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Snake River Chapter

June meeting will raise awareness of domestic violence

Please join the Snake River Chapter of ASSP and our Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) members in a special Zoom meeting at 5:30 pm MDT on Tuesday, June 16. This will be a virtual cocktail

hour, so please pour yourself a beverage of choice and join us for some networking and a fabulous presentation on a difficult subject: **Domestic Violence and its Impact on the Workplace.**



While we safety professionals are helping keep our coworkers safe on the job, far too many of them are facing serious, life threatening dangers at home. How do we recognize the symptoms of domestic abuse, and what can we do for the victims? Tracy Demarcus, Prevention Program Manager from the Women and Children's Alliance (WCA) in Boise, will provide us information to answer those questions. We will also offer all participants a chance to support the WCA's important work serving the women and children escaping the nightmare at home. Mark your calendar for June 16 at 5:30 pm MDT! And, visit our website to make a donation!

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting	
06-02-20; 5:30-6:30. Zoom.	Please confirm date and location with snakeriverassp@gmail.com
Chapter Meetings	Technical Session
6-16-20: Zoom Virtual Meeting and Fundraiser. Please email us at snakeriverassp@gmail.com for the link.	Domestic Violence and its Impact on the Workplace by Tracy Demarcus, Prevention Program Manager, Women and Children's Alliance
7-21-20; 11:30 to 1:00 Check our website to see if it is Zoom or Idaho Pizza.	Bicycle Safety by Diana Papili
8-18-20; 11:30 to 1:00 Idaho Pizza Co. 6724 N Glenwood St, Boise	TBD
9-15-20; 6:30 to 8:00 pm Smokey Mountain Pizza 980 E Fairview, Meridian RSVP: snakeriverassp@gmail.com	Safe Use of Drones by Ross Engle and Team: Director of Flight Operations/ UAS Coordinator Idaho Division of Aeronautics, ITD
10-20-20; 11:30 to 1:00 Idaho Pizza Co. 6724 N Glenwood St, Boise	TBD

Chapter News

Harry Beaulieu is honored with AIHA Donald E. Cummings Memorial Award



The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) honored Harry Beaulieu, Ph.D., CSP, CIH, with the [Donald E. Cummings Memorial Award](#).

This award recognizes outstanding contributions to the knowledge and practice of the industrial hygiene profession, demonstrated practical application of industrial hygiene knowledge to protect worker health, and acknowledgment of these contributions outside of the field.

Harry holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Health from University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and an M.S. in Environmental Health from University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. He is the founder of Industrial Hygiene Resources and a valued member of our Snake River Chapter as well as a member of the Society's Consultants and Industrial Hygiene practice specialties. Congratulations, Harry!

Follow us on LinkedIn!

Snake River Chapter now has a LinkedIn Page thanks to Deni Hoehne! Please follow us at:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/snake-river-chapter-assp/>

Meet our new treasurer!

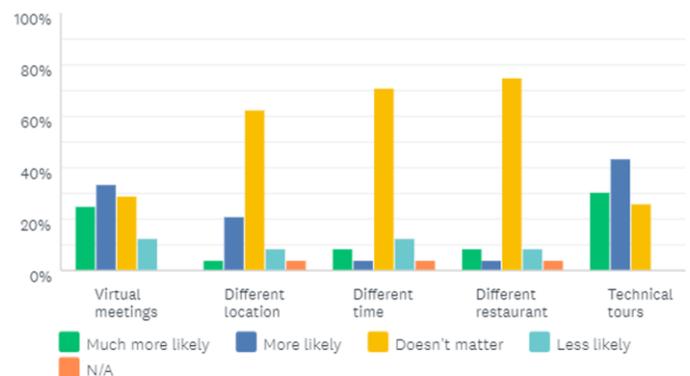


Chad Hoffman is the new treasurer for Snake River Chapter. After graduating from Boise State's Environmental and Occupational Health program in 2013, Chad became the Risk Manager for Hayden Beverage, a distributor covering all of Idaho, Montana, and Eastern Washington. When Chad is not in the office, he is playing somewhere outside! Welcome aboard, Chad!

We are listening!

