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President's Message

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On behalf of the Heart of America Executive Committee, we hope you and your families are safe during these turbulent times. It's exciting to see some businesses reopening, and all of the precautions they're taking to ensure a safe transaction between their employees and customers.

If you were impacted professionally by the pandemic, please keep in mind we post job openings on our HOA website (kc.assp.org). ASSP also posts job openings, as well as resumes for professionals seeking a job or new career.

As a precaution, ASSP has elected to hold its annual Professional Development Conference in a virtual setting. It'll be interesting to see technology at work on this scale. If you haven't registered yet, you might see if you can get it approved with your employer. The registration fee is the same, but there's no travel, lodging or meal expenses, plus you'll have access to all the sessions. It's a great investment in your education.

Please take a moment to look through this newsletter and note our new members, your 2020-21 Executive Committee, recognition for one of our members, and more.

Sincerely,

Tom Metzner. HOA President

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New Members

We would like to recognize new Chapter members:

- Begi Quarti
- Jeff McMillan
- Justin Oswald
- Kent Schuette
- Lisa McGinnis
- Nancy Strano
- Allie McCollum

Please consider connecting with these individuals on ASSP Community.

If you know someone who would like to join ASSP Heart of America Chapter please direct them [HERE!](#)

2020-21 Officers

Since we can't host an official installation ceremony for the new Executive Committee like we've done in the past, the Heart of America Chapter would like to take this opportunity to recognize our new officers:

- Laurel Harris, Vice President/President Elect
- Andrew Dix, Secretary

Shelly Killingsworth (Treasurer) and Tom Metzner (President) will be staying on for another term in their current roles. Thank you for your continued service to ASSP and the Heart of America Chapter.

Job Openings

Please check out our website for recent job postings. <https://kc.assp.org/>

Next Meetings

As a precaution, in-person meetings have been postponed for the foreseeable future. The Board is working with Society and local health



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officials, and we hope to resume our regular meetings as soon as safely possible.

Outstanding Safety Educator: Dr. Blunt

We at Heart of America chapter are extremely happy and proud that one of our beloved professors from University of Central Missouri has been awarded ASSP's 2020 Outstanding Safety Educator. Not only UCM student section is part of the HOA chapter, many of the members of the HOA chapter have graduated from UCM (CMSU for those who associate with that old name).

Dr. Blunt has been integral part of the success of the Safety Program at UCM both in terms of growing the program and making it one of the mainstream majors that students could take up. UCM's safety program has been stronger than before under Dr. Blunt's leadership and has produced individuals that are passionate in safety all over the world. Dr. Blunt has worked hard in securing funding for the university to offer an online master's degree program and reduce hours for students to graduate based on work experience and certifications they have obtained prior to enrolling in the program. One of the major achievements has been UCM's Occupational Safety program acquiring ABET accreditation which is a huge boost for students who graduate from the program.

Dr. Blunt has taken the education to the students in the format it fits today's learning style and ability. This has attracted more students to pursue a degree in Occupational Safety while they are working part-time and able to seek better jobs once they graduate.

Dr. Blunt is well respected by her peers and students and is a great mentor. We are glad she has been recognized by ASSP for all the great work she has done and continues to do by honoring her with this award.

Newsletter Articles and Whitepapers

The newsletter committee is always looking for helpful links, articles, and white papers. If you have a document that's appropriate for this format, please present your suggestions to our Newsletter Coordinator Laurel Harris.

ASSP Community Interest Group – Bringing ChapterWISE to the Heart of America



ASSP's Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) is a common interest group that advances ASSP members and the safety profession through education, mentorship, networking, collaboration, research, and innovation. With over 2,000 members, WISE provides member and community support and collaborative opportunities within the profession. WISE works to bring awareness to the following industry topics:

- The need for proper fitting personal protective equipment for women in the workplace
- Workplace violence against women, which is the number one cause of fatal injuries to women in the workplace
- To bring awareness to women in leadership roles in safety and to mentor others to help them achieve their goals

ChapterWISE

The WISE member community has a Chapter level group known as ChapterWISE to help coordinate WISE events, including networking functions, technical talks, community and student outreach and local mentoring. The Heart of America Chapter has many WISE members (both women and men), but we do not have our own established ChapterWISE group. As incoming President-Elect/Vice President, I would like to start a ChapterWISE group within our Chapter. Every safety professional has the opportunity to impact safety within their organization, including those issues that impact women directly in the workplace. If you are a member of WISE or would like to join the WISE community interest group, please help me establish a chapter level group that can continue to educate, support and to take action within the Heart of America. If you are interested in helping to establish our local ChapterWISE, please reach out to me at llharris@chubb.com

Thank you, Laurel Harris

Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

June			
June	National Safety Month – Shining the light on pressing topics such as mental health, ergonomics, building a safety culture and driving	National Safety Council	https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/get-involved/national-safety-month
June 7-13	National Trailer Safety Week – Towing Safety	National Association of Trailer Manufacturers	https://www.trailersafetyweek.com/
June 15	National Ride to Work Day – Motorcycle Freedom and Safety: Share the road.	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	https://www.nhtsa.gov/motorcycle-safety/ride-work-day
June 23 - 25	ASSP Safety 2020 – Register for this Virtual Event (Over 60 sessions to choose from with up to 6.5 CEUs available)	American Society of Safety Professionals	https://safety.assp.org/

COVID-19 Links

OSHA Interim Recording Keeping Guidance: In a May 19, 2020 Enforcement Memo, OSHA provided updated interim guidance to Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHOs) for enforcing the OHA Record Keeping requirements of 29 CFR Part 1904 with respect to recording cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The following is a link to the Interim Guidance.

<https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-05-19/revised-enforcement-guidance-recording-cases-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

National Safety Council Guidance regarding Safe Actions for Employee Return (SAFER):

NSC created a platform for COVID-19 guidance referred to as the SAFER Collection. The task force that supports the collection of information is made up of industry experts from a diverse group of organizations including ASSP, AIHA, NIOSH- CDC, ISSA, BCSP, health professionals, nonprofits, businesses and many more. For updated information to health employers safely return to work, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/safety-topics/safe-actions-for-employee-returns-safer>

Executive Committee

Executive Committee contact information. We always welcome questions, comments and suggestions.



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