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## President's Message

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Greetings, Heart of America Chapter. It's hard to believe how quickly the 2019-20 term went, especially when we consider everything that we've experienced since March.

Reflecting on the Safety 2020 virtual professional development conference, there were two sessions where a similar theme resonated with me in light of the pandemic and protests. People are talking about returning to normal, or the new normal. In the Diversity and Inclusion plenary session, Cori Wong talked about returning to a "better normal" – it's our opportunity to make things even better.

In Terry Mathis' Safety Excellence session, he talked about reframing how we look at "best practices." We need to challenge the way we do things, and constantly look to improve. Don't be content with achieving best practices when there could be even better practices yet to be discovered.

As we start the 2020-21 ASSP term, your HOA executive committee will be looking at the ways we've done things and challenging ourselves to raise the bar. I challenge you to never be content with things as they are, and look for ways to achieve better practices.

As of now, we're unsure when in-person meetings will resume, and we'll continue to follow advice from Society. Until next time, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Tom Metzner, HOA President

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## New Members

We would like to recognize new Chapter members:

- Jennifer Dennis
- Michael Parker
- Steven Arnold
- Perry Beaman

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!](#)

## Job Openings

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

## Looking for a Job?

If so, then send your resume to [president@kc.assp.org](mailto:president@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 officials, and we hope to resume our regular meetings as soon as safely possible.

## 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. [lharris@chubb.com](mailto:lharris@chubb.com)



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## 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](mailto:llharris@chubb.com)

Thank you,  
Laurel Harris

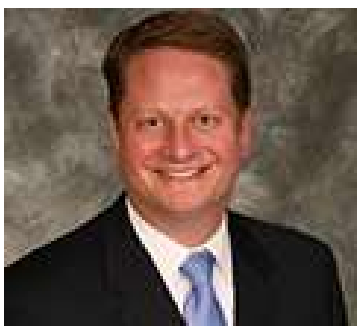
## Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

July			
July	National Fireworks Safety Month	Prevent Blindness America	<a href="http://preventblindness.org">preventblindness.org</a>
July	Vehicle Theft Prevention Month	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	<a href="http://nhtsa.gov">nhtsa.gov</a>
July 31	National Heatstroke Prevention Day	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	<a href="http://oksafety.org">oksafety.org</a>

August			
August	National Immunization Awareness Month	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention	<a href="http://cdc.gov">cdc.gov</a>
Aug. 2-8	Stop on Red Week	National Coalition for Safer Roads	<a href="http://ncsrsafety.org">ncsrsafety.org</a>
Aug. 19-23	Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	<a href="http://nhtsa.gov">nhtsa.gov</a>
Aug. 31	International Overdose Awareness Day	Penington Institute	<a href="http://overdoseday.com">overdoseday.com</a>

## Executive Committee

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



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