Snake River conducted a member survey to get your opinions. Here is what we found. We asked you how useful you found different types of communication channels. Interestingly, the newsletter was found very useful by 67%, followed closely (63%) by email. For outreach, you preferred meetings (67%) and then emails (54%).

We asked what would make you more likely to come to meetings and the results were mixed. Over 30% of you felt technical tours would make you much more likely to attend meetings, followed by virtual meetings. The overwhelming majority (63-75%) felt that meeting location, time, or restaurant doesn't matter. Please see the graph.



One person asked that we find a different location for lunch meetings. We are constantly looking for a place with a banquet room closer to the freeway and between Boise and Meridian to serve our attendees. We received a few suggestions. We will look into Idaho Pizza on Fairview/Cole again, and hope that things have improved. Barrelhouse does not have a large enough room, and 10-Barrel has no parking and is pretty far for our Meridian/Nampa/Caldwell/Eagle folks. Please, please let us know of any large banquet room locations! We are constantly searching!

We asked what types of training classes would you be interested in taking or sending your team to and 68% wanted leadership skills. We are working on it and hope to have something to offer this fall!

Finally, we asked for ways to help the community during these trying times and 36% of you liked the idea of a donation drive for domestic violence victims through the Women's and Children's Alliance. Please see the front page for more information!

What have we been doing?

The last few months have been a blur to our chapter. We postponed our March meeting on Drone Safety to September and postponed our April meeting on Bicycle Safety to July. We weren't able to do Workers' Memorial or the Race for the Cure. However, we had two great meetings in May. On May 5, AIHA, Snake River Chapter ASSP, and Craters of the Moon Chapter ASSP co-hosted a COVID informational Zoom meeting featuring Mike Cooper from Industrial Hygiene Resources and Page Rost from Albertsons to a record 70 participants. Then on May 19, Cable Rhodes and Brad Ferland from Norco presented on Chemical Safety to a about 30 participants. We are now planning a fundraiser for the WCA in junction with our Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) group to raise awareness of domestic violence, particularly in these trying times. Stay tuned for more details!

Missed a meeting? No problem!

Did you miss out on a technical session you really wanted to see? No problem! Most are recorded and available on our website within a few weeks of the session. Just go to our website and click on Technical Session Videos, or go to: <https://snakeriver.assp.org/technical-session-videos/>.

ASSP News

Safety 2020 is now virtual!

ASSP's signature event – the nation's largest annual conference for occupational safety and health professionals that was scheduled for June 23-25 in Orlando will now be virtual during the same period. The conference and expo are opportunities for attendees to gain knowledge and network with peers to make organizations safer while advancing their careers.

The virtual conference promises to deliver the same high-quality educational content you have come to expect from ASSP. The early registration deadline has been extended until June 5! Sign up today at <https://safety.assp.org/>



Check out the WISE Return-to-Work Matrix!

Members of the [Women In Safety Excellence \(WISE\) Common Interest Group](#) collaborated to develop a matrix that is designed to help occupational safety and health professionals create and implement return-to-work policies. The matrix reflects the expertise of safety professionals who represent a wide range of industries.

[View matrix](#)

ASSP 2020 Society Election Results

The 2020 ASSP election results are in:

President: Deborah R. Roy, MPH, CSP, COHN-S, CIT, FASSP, FAAOHN

President – Elect: Bradley D. Giles, P.E., CSP, STS, FASSP, GIOSH

Vice President, Finance: Linda M. Tapp, CSP

Senior Vice President: Christine M. Sullivan, CSP, ARM

Director-at-Large: Maribeth A. Anderson, M.P.A., CSP

Please note that next year (July 1, 2021), our member Brad Giles will be President!

Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

Do you have friends, colleagues and associates who would find value in ASSP membership? Share the resources ASSP offers with colleagues by using the [Refer-A-Friend e-mail tool](#) or directing potential members to the [ASSP website](#) to encourage them to join the Society. The more people you refer, the more rewards you can earn, such as an on-demand webinar, a 1-year membership extension, a polo shirt and ASSP course. For every new paid member you sponsor during 2020, you will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing for a trip to ASSP's annual professional development conference, which includes full conference registration, 3 nights' hotel accommodations and a \$250 gift card for expenses.

SH&E News

Drive nice, look twice!

