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## November 7th Meeting Topic:

**Overview of the New Silica Standard and Rules**

## About our Speaker:

**Raul Guzman, Director of OSHA Training  
Institute Education Center**

Mr. Guzman has over 25 years of experience in the Construction Industry in various capacities such as: journeyman carpenter, superintendent, project manager, and safety manager. In his current capacity, he oversees OSHA's Outreach Training Program in Region IX which includes: Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam, and Samoa Islands. Mr. Guzman has oversight of over 1,000 authorized OSHA trainers who deliver 10 and 30 Hour OSHA training to approximately 15,000 workers. These responsibilities include audits, observations, monitoring activities, and investigations. He has served in the capacity of OTIEC Director for the past 5 years and serves as chair of OSHA Training Institute Education Center Curriculum Committee. He is passionate about workers' rights and employers' responsibility.



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## **20th Annual Bakersfield ASSP Symposium**



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Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
Rabobank Convention Center, Bakersfield, CA

### **Bakersfield ASSP Monthly Meetings**

Monthly meetings are held from 7:00-8:45am on the first Wednesday of the month at Hodel's Country Dining (5917 Knudsen Drive, Bakersfield CA 93308). Cost of meeting attendance is \$13 and includes breakfast buffet or custom-crafted omelet (cash/check/credit/debit cards are accepted).

The cost is only \$5 for Student and Emeritus Members of ASSP.

Your RSVP is appreciated!

Contact Fred Hrenchir at (661) 201-2651 to RSVP for the upcoming meeting.



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## Bakersfield Chapter Study Group



The Professional Development Study group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. at Continental Labor and Staffing [900 Mohawk St, Suite 120].

This study group is comprised of safety professionals seeking certifications at all levels from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP).

Anyone can join the group at any time; this is a “go at your own pace” study group. The only purchases required are study materials and a calculator. Most participants are using TI-30XIIS.

We study from materials offered by SPAN International Training. You can purchase the work books from:



[www.spansafetyworkshops.com](http://www.spansafetyworkshops.com)

Please direct emails to **Heath Taylor** if you have questions on which set of books you need to purchase.



Professional  
Development Chair



### Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board

The Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (OSHSB) meeting is where California stakeholders can attend and be heard on issues relating to the current and future enforceable standards that exist to ensure the health and safety of California workers. For more information on the OSHSB, visit:

[www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb](http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb)

You can view the agendas for past and future meetings [here](#).

## Professional Development Achievements

**Congratulations** on successfully advancing your professional development!



**Isabel Bravo** with Wonderful Citrus recently completed the requirements to become an ASP.



**Nina Burt** with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements to become a CSP.



**Mitch Mills** with Braun Electric recently completed the requirements to become a CSP.

Let us know about your professional development successes too!

Certification info at [www.bcsf.org](http://www.bcsf.org).



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## Awards & Honors



Kevin Banks with Nusil Technology was recognized at the October ASSP meeting for going above and beyond his job duties to ensure the safety of others.

Jim Elmore was recognized at the October ASSP meeting for his commitment to the Health and Safety profession. Jim recently retired from Aera Energy LLC.



Helen Ordway, Jason Kibbey, Joe Canas, and Isabel Bravo represented the Bakersfield Chapter at the annual ASSP Leadership Conference.

More than 240 volunteer leaders representing the full spectrum of ASSP communities gathered recently in Chicago for the Society's annual Leadership Conference. The program featured a mix of best practices and development sessions on a wide range of topics as well as updates on key initiatives from senior volunteer leaders. The conference is a great opportunity for our volunteers to collaborate, find solutions and develop skills that can help them succeed in the ASSP roles and in their careers.





# ASSP Foundation Invites Students and Professionals to Apply for \$370,000 in Aid

The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Foundation will accept [scholarship and grant applications](#) from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1 for its annual disbursement of financial awards in 2019. More than \$370,000 is available through nearly 100 awards to occupational safety and health students and professionals, thanks to the generosity of corporate donors and the ASSP community.

Scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate students, including full-time, part-time and international students studying in the United States. Applicants must be enrolled in an occupational safety or related degree program and have a grade point average of 3.0 for undergraduates and 3.5 for graduates. Professional education grants are available to established safety professionals looking to further their careers through certification, college coursework, conference registration or similar learning opportunities.

“Our scholarship and grant program has helped hundreds of students and professionals advance their education and careers in a meaningful way,” said ASSP Foundation Chair Linda M. Tapp, CSP. “Our donors have consistently supported the occupational safety and health profession by contributing awards that range from \$500 to \$15,000. Their involvement every year demonstrates that safety careers are vital in helping to protect workplaces everywhere.”

