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## American Society of Safety Professionals

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**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2020-2021



**GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2019-2020



**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2018-2019



**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2017-2018



**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2016-2017

# Feature of the Month

## OHSA Penalties

The cost of OSHA violations increased on January 15. Protecting lives is our top priority, but failing to follow safety rules can result in major fines. Being OSHA compliant protects workers and the bottom line. To see the maximum penalty amounts, visit <https://www.osha.gov/penalties>.

Top 10 Citations - 1) Fall Protection 2) Respiratory Program 3) Ladders 4) Scaffolding 5) Hazard Communication 6) Lockout/Tagout 7) Fall Protection Training 8) Eye & Face Protection 9) Powered Industrial Trucks 10) Machine Guarding

**February 2, 2022 – 7:00AM to 8:45AM**

## **Effective OSH Performance Measurement and the ANSI/ASSP Z.16**

**Alexi Carli – President of Carli Consulting LLC & Chair of Z.16 Committee of Safety & Health Performance Measurement**

*Z16 encourages safety professionals and other users to look beyond traditional measures of evaluating performance to examine criteria such as leading and lagging indicators, the dollar value of safety controls and KPIs. It also emphasizes that greater attention needs to be paid to how safety and health performance impact work well being, as well as a company's reputation and financial standing. This presentation will share the expectations of the standard and how they will help benefit organizations.*



**Attend in person or [register here for the Zoom meeting](#).**

# CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

**Javier Gonzalez** with PCL Industrial Services recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional®

**Our new Chapter Historian & Public Relations Chair!**  
Aaron Aragon & Jared McKnight

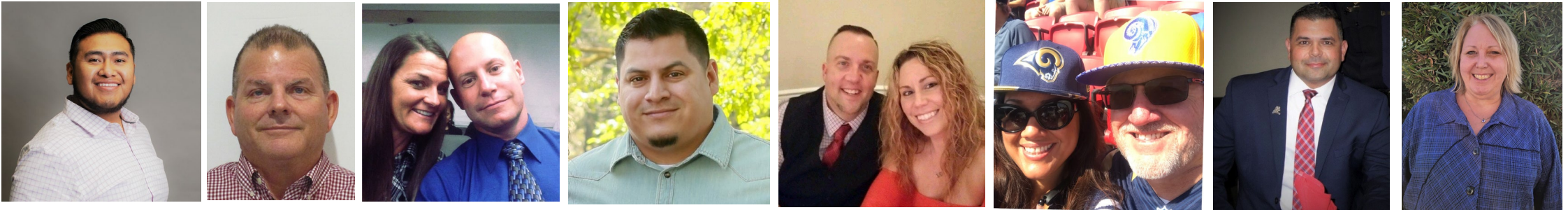
**Meet the Bakersfield College Student Section Officers!**  
Donald Frye – President  
Brian Franco – Vice President  
Kim Rathburn – Treasurer  
Justin Carter – Secretary



*Let us know if you have taken on a new job position or if you have successfully completed a professional development program!*

Donald, Brian, Kim & Justin pictured

- ✓ Augustin Lopez - Continental Labor & Staffing; Dan Starkey - Aera Energy
- ✓ Jared Willingham - Safety Tek; Bob Blanton - EWMI, Inc.; Staci Kennedy - Kern Oil
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- ✓ Maite Pulgarin - Bakersfield College; Evan Demestihias - Trinity Safety Company



Augustin, Dan, Jared, Daniel, Bob, Joe, Evan, and Staci pictured (left to right). Thanks to Daniel Bustos and Joe Fittos for sponsoring our new chapter members, Augustin Lopez and Bob Blanton. Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP, are the ones who really help our Chapter and the profession grow!

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



# ASSP Industry News & Articles

1. An occupational health and safety management system (OHSMS) has many important parts – [What Is the Most Important Part of Your OHSMS?](#)
2. Taking these five steps can help an organization create a more open and supportive workplace culture in which workers are comfortable talking about challenges they are facing and seeking help – [Can Your Workplace Culture Help Prevent Suicide?](#)
3. Julia Kunlo, CSP, Vice President at Evolution Safety Resources – [Accidentally a Safety Professional? Here's What You Need to Learn Right Away \(Podcast Episode 72\)](#)

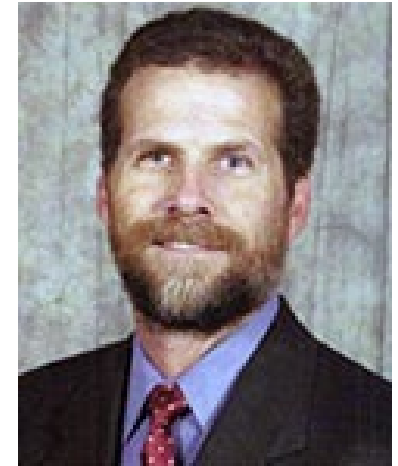
# **March 2, 2021 Chapter Meeting**

**Michael Geyer PE, CSP, CIH – KERNTEC Industries**

## **Building Ventilation and COVID Compliance**

*Should we install filters with a higher MERV (Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value) rating in our building's ventilation system? What about HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filters? Should we push 100% outdoor-air into our buildings? The CDC says: Increased building ventilation rates controls COVID transmission ... but does it? The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) has provided COVID-19 Response Resources. The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) has published a guidance document titled Reducing the Risk of COVID-19 Using Engineering Controls - the document was Sponsored by the AIHA's Indoor Environmental Quality Committee. Michael will help us sort through resources to optimize building ventilation, assist with COVID compliance and suggest reasonable means to enhance the control of bioaerosols without busting the budget.*

Michael Geyer has worked for over 30 years in the field of environmental assessment, hazard mitigation, remediation, and safe work-practices.