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month and as the state begins to reopen, the Idaho Office of Highway Safety reminds drivers to be on the lookout for our friends on two wheels. Motorcyclists are at great risk on our roadways, but understanding standard motorcycle riding behaviors and learning how to drive safely around them can greatly reduce the risk to riders. Here are a few things you can do to increase your awareness on our roadways:

- Your car has many blind spots – stay alert and aware of the area around you.
- Motorcyclists don't always use their brakes – give them space and watch for them in front of you.
- It can be difficult to judge distance when you see motorcycles coming – wait until they pass rather than pulling out in front of them.



Motorcycles and motorists can work together to save lives if we all do our part to drive - and ride - engaged.

NIOSH provides COVID-19 resources

NIOSH released a new [COVID-19 webpage](#) to highlight resources available for the protection of workers.

Resuming Business Toolkit: CDC has developed a [toolkit](#) to guide employers as they seek to resume normal or phased business operations. The toolkit is based on [CDC's Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers Responding to COVID-19](#) and is designed to assist employers as they implement that guidance in their workplaces.

Fact Sheet for Working in Office Buildings: CDC published a [new fact sheet](#) for office building employers, building owners and managers, and building operations specialists. The fact sheet provides detailed steps to create a safe and healthy workplace and protect workers and clients from COVID-19 exposure.

For more information, please visit the [COVID-19 webpage](#). To stay up to date on new developments, sign up for the [COVID-19 newsletter](#).

OSHA updates enforcement guidance and response plan for COVID-19

OSHA's [updated guidance](#) provides compliance safety and health officers (CSHOs) direction on enforcing the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1904 with respect to the recording of occupational illnesses, specifically cases of COVID-19. Under OSHA's recordkeeping requirements, COVID-19 is a recordable illness so employers are responsible for recording cases of COVID-19, if the case:

- is confirmed, as defined by CDC;
- is work-related as defined by 29 CFR 1904.5; and
- involves one or more of the general recording criteria set forth in 29 CFR 1904.7.

OSHA acknowledges that it can be difficult to determine if a COVID-19 case is work-related, particularly if an employee has potentially been exposed both in and out of the workplace. Therefore, the agency is exercising enforcement discretion to assess an employer's efforts in making work-related determinations.

CSHOs should consider three factors to determine if an employer has complied with this obligation and made a reasonable determination of work-relatedness of cases:

- Reasonableness of the employer's investigation into work-relatedness
- Evidence available to the employer
- Evidence that a COVID-19 illness was contracted at work

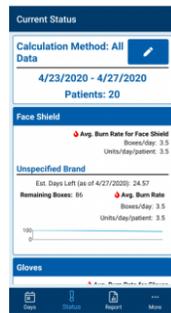
If an employer cannot determine whether it is likely that exposure in the workplace played a causal role in a particular COVID-19 case, the employer does not need to record the COVID-19 illness. Regardless of any work-related determination, OSHA advises employers to examine all COVID-19 cases among workers to protect their health and safety, as well as that of the public.

The guidance reminds employers that recording a COVID-19 illness does not, by itself, mean that they have violated any OSHA standard. Furthermore, pursuant to existing regulations, employers with 10 or fewer employees and certain employers in low-hazard industries have no recording obligations; and need only report work-related COVID-19 illnesses that result in a fatality or an employee's in-patient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye.

OSHA's [Updated Interim Enforcement Response Plan](#) offers guidance to area offices and CSHOs on handling COVID-19-related referrals, complaints and severe illness reports. Find further information and resources about COVID-19 on OSHA's [coronavirus webpage](#).

NIOSH PPE Tracker App

The NIOSH PPE Tracker mobile app can help healthcare and non-healthcare systems track their personal protective equipment (PPE) inventory. Facilities can use the app to calculate their average PPE consumption rate or “burn rate.” The app estimates how many days a PPE supply will last given current inventory levels and PPE burn rate. Based on the [PPE Burn Rate Calculator Excel spreadsheet](#), the app features several improvements, including an easy-to-use interface and the ability to add restock. The app is available for both iOS and Android devices



OSHA provides info on respirator use

OSHA released a new [video](#) and poster (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) with step-by-step instructions on how to properly wear and remove a respirator. For more information, go to: <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA4015.pdf> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oU4stQgCtV8>.



