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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

March 23rd – 22nd Annual Bakersfield ASSP Symposium

The 2002 Bakersfield Safety Symposium is happening at the Mechanics Bank Convention Center. A great event is in store for all attendees! For registration & details, visit www.SafetyBakersfield.com. The symposium provides one of the most sought after events for attendees to learn the profession's best practices focusing on safety, health, and environmental issues. The annual symposium features an exhibition of over 50+ sponsors and exhibitors and boasts over 400 attendees. The event features a keynote speaker and multiple breakout sessions running concurrent throughout the day.

The Nominations Committee proudly announces the nominees for election to the 2022-2023 Chapter Executive Committee. Ballots will go out to our chapter members by May 1, 2022 and close by May 15, 2022.

*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. The deadline to submit a petition is April 1, 2021.



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Nominees for Election 2022-2023

President Elect – Vicky Furnish

Secretary – Lisa Marriott-Smith

Treasurer – Helen Ordway

Assembly Delegate (2)

Isabel Bravo and Michael Garcia

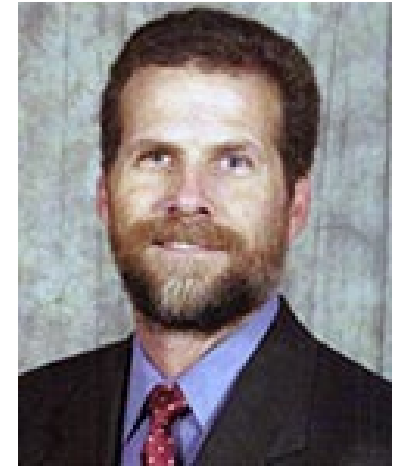
March 2, 2021 Chapter Meeting

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 (7-854AM) or attend via [Zoom - register here](#).

Bakersfield WISE (Women in Safety Excellence) sponsored a tour of the Bakersfield Police Department (BPD) Headquarters on January 28. Community relations representatives Ynez Contreras and Janeth Jimenez walked the group through the facility explaining the in's and out's of police response and organization.

Captain Wollard explained how BPD is pivoting to meet the growing challenges facing the law enforcement community and crime prevention in general. The tour was capped off outside by meeting two dedicated Canine Officers, Officer Jauch and Officer Hensley and their canines, Tito and Hank. These four-legged officers are a special addition to the department's ranks and perform with zeal. Space was limited due to Covid so thanks to Donald Fry, Catherine Jones (WISE Chair), Francisco Ortiz, Heminee Salinas, Chris Vochoska, and Guy Waski for attending.



Bakersfield Women in Safety Excellence (WISE)

Bakersfield Symposium Call for Moderators

The 2002 Bakersfield Safety Symposium is being held on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 at the Mechanics Bank Convention Center. A great event is in store for all attendees. For registration and details, visit www.SafetyBakersfield.com right now.

The Conference Planning Committee is searching for moderators. The role includes introducing the speaker, assisting the speaker/attendees in class, and collecting survey sheets. Contact [Sandra Monroy](#) and [Dave Lee](#) if interested in serving as a moderator this year! It's a great opportunity to help out. Registration comped with sign-up.



22nd Annual Bakersfield ASSP Symposium



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Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Mechanics Bank Convention Center, Bakersfield, CA

ASSP Industry News & Articles

1. Implementing prevention through design concepts to design out risks & hazards before they have potential to cause injuries, illnesses, fatalities – [Prevention Through Design With Limited Resources: It's a Mindset](#)
2. Many elements are at work in an occupational health and safety management system (OHSMS) – [How Systems Thinking Can Improve Safety Management](#)
3. Pam Walaski, CSP, Senior Program Director at Specialty Technical Consultants – [Safety Managers: Here's How to Overcome Common Objections \(Podcast Episode 74\)](#)

EHS Pros on the Move!

Tony Valladares, EHS Director @ Kern Oil & Refining

Timothy Harris Jr, Safety Technician @ Herman Weissker

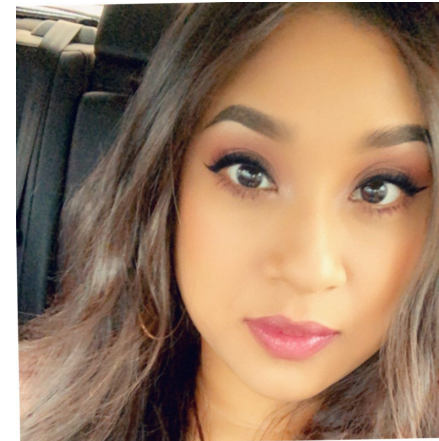
Christian Diaz, EHS Supervisor@ AC Foods

Monica Garcia, HR & Safety Manager @ Stevens Transportation

Ryan Mutzenberger, Safety Specialist @ TC Energy

Elizama Pedraza, Safety Advisor @ Sierra

Chuck Cartwright, Safety & Risk Manager@ Ponder Environmental



Christian, Monica, Elizama, and Chuck pictured



- ✓ Paloma Perez - South Valley Farms
- ✓ George Go - Premier Scaffold & Taft College
- ✓ Deanna Sanderson - ESYS & CSUB

Timothy Harris Jr. with Herman Weissker recently completed the requirements to become a Construction Health & Safety Technician, CHST®

Paloma pictured. Thanks to Quinlan Brown for sponsoring our new chapter member, Deanna Sanderson. Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP, are the ones who really help our Chapter and the profession grow!

NEW MEMBERS & SPOTLIGHTS

April 6, 2021 Chapter Meeting

***Joyce Marter, Licensed Psychotherapist, CEO,
National Public Speaker, and Author***

Mental Wealth: How to Improve Your Mental Health & Financial Health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! In this dynamic and engaging presentation, renown psychotherapist, entrepreneur and author Joyce Marter will discuss: The relationship between self-worth and net-worth; How to improve your psychology of money to improve your mental wellbeing and financial health; How to shift from a scarcity mindset to abundant thinking to cultivate an abundant life including health, connection, purpose, balance and prosperity.

Attend in-person at Hodel's or attend via Zoom.

Joyce Marter is a licensed psychotherapist with 25 years of experience and entrepreneur and is routinely consulted as a mental health expert in the media.



Her book, *The Financial Mindset Fix: A Mental Fitness Program for an Abundant Life*, was published in July of 2021.

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](#).

Become an ASSP Member

General Membership is under \$200 per year!

Complete the [online application](#) today.

New Member Promotion! In Celebration of the 22nd 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.



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.



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