Candidates must only complete one online application to be eligible for all available awards. Recipients are matched with the criteria set forth by the fund’s donor, and those selected will be notified in April.

“Your generosity has inspired me to help others, continue to work and study hard, and to eventually be able to help students reach their academic goals in the same way you are helping me,” said Slippery Rock University student Makenzie Herbinko, who previously received a \$10,000 Bechtel Corporation Impact Scholarship to study safety management. She expects to graduate in 2019.

Scholarship and grant applicants can get more information on the program by reading [frequently asked questions](#). Additional questions should be directed to the ASSP Foundation at [asspfoundation@assp.org](mailto:asspfoundation@assp.org) or 847.699.2929.

The ASSP Foundation – the charitable arm of the Society that was chartered in 1990 – receives contributions from society members and their families, its chapters, regions, common interest groups and corporations motivated to support the occupational safety and health profession. It has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships and professional education grants, helping more than 1,300 safety students and professionals. The ASSP Foundation provides resources for educational advancement, leadership development and research. For more details on the ASSP Foundation and its many programs, visit [foundation.assp.org](http://foundation.assp.org).



# *Welcome New Members*

Although guests are **always** welcome, ASSP loves it when new members join. Here are a few of the most recent new members. If you see them at an ASSP function, please give them a friendly welcome.

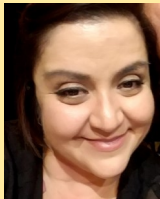
## **Chris Vochoska - Membership Chair**

*Martin Amezcua*  
Bakersfield College

*Jacqueline Alvarado Nunez*  
Student Member

*John Arter*  
JTI Electrical & Instrumentation

*Dale Bryan*  
Colombo Construction



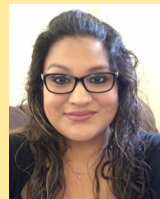
*Chris Smithen*  
IES Engineering



*Kim Dixon*  
Agriculture Capital  
Operations



*Ruben Berumen*  
Instrument Control Services



*Julia Medina*  
Student Member



*Stuart Lovi  
Vallen*



*Brandon Pettit*  
Chevron



*Ty Trimm*  
Wonderful Orchards



*Bud Van Wie*  
JTI Electrical &  
Instrumentation

## **“Thank You”**

**Jose Perez, Isidro Ramirez, & David Ramos**

**Thank you** for sponsoring new chapter members. Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP, are the ones who really help our Chapter and the profession grow!



## A Look Ahead

December 5th Topic:

### **Workers' Compensation vs. Personal Injury: Key Distinctions Every Employer Should Know**

Speaker: **Jerry W. Pearson**, Law Offices of Young Wooldridge, LLP



Mr. Pearson is a managing partner at Young Wooldridge, LLP and leads the firm's Business Department. He represents business owners and management in labor and employment issues and ensures his clients stay in compliance with the State and Federal labor laws. He has successfully defended employers in wage and hour matters, as well as cases alleging harassment, discrimination, wrongful termination and other labor-related issues before the California State

Superior Court, the California Court of Appeals, the United States District Court, the California Labor Commissioner, and the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. In his representation of employers, he has also drafted and helped to implement "Return to Work/Interactive Process" programs, which help employers determine if reasonable accommodations exist for an employee's return to work from injury or disability leave. Mr. Pearson prides himself on getting to know his clients and their businesses before he represents them, so he can provide optimal legal counsel tailored to the specific client.

### No Cost Classes at Westec

Westec offers no cost safety classes to ASSP members transitioning between jobs who have no financial backing. All Veterans without financial support are also eligible for no cost safety classes.

<https://www.westec.org>





Get involved with

# WISE

**Women in Safety Excellence**

**WISE** stands for **Women In Safety Excellence**, but don't let the name fool you. We welcome anyone interested in the advancement of women in EHS and other safety-related professions.

Bakersfield WISE is a very active part of the Chapter. We invite all WISE women, WISE guys, and guests to participate in our monthly meetings and activities.

**Our Objectives:**

- ⇒ Fostering an environment that allows members to share ideas
- ⇒ Promoting EHS in our community
- ⇒ Networking to strengthen professional relationships
- ⇒ Advancing the professional development of our members
- ⇒ Mentoring women

## Upcoming Meetings

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## Events

November

### Professional Development

**Topic:** Body Mechanics

**Speaker:** Mr. Tom Traut, M.Ed., RKT; President/Owner of Functional Ergonomics

**Date:** Thursday, November 15th

**Time:** 6:00—8:00 PM

**Where:** NuSil Technology  
2343 Pegasus Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93308

For more information, please email your Bakersfield WISE Chair [Lisa Marriott-Smith](#) or join us on [Facebook](#)!



