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## President's Message January 2022

### President's Message

Greetings HOA Members:

*Happy New Year! While it's exciting to start a new year, 2022 is starting out to have a lot of uncertainty with the omicron variant, OSHA's ETS, and how we as safety professionals can help keep people safe.*

*Speaking of keeping people safe, we have opportunities that go beyond fall protection, machine guarding, LOTO, etc., that deal with total worker health. Suicide prevention is a major focus for ASSP, and HOA is excited to host a subject matter expert on recognizing red flags associated with mental resiliency and educating people on what to do if somebody is considering self-harm. If you haven't signed up for January's session, meeting details are on page 3 of this newsletter. (Additional ASSP information can be found at this link: [Read more](#)).*

*In December, 15 members and spouses helped out at Harvesters filling snack packs for those in need. I don't know if it's a sign of me getting older, but I recognized the benefits of work hardening, job rotation and anti-fatigue mats . . . and that was just working for two hours of work. We had a really fun time and got to present the staff with an oversized check. In addition to supporting Toys For Tots with a donation, Karen Kono and Examinetics collected toys to be donated in December.*

*As for Chapter business, we're starting our nomination process to fill the Vice President/President-Elect position, as well as the Secretary position. Mindy Prichard was nice enough to accept my appointment when the previous Secretary had to step down, but we're needing to have an election for 2022-23. I am willing to serve an additional term as President in order to mentor the Vice President and ensure a smooth transition, if that would be acceptable to the membership.*

*As always, please feel free to reach out to anybody on the Board or Executive Committee if you have questions or suggestions.*

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## Safety Spotlight: Member Interview

**Georgi Popov, Ph.D., SCP, QEP, SMS, ARM, CMC, FAIHA**



**The January Spotlight Georgi Popov, PhD. CSP, QEP, SMS, ARM, CMC, FAIHA.**

**Where did you go to school?** I received a PhD in Chemistry from the National Scientific Board and a M.S. in Engineering Physics from Defense University in Bulgaria. In 2001, I graduated from the Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. I also have post-graduate certification in Environmental Air Quality from K-State University.

**How long have you been in the safety industry?** It depends on how we want to define “safety industry”. I started my career as a chemical officer. Significant part of my responsibilities were safety and health related. In 1992 and 1993 I was an EHS officer with the United Nations mission in Cambodia. After that I worked for a defense research institute primarily on a protection clothing and respiratory protection projects. I also worked for an environmental company and now at the University of Central Missouri (UCM). It amounts to 30 years of EHS experience.

**How long have you been in your current position?** I have been an interim chair of the safety programs as UCM for a year. However, I have been with UCM for the last 15 years.

**What is your current position and from a safety standpoint, what are your primary responsibilities?** My current position is a professor and interim chair of the Occupational Risk and Safety Sciences Department. An ABET accredited and SCSP Qualified Academic Program. I develop courses, modules, and special topics in the safety discipline. I really like developing interactive risk management tools.

**What made you decide to go into safety?** It was a natural progression. As an army chemical officer, I was responsible for EHS plans, EHS risk assessment, prevention, and mitigation measures. After all, we had to deal with chemical, nuclear, biological and physical hazards. It was easy to see the similarities.

**What are some of your memorable experiences or accomplishments related to your time in the safety field?** Somehow, I was lucky to work with Bruce Lyon, Vice President, CSP, P.E., SMS, ARM, CHMM. Together we published numerous ASSP Professional Safety Journal award winning articles and three textbooks. We also published an ASSP Risk Management Technical Report. A more recent accomplishment is the publication of the Prevention Through Design 2021 standard. In 2017 I received ASSE Outstanding Safety Educator award.

**What are some of your hobbies or favorite activities?** I used to play the guitar. However, I didn't have time for that during the last couple of years. You may be surprised, but my hobby now is to develop interactive risk assessment and management tools.

**What does your ASSP Membership do for you?** ASSP provides amazing opportunities to get involved in standards and various committees. Our local ASSP section provides great networking opportunities and amazing educational sessions.

