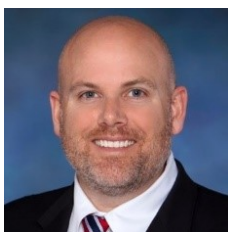




The April 1 Chapter meeting has been CANCELLED due to the recent Coronavirus outbreak

May 6 Meeting Topic

Artificial Intelligence and Risk Management



**Chris Hagan, Partner at
Hagan Law Group**

Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) has been a game changer in risk management. Although AI has admittedly created new liabilities for companies, it can be used as a risk management tool in companies large and small. The objectives of this session will be to familiarize businesses with AI and how it can be used in different fields to reduce potential liability or exposure in your companies. (AI usage has grown as it relates to claims decisions (machine algorithms calling the shots), the ramifications of taking the human out of decision-making processes, qualifications of AI vendors, data protection and

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 \$15 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! RSVP for the upcoming meeting by emailing [Chris Vochoska](mailto:Chris.Vochoska@hodel.com).



A Little about ASSP

- ⇒ Founded in 1911, ASSP is the longest running safety organizations 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 the Bakersfield Chapter shares in their commitment.
- ⇒ ASSP connects 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 occupational safety and health professionals to engage on a global scale.
- ⇒ ASSP members create safer work environments by preventing workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses. Safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction, and a better reputation while recording less lost time, and lower workers' compensation and healthcare costs.
- ⇒ ASSP publishes the [Professional Safety Journal](#): a flagship monthly journal and top member benefit covering the latest safety management and injury prevention trends.
- ⇒ ASSP produces a [podcast now](#) - Safety Standards and Tech Pubs Podcast will help you stay up to speed on the latest in industry consensus safety standards and technical publications.

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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.

For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter as a service to you - our members - please contact Dave Lee at leed@kerncounty.com.



21st Annual Bakersfield Symposium

In response to the rapidly changing circumstances associated with COVID-19, and in accordance with the executive order from the Governor of California, the ASSP leadership team and the Bakersfield Symposium Planning Committee postponed the 2020 Bakersfield Symposium.

In terms of logistics, all registrations will be rolled over to the 2021 Symposium. The planning committee is currently working with the Mechanics Bank Convention Center and the Bakersfield Marriott to finalize a March 2021 date. Once we have a new date for the Symposium, we will notify everyone.

Our top priority is protecting the health and well-being of ASSP members, attendees, guests, vendors, sponsors, speakers 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, Center for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization, as well as information from our local health and government authorities. Thank you for your support of the Bakersfield ASSP Symposium.

If you have any questions, please call Erika May at 661-472-6591 or e-mail safety@safetybakersfield.com.



Welcome New Members

The Chapter loves when we can welcome new members!

- ♦ Tanner Harris, CSU Bakersfield
- ♦ Tony Castiglione - Life Saver Safety
- ♦ Anthony Campos & Blake Brown - Wm. Bolthouse Farms
 - ♦ Eulogio Villasenor - C&J Energy Services
 - ♦ Neil McNew - South Valley Farms
 - ♦ Troy Hackett - Wilbur-Ellis
- ♦ Abel Aguilar & Mauricio Centeno - CSUB
- ♦ Daniel Navarrete & Sarai Medrano - CSUB
- ♦ Robert Calderon - Rancho Tree Service
- ♦ Isaac Lopez - Student Member

Steve Wittels - Thank you for sponsoring Danielle Rendon

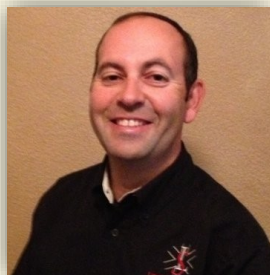
David Mersereau - Thank you for sponsoring Eulogio Villasenor

Steve Wittels - Thank you for sponsoring Neil McNew

Laura Medrano - Thank you for sponsoring Sarai Medrano

*Quinlan Brown - Thank you for sponsoring Mauricio Centeno &
Daniel Navarrete*

*Janie Dyer - Thank you for sponsoring Anthony Campos & Blake
Brown*



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Members and Chapter Friends Spotlight!



Shane Kelley started a new position as Environmental Health Safety Specialist at Crimson Resource Management Corp.

David Crow started a new position as Manager, Safety & Training at Quanta Services, Inc.



Congrats to Luis Gonzalez with RLH Fire Protection on completing the requirements for the Safety Management Specialist (SMS)!

Chuck Cartwright started as the Vice President of Safety and Risk Management at Patriot Environmental Services.



Congrats to Maurice Walker for starting a new position as EHS Representative at Balfour Beatty US Civil

Congrats to Keith Usery for starting a new position as HSE Manager at Oxy Petroleum.



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Chapter Leader Nominations

We are proud to announce this year's nominees for election to our 2020-2021 Chapter Executive Committee!

PRESIDENT ELECT

Albert Lopez

SECRETARY

Lisa Marriott-Smith

TREASURER

Helen Ordway

DELEGATE

Fred Hrenchir and Jose Perez

***Per chapter by-laws any fifteen (15) Chapter Members may submit a signed petition nominating one or more individuals for elective office. The petition shall be accompanied by a written acceptance by the nominee(s) and shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee 30 days in advance of the election. The name and qualifications of such nominees shall be published and distributed to the membership at least 15 days prior to the election.**



UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING

June 3 - Christy Moran

State Compensation Insurance Fund



How Effective Is Your Injury and Illness Prevention Program

A vital key to the effectiveness of an Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) is the implementation of the program. An IIPP is not “One Size Fits All”. In order to be effective, it must address the specifics of the company, the operations and the employees. An IIPP is not a Guidebook-it is an Action Plan!

Christy's second career began with an insurance company working her way through personal lines, health and life insurance, AD&D and kidnap and ransom. (We insured the Power Rangers!). She began her career with State Fund in 2000 as an Underwriting Tech. After 3 years in Underwriting she moved to Auditing and was promoted to Senior Auditor handling more difficult and complex audits. In 2010, she became a Safety Consultant in Loss Control and is currently a Loss Prevention Engineer (celebrating 20 years with State Fund in September)!

The primary focus of her job is to meet with employers and their employees to encourage them to recognize safety as a vital part of their company. She also enjoys delivering seminars and speaking to groups on various safety topics.



New Member Social Pictures!

