



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

October 2026

October Newsletter

*Call for
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Dear Greater Baton Rouge Chapter Members,

Well, somehow we've made it to October! I'm not quite sure where the year went, but apparently someone hit the fast-forward button. Before we know it, we'll be talking about 2027 — so let's slow down just a little and enjoy everything we have planned for the rest of the year! We have a busy and exciting few months ahead for the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of ASSP, and I hope you'll join us for as many events as you can.

First up is the ROCO Rescue Challenge. If you've ever wondered what happens when safety, rescue skills, teamwork, and a little bit of controlled chaos come together, this is the event for you! It's a great opportunity to see some incredible rescue skills in action, support our friends at ROCO Rescue, and spend some time with fellow safety professionals outside of the typical meeting setting.

And speaking of getting outside of the typical meeting setting...we're taking things to the water! Our New Orleans Sunset Dinner Cruise is coming up, and I'm looking forward to an evening of good food, great conversation, and hopefully a beautiful sunset. It's also a great reminder that ASSP isn't just about training, regulations, audits, and trying to explain to everyone why they really do need to wear their PPE. Sometimes we just need to relax, laugh, and enjoy the company of our families and the people who understand what we do!

Then comes November and our Chapter Symposium! We've been working behind the scenes to put together another great event for our members, and I'm excited about the education, speakers, networking, and opportunities we have planned. If you haven't already marked your calendar, now is the time. You definitely don't want to hear about everything you missed from someone else!

And just when you think we're done...we're going to finish the year the only way ASSP should — with a Christmas Party!

December will be our chance to put the safety glasses away for a little while, celebrate another successful year, and enjoy some time together. We've accomplished a lot as a chapter this year, and I think that deserves to be celebrated. There may even be a little Christmas spirit involved...although I'm making no promises about how competitive our members may get if there are games or prizes involved!

Looking back, one of my favorite parts of serving as your Chapter President has been seeing the continued support and involvement from our members. From our educational programs and workshops to our social events and volunteer



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opportunities, this chapter continues to show what happens when people are willing to get involved and invest in the profession.

A huge thank you goes to our members, volunteers, sponsors, speakers, and everyone who has supported the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter throughout the year. You are what makes this chapter what it is.

We still have a lot of fun, learning, networking, and maybe a little celebrating ahead of us. So come join us, bring a friend, introduce yourself to someone new, and make the most of these last few months together.

Let's finish the year strong — and hopefully without any safety incidents at the Christmas party!

Stay safe, stay involved, and I'll see you at the next event!

Erin Warren, MBA, MS

President, ASSP The Greater Baton Rouge Chapter



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Call For Sponsors

Your sponsorship may include visibility at:

- Monthly Chapter Meetings
- Professional Development Events
- The Innovation and Education Symposium
- The Annual ASSP Golf Tournament
- Student and Young Professional Programs
- Community Outreach and Special Chapter Events

Our goal is simple: provide more value, more visibility, and more opportunities to connect with the safety professionals who influence purchasing decisions, lead projects, and help shape the future of our industry.



Arthur Pennison Jr, CSP, ASP
VP Corporate Partnerships

GBR-ASSP Annual Sponsorship Program

Cornerstone Partner - \$4,000 +

Earned recognition to any Sponsor whose combined spending on annual sponsorships, golf, Symposium booths, student fund contributions and event sponsorships reached \$4,000 or more.

Guardian Partner - \$3,500

- 4-person Golf Tournament Team
- Symposium Exhibitor Booth (11/12/2026)
- 8 Meeting Admissions
- Featured Sponsor Spotlight on Chapter Website
- Logo on all Chapter Communications
- Dedicated Company Profile Page on Website
- Priority Job Board Posting
- Permanent Name Badges (up to 6 employees)
- Sponsor Table at Any Chapter Meeting
- Recognition at Every Chapter Meeting
- Social Media Sponsor Spotlight (4 per year)
- Opportunity to provide promotional items at meetings
- 30% Discount on Additional Sponsorships
- Student Section Fund Contributor Recognition