Bakersfield WISE was featured in October's ASSP Society Update. Look for the story here: <https://www.assp.org/news/society-update>



## 99th Bakersfield Veterans Parade

Monday November 12

The Bakersfield Chapter of ASSP will be participating in this event.

The theme is **Veterans in Safety**, so dress in your PPE.

If you are interested in participating please RSVP by November 11, to Michael Garcia at [mgarcia178@slb.com](mailto:mgarcia178@slb.com)

**Important Notice**





## Government Affairs

**Terry Ellis**  
*Government  
Affairs Chair*



The following information was recently sent out from Society

Greetings All:

This is a summary/update addressing some of Society's governmental affairs issues since August. We hope this information is of value and look forward to hearing any feedback or comments you may have:

### **National Issues**

#### **#1: OSHA and EPA MOU on TSCA**

The Society is continuing to monitor the issue of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OSHA and EPA on the Toxic Substances Control Act to address chemicals that the EPA reviews under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). TSCA permits the EPA to require additional worker protections such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for a chemical, but EPA in the past considered OSHA's Permissible Exposure Limit's (PEL) as outdated. The MOU continues EPA's efforts to collaborate with OSHA concerning worker safety, but also meets the mandates of the 2016 updates to TSCA (Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act). Late last year an industry group, the TSCA New Chemicals Coalition (NCC), suggested the EPA forge a process with OSHA to consult about worker exposure.

#### **#2. Raise Awareness of Fall Protection Management Programs**

September 18, 2018: ASSP called on OSHA to elevate the importance of fall protection management programs and advise employers to look to consensus standards such as ANSI/ASSP Z359 and ANSI/ASSP A10 for the latest industry practices.

#### **#3. OSHA Extends Some Compliance Dates for Beryllium Standard**

August 9, 2018: OSHA is extending the compliance date for specific ancillary requirements of the general industry beryllium standard to Dec. 12, 2018. The extension maintains essential safety and health protections for workers, the agency states, while giving it time to work on a proposal that would clarify certain provisions of the standard and address employers' compliance burdens.





# Key Facts About ASSP

- Founded in 1911, we are the longest-running safety society and the most respected advocate for workplace safety and health professionals.
- Our more than 37,000 members are dedicated to making their workplaces safer and healthier, and we share in their commitment.
- We are the preferred source for education among occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals — accredited by the [International Association for Continuing Education and Training](#) (IACET), and authorized to offer IACET CEUs for programs that qualify under the [ANSI/IACET standard](#).
- We connect great people to great resources — supporting more than 150 chapter communities in the United States and abroad, as well as practice specialties, common interest groups and student communities that enable OSH professionals to engage on a global scale.

## ASSP's Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

**The more of your friends who join, the more REWARDS**

- \*Refer 3 friends to receive 1 FREE ASSP Webinar
- \*Refer 5 friends to receive a FREE 1-year extension of your ASSP Membership
- \*Refer 10 friends to receive an ASSP Polo Shirt + 1 FREE ASSP Seminar (amount not to exceed \$350)

**Grand Prize Drawing:** For every new paid member you sponsor January-December 2018, you will receive an entry to win the Grand Prize drawing for a trip to SAFETY 2019 in New Orleans including:

- \*Full SAFETY 2019 registration June 9-12 in New Orleans, LA
- \*Three nights hotel accommodations June 9, 10 and 11, at one of ASSP's conference hotels
- \*\$250 AMEX card to use for expenses

*\*Prize not to exceed \$2,000 US.*

**Your Friend wins too!**

In addition to all of their new ASSP Membership benefits, every time a new member joins with code 1801RAF they receive 1 FREE ASSP Webinar.

**Questions?**

Contact ASSP customer service at +01.847.699.2929  
or [customerservice@assp.org](mailto:customerservice@assp.org).

## Become a Member!

**Guests:** Complete application at [www.assp.org](http://www.assp.org).

**Students:** Join for **only \$15/year** and receive a free year membership upon your graduation (wow!)-what a great deal!

As an ASSP member, you will elevate your career, gain knowledge, tools and resources to prevent worker injuries, illnesses and fatalities, help improve your company's performance, and become part of a vibrant community of over 37,000 safety professionals working together for a safer, stronger future.



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For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter as a service to you, our members, please contact Gary Ray via email at [rayg@kerncounty.com](mailto:rayg@kerncounty.com).



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