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# The Bakersfield Chapter's September Webinar

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

## Valley Fever from A to Z!

*Dr. Johnson will give a 'Train the Trainer' type presentation on Valley Fever. Dr. Johnson has a perspective and knowledge of the disease that is unmatched and his objective is expand Valley Fever knowledge to the novice and most experienced attendee.*

*Description of webinar presentation - Introduction and history; Risk factors, symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment; Prognosis and Mitigation in occupational health including high risk areas and environments; Reduction of occupational exposure through job design and PPE; Workers Compensation and Valley Fever.*

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.

**Dr. Royce H. Johnson**



**Medical Director of the  
Valley Fever Institute at  
Kern Medical**

# 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!*

*Complete the [online application](#) today!*

*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***

*Keep a look out for future new member promos!*



Complete the Membership application at [www.assp.org](http://www.assp.org).

- ✓ Genessa Hager- Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream
  - ✓ George Baker – Succinct Safety
- ✓ Bryan Payne - Environmental Waste Minimization, Inc / Rapid Response, Inc



Thanks to Edwina Stewart for sponsoring our new chapter member, Genessa Hager. Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP, are the ones who really help our Chapter and the profession grow!

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

## ***November 4, 2020 Webinar Meeting***

***Chris Hagan, Attorney***  
***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 confidentiality, and more.

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



# Feature of the Month

## Hispanic Safety Professionals

“We advance Hispanic safety professionals in the occupational safety and health profession through networking, collaboration, education and mentoring. We aim to help members of our community achieve their fullest professional potential and are dedicated to advocating for the unique issues facing Latino workers through outreach, research and community collaboration.”

In August, our chapter hosted “The Fight Against COVID-19: Understanding & Addressing Cultural Challenges Among Hispanic Populations” as a webinar. You can find the recorded webinars, one in Spanish and one in English, [here](#).

### Presenters



Jaime Arnoldo Bichara, M.D.  
Medical Director  
Cypress Creek Medical Center  
**Concentra**



Alberto Brioso, MS, CIH, CSP, CPE, ARM  
Senior Safety & Health Consultant  
Industrial Hygiene Specialist  
**TheZenith** A FAIRFAX Company



Vanessa Galvan, CSP, AFIS  
Agriculture Program Manager  
Corporate Safety & Health  
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Jose Perez, CSHM, SMS, OHST, CIT, CHST  
Senior Manager  
Environmental Health and Safety  
**theWonderfulcompany**



# MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

Every month, we love to spotlight and congratulate our chapter members and friends on their professional development and successes!

**Chris Miller, CSP** completed his Emergency Medical Technician class and recently passed his Emergency Medical Technician national registry

**Joseph Bravo** – Safety Specialist at Buttonwillow Warehouse Company

**Israel Garcia, CHST, OHST** – Area EHS Manager at Oldcastle Infrastructure

**Shane Baird, GSP, CHST** – Health & Safety Coordinator at Ferrovial Agroman US Corp.

**Vicky Furnish** – Senior Manager, Site Assessment & Remediation at SoCal Edison

# Events Opportunities

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers, Southern California Chapter offers a number of free opportunities for events and training.

Past trainings include Two-Way Communication Systems, An Overview of NFPA 241 Fundamentals, Smoke Control Testing and Acceptance, Fire and Life Safety Updates at OSHPD, and Smoke Control Approaches in Tall Buildings.

Find current and past [events here](#). Events are planned via Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

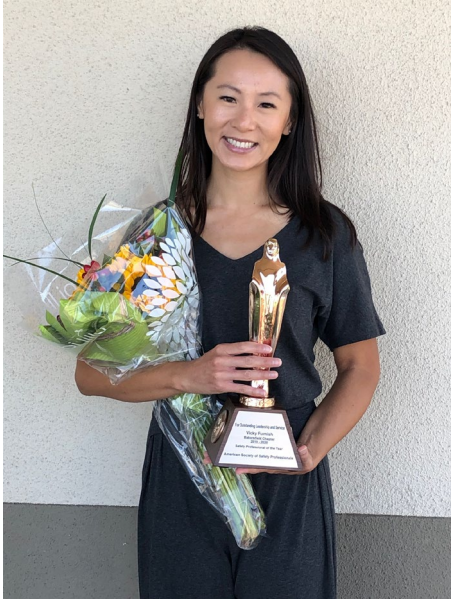


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**Vicky Furnish – Chapter Safety  
Professional of the Year**



**Gary Chambers – Frank Rosenlieb  
Lifetime Achievement Award**



**Helen Ordway – Chapter Rising  
Star in Safety Award**



**George Clarke – Chapter Rising  
Star in Safety Award**

Due to the unusual circumstances this year, the Chapter was unable to recognize these very deserving EHS professionals at our symposium in March. We waited to see if we could do it at an in-person monthly meeting and that didn't happen either. So, it was long overdue to announce the recipients of this year's ASSP Bakersfield Rising Star, Safety Professional of the Year, and Frank Rosenlieb awards. Please help us congratulate this year's recipients as recognition for their dedication to our profession and our chapter.

# EHS Professional Awards



# 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](mailto:leed@kerncounty.com).



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