Protector Partner - \$2,000

- Symposium Exhibitor Booth (11/12/2026)
- 4 Meeting Admissions
- Logo on Website
- Logo in Chapter Communications
- Job Board Posting
- Sponsor Table at One Meeting
- Social Media Spotlight (2 per year)
- Permanent Name Badges (4 employees)
- 15% Discount on Additional Sponsorships
- Student Section Fund Contributor Recognition

Sentinel Partner - \$1,200

- 2 Meeting Admissions
- Logo on Website
- Logo During Sponsored Meeting
- 5-Minute Speaking Opportunity
- Sponsor Table at Sponsored Meeting
- Promotional Literature Distribution
- Social Media Recognition
- Student Section Fund Contributor Recognition

Individual Meeting Sponsor - \$750

- Meeting Sponsor Recognition
- 5-Minute Speaking Opportunity
- Display Table
- Logo on Meeting Announcement
- 2 Complimentary Meeting Admissions
- Promotional Literature Distribution

GBR-ASSP Annual Sponsorship Program

All Access Pass - \$100

- Admission to all meetings

Student Section Champion

Can be purchased separately or added to any sponsorship level.

Funds support:

Student travel to conferences, professional development, scholarships and student chapter activities.

\$250+

Recognition on Website

\$500+

Website Recognition

Meeting Recognition

\$1,000+

Website Recognition

Meeting Recognition

Student Section Champion Plaque

Annual Recognition at Symposium

GBR-ASSP Annual Sponsorship Program

Symposium Sponsorship Opportunities November 12, 2026

Sponsorship	Price
• Symposium Title Sponsor 30 minute speaking opportunity during lunch - Logo recognition on all print + digital marketing materials - Logo on all day-of event materials - Logo on event lanyards 1 Exhibitor table (premier position) - Verbal recognition during opening + closing remarks 1 Reserved lunch table 4 Complimentary event tickets	\$3,000
• Lunch Sponsor	\$1,500
• Gold Sponsor - Logo recognition on all print + digital marketing materials - Logo on all day-of event materials 1 Exhibitor table (premier position) 1 Reserved lunch table 4 Complimentary event tickets	\$1,200
• Breakfast Sponsor	\$1,000
• Exhibitor Booth 1 Exhibitor table (premier position) 2 Complimentary event tickets	\$700

Sponsorship Add On Benefits

Can be added to any sponsorship level.

- 4 person Golf Team \$700
- Symposium booth \$700 **(11/12/2026)**
- 4 additional meeting admissions \$400



EVENTS SCHEDULE

2026-2027

	W/Th Oct 21-22 ROCO Rescue Challenge ROCO Training Center 9:00 am - Till Observe the ROCO Rescue Challenge & Network
	Thurs OCT 22 New Orleans Dinner Cruise Creole Queen 5:45 pm - 9:00 pm Halloween Theme - Families Welcome
	Thurs NOV 12 Innovation & Education Symposium City Club - 355 North Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70801 7:30 am - 2:30pm
	Thurs DEC 3 Christmas Social Blend Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm A Cajun Night Before Christmas- Wear your best Cajun Christmas Attire
	Tues Jan 12 Confined Spaces, Remote Management TBD 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm TBD



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2026-2027

SPONSOR
NEEDED

Tues
FEB 16
**Safety First: What Everyone
Needs to Know Before Digging**
TBD
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Brent Saltzman



WED
Mar
3, 10,
17, 24
Leadership Gold Series (Webinar)
Virtual
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm CST

SPONSOR
NEEDED

Fri
Mar 19
Golf Tournament
The Island - Plaquemine, LA
10:00 am

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Tues
Apr 20
Chapter Meeting
TBD
TBD
TBD



W-TH
Apr
28-29
Region IV PDC
Destin-Fort Walton Convention
Center



EVENTS SCHEDULE

2026-2027



**Thurs
May 6**

Awards Banquet
Parc 73
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm



**MTW
June
7-9**

Safety 2027 Conference + Expo
New Orleans Ernest N. Morial
Convention Center

CHAPTER MEETING & GUEST SPEAKER SESSION

Hear how one safety professional turned years on job sites into his own leadership and consulting company – before you graduate and wish you'd come sooner.

