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Isabel Bravo




Farwell Letter from our Chapter President

As I reflect on the past 12 months, I can honestly say that I had a great ride. Coming into the president role of the Bakersfield chapter was a huge undertaking. But one that was supported by a very engaged executive leadership committee. The members in this committee are the ones who make it possible for someone in this role to succeed. I was eager to get started. Quickly, I set up to set some goals for our chapter.

My first goal was to begin a partnership with CSUB for a mentoring program. Education and mentoring are near and dear to my heart and we started with 6 pairings of mentor/mentee through their RAMP mentoring program. A lot has happened in this school year, but we still manage to mentor the students from the OSH Club at CSUB. My hope is that we continue with our partnership at CSUB and find ways to do the same with Bakersfield College and Taft College.

I also tapped two engaging ladies, Vanessa and Janie to start a Hispanic Safety Professional group within our chapter. They quickly formed a sub-committee and started engaging additional safety professionals. They are looking forward to offering additional professional development sessions with topics and emphasis on the Hispanic workforce. I'm excited to see what they will accomplish in the coming year.



The year was going smoothly and then at the beginning of the new year, the COVID-19 pandemic came in full force. This change brought our symposium and monthly professional development meetings to a halt. For the first time in our recent history, we cancelled our annual symposium and our monthly meeting for the month of April due to stay at home orders statewide. It caught us all by surprise and there was a huge learning curve about how to protect our workers. Many of us work for companies deemed essential and had to continue working with additional safety measures that changed daily. But we couldn't stay paralyzed and not offer our members the professional development meeting we've come to be known for. Instead, we re-group and offer in May our first virtual meeting using the GoToWebinar platform. Another example of our executive leadership committee's commitment to serving our members. And our members responded with great enthusiasm by participating in great numbers on the May and June webinars.

Wrapping up my year as president is bitter sweet because I'm energized to keep serving and working with such great servant leaders. But just like I had this amazing opportunity to serve, I hope that Joe has a great experience too. The challenges and growth will continue but with this executive leadership committee in place, Joe too will be successful. With engaged members, we will continue to do our best to serve them.

It has been a pleasure to serve each one of you. It has been a pleasure to work with the best executive committee members ever. Thank you, Lisa, Helen, Fred, Joe, Chris, Dave C, Michael, Sandra, Dave L, Guy, Steve, Floyd, David M, Jon, Jamie, Albert, Michael, Jose, Jason, PK, Joe, George, Catherine, Tony, Vanessa, Janie, Mark R, and Mark S., I can honestly say, I have a profound respect for all of you. I am blessed.



Details for the July Bakersfield Chapter Webinar Session!

July 1, 2020 Webinar Meeting from 7:30AM to 8:45AM

How to Avoid Compliance Issues Commonly Seen Around Heat Illness Prevention

Greg will discuss Heat Illness Prevention including common compliance issues the Division sees in field (agriculture, oil and construction) and how to avoid these pitfalls. Time permitting, he will offer a few highlights about respirable crystalline silica compliance, regulation changes, and DIR resources available to employers who would like more information.

If you miss the live webinar, it will be recorded on the GoToWebinar platform and be made available within a few days after the live session to listen to on your own time. It will also be available [through this link](#). An email will be sent out once the recording of the session is available.

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Graduate Spotlight Student Members

Congratulation Class of 2020! Well done on achieving your goal as you faced unprecedented challenges in your final semester. Your hard work and dedication have made us so proud of you. You are moving on to a new and exciting chapter in your life. We wish you all the best!

Become an ASSP Member

General Membership is under \$200 per year!

Students can join for only \$15/year and receive a free year membership upon your graduation!

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.

New Member Promotion

Complete the [online application](#) and use code 206Bakersfield to waive the \$25 App Fee & receive a \$25 Restaurant.com Gift Card



Complete the Membership application at www.assp.org.

Chapter Webpage Feature of the Month

Awards & Honors

Recognizing someone for having made a significant health and safety impact in your organization or community is vital! The Awards & Honor team is ready to hear your stories. Any member of the Bakersfield Chapter can nominate an individual(s). Nominees do not have to be a member of ASSP and can hold another primary duty beyond health and safety.

What Happens Next?

- Submit a nomination and story to the Chapter
- Nominees are reviewed by committee
- Successful nominations will be recognized at the monthly Chapter meeting
- Complimentary breakfast provided to nominee



<https://bakersfield.assp.org/ehs-award-nomination-form/>

Dr. Daniel J. Snyder

Effective OHS professionals must be able adapt when advising stakeholders and leveraging influence on decisions about matters impacting workplace safety. The decision-making process is defined as the option to have a choice amongst alternative courses of action. In this session, the facilitator will use case studies and interactive dialogue exploring how safety professionals influence decision-makers and how an adaptive, Slow Safety™ approach affects occupational health and safety (OHS) performance outcomes. The future safety professional's role is transforming from a technical and compliance-based manager to an innovative, adaptive safety leader. This program is based on Dr. Snyder's research and consulting experience focus on how OHS professional competencies, capacities and capabilities are influential on organizational decision making.



August 5th Meeting

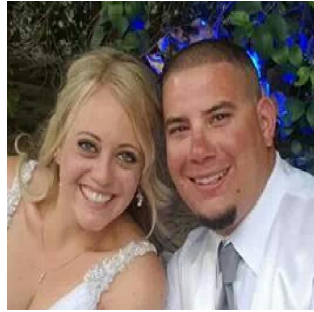
Slow Safety™

How Adaptive OHS Professionals Influence Decisions

7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

The meeting will be hosted virtually. Details to be sent out at a later date via email.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT



Congrats to the following members for starting new positions!

Anthony Carmona – Dollar General, Safety & Training Manager

Debra Sovay – NuSil Technology, EHS Manager

Steve Settlemire – Aera Energy, Safety Specialist

Rachel Roberts – Area Energy, Process Safety Engineer

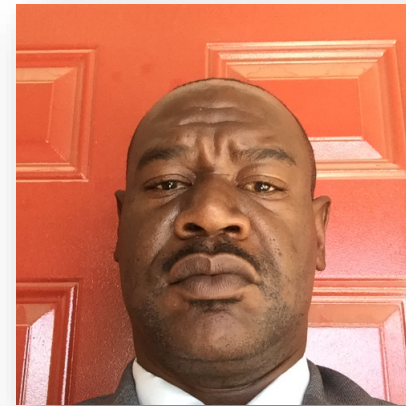
Christine Lujan – Mid-Cal Technical, President & Managing Partner

Jim Zaben – LZ Consultings, Environmental Consultant



Congratulations to Richard Gooden with Sturgeon Services International for successfully advancing your professional development by completing the requirements to become a Construction Health & Safety Technician®

- ✓ Rogelio Alvarez – Mallory Services & Supply
- ✓ Chris Headley - Cupertino Electric, Inc
- ✓ Efrem Williams - Student Member & Thinking Safety, LLC



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



A Little About ASSP

ASSP publishes the [Professional Safety Journal](#): a flagship monthly journal and top member benefit covering the latest safety management and injury prevention trends.

Our more than 40,000 members are dedicated to making their workplaces safer and healthier, and the Bakersfield Chapter shares in their commitment.

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 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.



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.



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