

**REGISTER
HERE**





EVENTS SCHEDULE

2025-2026



Fri
FEB 27

Chapter Workshop

RPCC in Gonzales

8:00 am - 4:15 pm

Workshop will be focused on P&IDs and industry trends

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Wed
MAR 4

Chapter Leadership Webinar Series

Online

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Justin Barksdale

Growth & Grit

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Wed
Mar 11

Chapter Leadership Webinar Series

Online

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Brian Blades

Ownership & Opportunity

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Wed
Mar 18

Chapter Leadership Webinar Series

Online

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Paul Leonard

Legacy & Development



Fri
Mar 20

Golf Tournament

The Island

10AM Start Time

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

2025-2026

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**Wed
Mar 25**

Chapter Leadership Webinar Series

Online

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Dr. Darryl Hill

Discipline & Decisions



April

Chapter Meeting

TBA

TBA

TBA

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**April
22-23**

Region IV ASSP Professional

Development Conference

Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown

Atlanta, GA

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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**Thurs
May
14**

Chapter Symposium/Awards Banquet

L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Various Topics



**June
15-17**

Safety 2026 Conference & Expo

Anaheim Convention Center

Anaheim, CA

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Greater Baton Rouge Chapter, ASSP

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MARCH 20, 2026

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Recognize excellence— nominate a colleague today!

The ASSP Greater Baton Rouge Chapter is seeking nominations for the 2025-2026 Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award. This award recognizes a member's dedication, leadership, and contributions to advancing safety and health.



Eligibility

1. ASSP Member in good standing.
2. Engaged in the safety profession for at least three years.
3. Not a past recipient within the last five years.

Nominate here!



**Complete the nomination by February 20th
Email materials to Andrew Bordelon at
andrew.bordelon@encos.net**



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O- Ownership & Opportunity
L- Legacy & Development
D- Discipline & Decision

Leadership **GOLD** Series

Every Wednesday in March 2026
2:00-3:00pm CST

Week 1: Growth & Grit
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Week 3: Legacy & Development
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Week 2: Ownership & Opportunity
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Week 4: Discipline & Decision
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2PM-3PM

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March 11th, 2026
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Speaker: Brian Blades

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March 18th, 2026
2PM-3PM

Speaker: Paul Leonard

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O- Ownership & Opportunity

L- Legacy & Development

D- Discipline & Decision



March 25th, 2026
2PM-3PM

Speaker: Darryl C. Hill

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O- Ownership & Opportunity

L- Legacy & Development

D- Discipline & Decision

SAVE Learning **SAVE**

THE Mentorship **THE**

Innovation **DATE**

Innovation &
Education
Symposium

📅 Thursday, May 14th

📍 L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge

🕒 9am - 4pm



MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



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January Joint Meeting with AIHA





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