DATE
Wed, Oct 14

TIME
2:00 PM

LOCATION
CSTB 2013



GUEST SPEAKER

Justin Barksdale, CSP

Founder & CEO, Barksdale Leadership Solutions | Executive Director, Maxwell Leadership | Southeastern alum

WHY SHOW UP

01 His Career Path

From working occupational safety on job sites to founding his own company.

02 Leading Under Pressure

What high-stakes, safety-critical environments teach you about leading people.

03 Becoming an Entrepreneur

Why he started Barksdale Leadership Solutions, and what it took to build it.

04 Safety Meets Leadership

Where OSHA work and leadership development actually intersect.

05 Live Q&A

Bring your questions about the field, career moves, or starting a company.

06 Networking

Meet a working safety leader and consultant, face to face.



Food will be provided

Free food. Free insight. Zero reasons to skip it.

Free & Open to Everyone

(Must Register)



October 21 & 22, 2026
Roco Training Center
Baton Rouge, LA



Register Here

Join Us On the Mississippi...



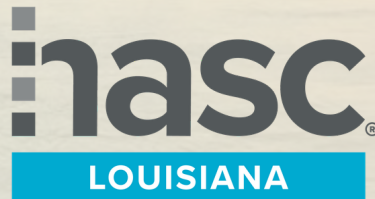
Bring the family and dress up for Halloween as we enjoy a night of socializing and sunsets.

- Trick or treating for the kids, Face painting, Balloon animals, Alligator Handler, and a dinner buffet!
- Prizes for best kids costume and best adult costume (Costume not required)!

Only \$25 per adult, kids are FREE!

Pre- Registration Required

Sponsored By:



5:45 pm - 9:00 pm

October 22, 2026

1 Poydras St., New Orleans

COME EARLY SO YOU DON'T MISS THE BOAT!
BOAT LEAVES THE DOCK AT PRECISELY 6:55 PM



INNOVATION & EDUCATION

SYMPOSIUM

AGENDA

7:30 - 8:00 AM

Registration + Breakfast

Sponsored by:



MIDWEST
Cooling Tower Services

8:00 – 8:10 AM

Opening Remarks

OPENING PLENARY

8:10 – 9:00 AM

If You're Laughing, You're Learning

Dr. Chris Rainwater, MPA, MSOH, PCSOH, DOSH(c), Owner, CorpsPro Safety | Retired Chief of Safety, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District

9:00 AM

Networking/Break

BREAKOUT SESSION A

Innovation: Drug Testing

Margaret Gilbert

9:15 AM

BREAKOUT SESSION B

Education: Life Sucks Sometimes

Laremy Stilley, CSP, Safety Manager | Arco Power Systems

10:15 AM

Networking/Break

10:30 AM

BREAKOUT SESSION C

Innovation: Cause Mapping Root Cause Analysis

Ben Dellsperger, CMRP, Operations | ThinkReliability

BREAKOUT SESSION D

Education: The Four C's of Digitizing Safety Workflow

Braden Andres, Enterprise Sales Engineer | SiteDocs



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AGENDA

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Lunch Sponsored by:



Title Sponsor Spotlight  SiteDocs
BY BLUEBEAM

12:30 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION E

Innovation: Lone Worker

Chris Pizzolato, Regional Sales Manager | Blackline Safety

BREAKOUT SESSION F

Education: Final Heat Rule Update

Dr. Tommy Hysler



1:30 PM

CLOSING PLENARY

Leadership

Ronnie Meyers

2:30 PM

Closing Remarks & Final Raffle Drawing



THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 12, 2026

City Club of Baton Rouge

355 North Blvd, Baton Rouge

LA. 70801

7:30 AM – 2:30 PM



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