CDC publishes cleaning and disinfecting guidance

CDC has published [Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#). Reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by cleaning and disinfection is an important part of reopening public spaces that will require careful planning.

SAVE THE DATE



RECOGNIZE YOUR SAFETY SUCCESSES

Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event held each August that recognizes the successes of workplace safety and health programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe.

<https://www.osha.gov/safeandsoundweek/>

ASSP offers lots of examples of website content, articles, and tools to spread the word. Check it out:

https://www.assp.org/docs/default-source/asspdoc/outreach-samples_ assp.pdf?sfvrsn=0

Learning Opportunities

COVID-19 Webinars

ASSP has been recording and providing webinars to help manage safety during this pandemic. Here is a partial listing. For more information go to <https://www.assp.org/resources/covid-19/webinars>.

- COVID-19 Challenges: A Case Study
- Planning and Coordinating COVID-19 Audits and Corrective Action
- A Safety and Health CEO Perspective
- Updates and Return-to-Work Strategies
- Proactive OSH Performance During Challenging Times
- Protecting the Safety and Health of Workers
- Pandemics and Infectious Disease Exposure Prevention — Removing the Perceived Safety Enigma
- Best Practices from Industrial Settings
- Best Practices for Ventilation
- OSH Leadership in Critical Situations and Environments
- Protecting Workers in Transportation
- Approaches for Safety Professionals in Risk Management and Insurance
- Practical Information for Utilities (Critical Infrastructure) Safety Professionals
- The COVID-19 Challenge: Managing Sick and Exposed Employees at Work and Returning to Work
- Safety in Essential Manufacturing Operations
- OSH Training Strategies for Remote Workers
- Legal Issues for Safety Professionals
- COVID-19 and Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems
- The Role of the Risk Management Process and Its Impact on Pandemics
- Coronavirus: Ask the Expert

ASSP Webinars

For a listing of upcoming ASSP webinars, go to:

<https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Events/ASSPEducationalEventsCalendar>

Check out ASSP's Safety Standards and Tech Pubs Podcasts

This site includes standards and podcasts that help you stay up to speed on the latest in industry consensus safety standards and technical publications. The podcasts are free.

Go to: <https://www.assp.org/standards/safety-standards-and-tech-pubs-podcast>

Pacific Northwest OSHA Education Center Classes in Boise

OSHA #3115: Fall Protection - June 15-17, 2020

This course covers the OSHA Fall Protection Standard for construction and an overview of fall protection methods.

Course topics include principles of fall protection, components and limitations of fall arrest systems, and OSHA Standards and policies regarding fall protection.

Register for OSHA #3115:

https://osha.washington.edu/osha/course/3115id0620_boise?inf_contact_key=c6e384f1142fea674b5809f8c8fa0b28680f8914173f9191b1c0223e68310bb1

OSHA #500: Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry - June 22-25, 2020

This course is designed for individuals interested in teaching the 10- and 30-hour construction safety and health Outreach Training Program to their employees and other interested groups. Using OSHA Construction Standards as a guide, special emphasis is placed on those topics required in the 10- and 30-hour programs as well as those which are

most hazardous. Students are briefed on effective instructional approaches and use of visual aids and handouts. Please note: this course has prerequisites. Applicants must complete OSHA #510 and demonstrate 5 years of construction industry safety and health experience. Apply for OSHA #500:

https://osha.washington.edu/osha/course/500id0620?inf_contact_key=c29dff7dfc345fb916114dfd901ebc4680f8914173f9191b1c0223e68310bb1

Please note that class sizes will be limited, and safety precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 will be followed strictly. All attendees will be required to follow safety protocols.

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Job Opportunities

Three Safety Consultant Positions

Northwest Safety has three positions open: Safety and Industrial Hygiene Consultant III, General Industry Safety Consultant II, and Construction Safety Consultant II. Please check our website for details.

Check out the ASSP Career Center

Need a job? Need an employee? Whether you are new to the safety profession, looking for a new opportunity or searching for the best candidate for an opening, the ASSP Career Center has resources for you. You can post resumes, post job opportunities, or search. Go to:

<https://www.assp.org/resources/career-center>