*Member Spotlight was coordinated by Laurie Wolfe, KDOL*

## Registration is Now Open

This year, for the first time, you can attend [SafetyFOCUS](#) in-person and online, giving you access to world-class safety education wherever you are. Achieve your professional development goals with the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), and find your FOCUS at [SafetyFOCUS 2022](#)

### Upcoming Meetings:

## Heart of America ASSP Hybrid Meeting

January 21, 2022  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Topic** Suicide Prevention & Mental Health in the Workforce

ASSP Heart of America is honored to host Brandon Anderson with the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Missouri, addressing an issue that affects employees professionally and personally, in all industries.

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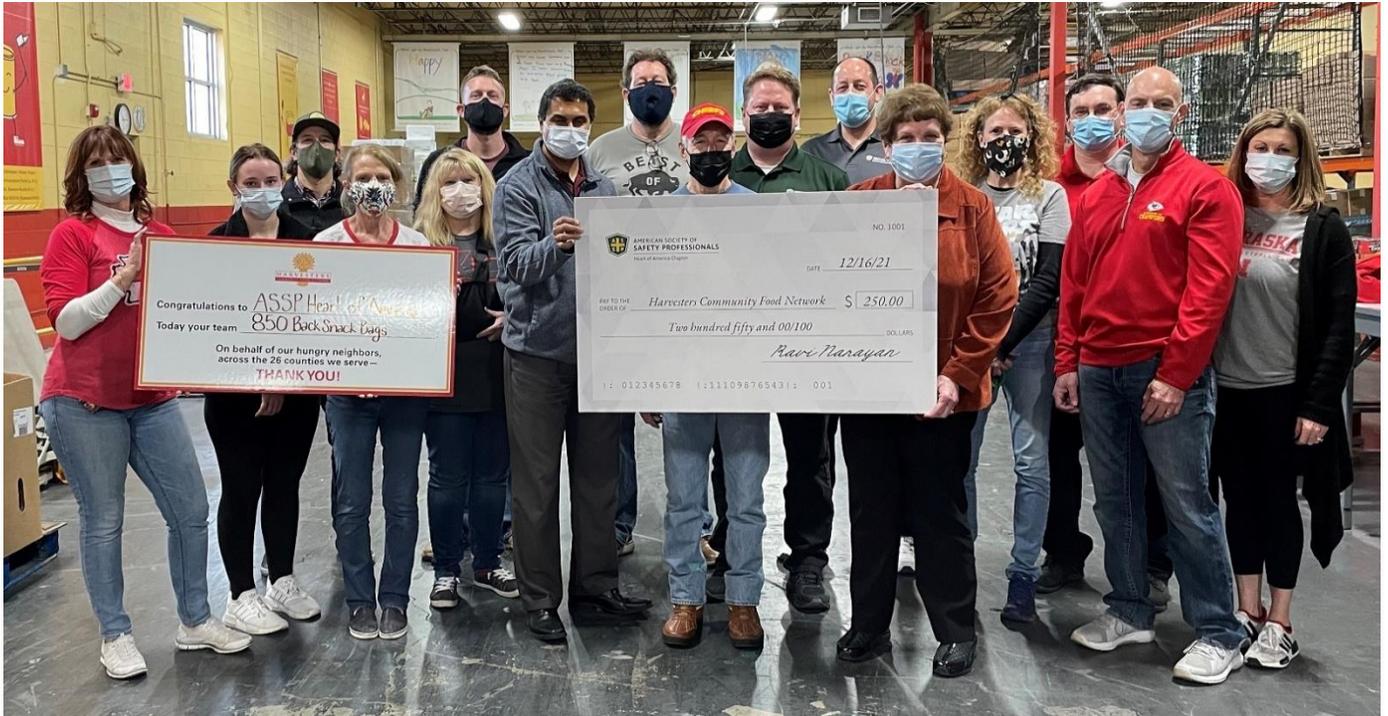
<https://kc.assp.org/events/heart-of-america-assp-hybrid-meeting/>

### Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

January			
January	National Radon Action Month	Environmental Protection Agency	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">http://www.epa.gov</a>

HOA ASSP volunteered at Harvesters Community Food Network and filled 850 Back Snack Bags. They also donated \$250.00 to the organization.

THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME.



### [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, Laurie Wolfe at [laurie.wolfe@ks.gov](mailto:laurie.wolfe@ks.gov).

## LOCKOUT/TAGOUT

LOTO, Control of Hazardous Energy, 29CFR 1910.147 was the **fourth** most commonly cited OSHA standard in 2019, and **sixth** most commonly cited OSHA standard in 2020. It is one of OSHA's **persistent** inspection priorities. So what are the top 10 common cited compliance mistakes for LOTO?

1. Failing to have equipment-specific lockout/tagout procedures was the most commonly cited section. 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4).
2. Failing to train workers in lockout/tagout. 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7).
3. Failing to conduct periodic inspection. 29CFR1910.147(c)(6).
4. Failing to establish a lockout/tagout program. 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(1).
5. Failing to follow the sequence of lockout/tagout. 29 CFR 1910.147(d).
6. Failing to protect workers during group lockout/tagout operations. 29 CFR 1910.147(f)(3).
7. Failing to identify all energy sources and or failing to lockout all disconnect sources. This could be cited under one of several sections for failing to identify and neutralize all energy sources.
8. Failure to notify other employers in multi-employer situations. 29 CFR 1910.147(f)(2).
9. Abusing the “servicing and tool changes” exception 29 CFR 1910.147(a)(2)(ii)(b).
10. Failing to manage shift change. 29 CFR 1910.147(f)(3).

It's important to protect your workers from amputations and other serious injuries that can arise from the unexpected startup and cycling of a machine or process, the unexpected energization of a machine, or the release of stored energy from a machine during servicing and maintenance operations. Fortunately for employers, when you're in compliance with the OSHA standard, your workers are probably safe—and if your workers are safe, you're probably in compliance with the standard.

<https://trdsf.com/blogs/news/top-10-lockout-tagout-violations-and-what-s-required-for-compliance>

## ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE

 <p>Contact Laurel Harris for more information: <a href="mailto:lharris@chubb.com">lharris@chubb.com</a></p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The need for proper fitting personal protective equipment for women in the workplace</li><li>• Workplace violence against women, which is the number one cause of fatal injuries to women in the workplace.</li><li>• To bring awareness to women in leadership roles in safety and to mentor others to help them achieve their goals</li></ul> <p><b>ChapterWISE</b> 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 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 <a href="mailto:lharris@chubb.com">lharris@chubb.com</a></p> <p>Thank you, Laurel Harris</p>
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Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select the American Society of Safety Professionals. It is the same site as Amazon, just their charitable support link.

[https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi\\_se\\_dshb\\_lm\\_saas](https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_dshb_lm_saas)

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## New Members

**Please welcome:** Ted Barbee, Jason Berry, Craig Dabovich, Stephen Kirkbride, Evan Rathburn, and Kimberly Welch

Many of us are members of associations and groups that involve safety, health, environmental protection, and risk management advancement. As we engage with our member organizations, remember to network and share the opportunities and benefits available within the Heart of America Chapter of ASSP for members, non-members, and our community.

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

## ASSP Community

Please take a moment to reach out and connect through ASSP Community.

## Job Openings

If you or someone that you know in the safety profession are looking for employment, jobs openings are posted on our Chapter website. 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)

## Upcoming Events

The Chapter website provides information regarding upcoming events and training held by our Chapter, other ASSP Chapters, ASSP, and from other organizations with safety, health, environmental and risk management topics that may interest you. Please visit the website regularly to view upcoming events that may not be specifically listed in the newsletter. <https://kc.assp.org/>



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## **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>

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** The CDC offers a resource page to keep up with current information regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019. For evolving news regarding the virus, precautions for adults, forecasts, cleaning and disinfecting, and pandemic planning scenarios, please follow the link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html>

## **Covid-10 Healthcare ETS**

<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets>

## **OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Campaign**

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

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW ETS FOR EMPLOYERS WITH OVER 100 EMPLOYEES?**

<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets2/faqs>

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