He is a California-licensed general engineering contractor, licensed Professional Engineer, board-certified in Industrial Hygiene, and CSP.

Attend in-person at Hodel's or attend via [Zoom by registering here](#).

# EHS Pros on the Move!

**Robin Adkins**, Safety Coordinator @ A-C Electric Company

**Cruz Cuen**, Safety Consultant @ Global Safety Group LLC

**Staci Kennedy**, H&S Manager @ Kern Oil and Refining

**Jon Hall**, Senior EHS Specialist @ Avantor

**Debbie Rodriguez**, Contractor OE Management Advisor  
for Intl' Upstream Business Units @ Chevron

**Heath Taylor**, Senior Manager, Construction Safety @  
The Wonderful Company

**Jared McKnight**, Regional Vice President @ Safesite

**Shauna Whiting**, HSE District Coordinator @ TEAM

**Nestor Perez**, Business Development & Risk Control  
Manager @ Safesite



Cruz, Staci, Jon, Debbie, Heath, Jared, Shauna, & Nestor pictured



# Bylaws Amendment Vote

The Executive Committee has approved an amendment to the Bakersfield Chapter Bylaws, Article VI (Nominations & Election of Officers), Section 6. The motion is to reword this section to state: “The chapter shall utilize Society sponsored electronic voting. The ballot process shall be open 15 days beginning on May 1. Results will be announced no later than the June membership meeting.”

General membership voting and approval of the amended Bakersfield Chapter Bylaws will take place during an upcoming monthly meeting. Current bylaws are available for viewing on the [Chapter Library online](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Jon Hall](#) or [Chris Vochoska](#).

***Congratulations to Dave Lee with Kern County Public Works for winning the 2021 Bakersfield Chapter Membership drawing!***

Past Winners – Stan Geist (2020), Erik Eklund (2019), Sandra Monroy (2018), Greg May (2017), Stephanie Hall (2016), Robby Deford (2015), Dave Crow (2014), Guy Waski (2013), Ben Laverty III (2012), Gary Chambers (2011), Albert Lopez (2010), Kim Lawler (2009), Frank Beattie (2008), Ernie Ernest (2007), Norm Fox (2006), Bill Ronge (2005), Frank Rosenlieb (2004)

***Don't forget that every Chapter meeting you attend through the year enters you into the drawing! The more chapter meetings you attend the more chances you have to win.***



## **Bakersfield Chapter Membership Drawing**

# Become an ASSP Member

***General Membership is under \$200 per year!***

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

*New Member Promotion! In Celebration of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bakersfield Chapter Symposium (March 23, 2022), use code 221Bakersfield to waive the \$25 application fee and also receive a \$25 Restaurant.com gift card.*

*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.*



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

# Professional Development

Have you been thinking about advancing your professional development by completing the requirements for a BCSP certification? Could you use a little study group accountability to help stay on track?

The Bakersfield Chapter Professional Development Study Groups are ramping up again, virtually this time for now. The group will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:30pm using the Zoom Meeting Platform.



You do not need to be a member of ASSP to participate. Tell us which certification you are considering so we can best serve your needs. We can cover materials for the OHST, CHST, ASP, CSP, and CHMM.

Questions? Feel free to contact McKell Sanderson, the new ASSP Bakersfield Chapter Professional Development Chair. Reach out to receive the Zoom link.

Text or call at (801) 234-0307 or via [email](#).

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# ERM CLUB NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to the Spring Semester



I hope you all had a wonderful winter break and are ready to take on this semester. The ERM club has added on two new officers to the club. we would like to welcome Julnar Azzam as our secretary and Isiah Figueroa as our treasure. Returning officers include Minaya Valentine as our VP and Gabriela Medina as the President.

## Find us on Facebook and Instagram



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## Advisors

**Club Advisor:** Dr.Aaron Hedge  
[shegde@csub.edu](mailto:shegde@csub.edu)

**ASSP Liaison:** Isabel Bravo  
[Isabel.Bravo@wonderful.com](mailto:Isabel.Bravo@wonderful.com)

## Reminders

Our next meeting will be in February the date is tba. If you would like a speaker on a certain topic please reach out to any officer so that we can make it happen.

# ERM CLUB NEWSLETTER



## **Secretary: Julnar Azzam**

Hello! My name is Julnar Al Azzam, I'm a Biochemistry major at CSUB! I'm a first year student and I'm passionate about using chemical and biological applications to find solutions for environmental dangers! I'm so grateful to be your secretary.

**Email: Jal1@csub.edu**

## **About Us**

### **President: Gabriela Medina**

"I am a ERM major doing the general track. I'm a transfer from Bakersfield college where I majored in forestry. Once I graduate from CSUB i'm hoping to become a park ranger."

**Email: Gmedina26@csub.edu**

### **Vice President: Minaya Valentine**

"I am currently enrolled as a sophomore at CSUB and I work on campus at the food pantry. I enjoy learning new things as well as being a source of support."

**Email: Mvalentine@csub.edu**

### **Treasurer: Isiah Figueroa**

"I am a senior, my major is in ERM with a concentration in occupational safety and health. I don't know exactly what career I want to pursue, but I am currently doing conservation work."

**Email: Ifigueroa@csub.edu**



# 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.

Is your company looking for a qualified safety professional? Contact [Chris Vochoska](#) to have the opening posted on this page.

If you are looking for job postings, find current opportunities shared with the Chapter on the [Chapter website](#).

You can find Chapter Documents, Member Updates, Newsletters, and Presentations on our [Chapter Library page](#).

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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