



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Heart of America Chapter

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## President's Message August 2023

A new ASSP term has dawned, marking the beginning of our Chapter's 84th anniversary. It's incredible to witness the growth and vitality of our community as we currently boast the largest membership in our history, with over 540 members and counting.

As I step into my role as President, I am humbled by the 15 years that ASSP has enriched my professional journey. It has provided me with resources, friendships, continuous learning, networking, and so much more. Now, as President, my mission is to ensure that our Chapter continues to offer and amplify this value for all our members. If you're eager to contribute to our professional community, I encourage you to reach out to me or any member of the committee to explore immediate avenues for engagement.

During our 2-month break, we had a remarkable collaborative ASSP/AIHA Meet Up at Boulevard Brewery in July. Although the meeting was informal, it offered us a valuable chance to connect with fellow health and safety professionals in our region.

Karen Santoyo orchestrated a Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) meeting on July 31st at Charlies House in KCMO. During this event, we toured the facility, which is dedicated to reducing injuries to the 9.2 million children treated in emergencies and the 12,000 who sadly lose their lives each year due to incidents in and around their homes.

As the temperatures rise in the KC Metro area, so does the energy within our chapter. This newsletter and our website at [kc.assp.org](http://kc.assp.org) are your gateways to numerous learning and networking opportunities. Stay updated by following our LinkedIn page "ASSP Heart of America Chapter," where we share updates about chapter and local events.

If you're keen on giving back to your professional community, I urge you to get in touch with us through [kc.assp.org/contact-us/](http://kc.assp.org/contact-us/). We offer a range of meaningful opportunities for you to contribute.

Our first official meeting of the term is happening this Friday the 25th at Herzig Engineering. Don't miss out – register on our website and let's connect soon!

Best regards,

Derek Farmer, CSP  
Chapter President

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## Please Welcome 2023 Heart of America Chapter Officers



## 6<sup>th</sup> Straight Year Winning the Chapter Platinum Award

Congratulations to Past President, [Tom Metzner](#), the Board and the rest of the Executive Committee for the hard work and dedication over the past year to ensure our chapter achieved Platinum Status for the 6th year in a row.



## 73<sup>rd</sup> Safety & Health Conference in Topeka, KS




### **| Annual Safety and Health Conference**

The Safety and Health Conference is one of the official resources from the Division of Industrial Safety and Health for emergency personnel, employers, employees, safety professionals and others to go to for training. The conference benefits all Private Industry (companies), Cities, Counties, School Districts and State Agencies. The four-day event begins with a two-day conference featuring the latest in regulations, changes in laws and upcoming rules. Additionally, the conference features highly anticipated exhibitors that display the latest in safety and health equipment and technology. The conference concludes with two-days of Professional Development Classes (PDC) in the 10-Hour OSHA Outreach Training for General Industry and Construction. Safety and Health Objectives are established for select conference sessions. Continuing Education is obtainable on a self-submittal basis.

You can also get quick updates on the conference by following the event on [LinkedIn](#)! Also, we have our own hashtag! We encourage participants of the conference to use #SafetyandHealthKansas when sharing the event as well as when you are enjoying the event!

## ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE

 <b>WISE</b> Women in Safety Excellence  Contact Karen Santoyo for more information: <a href="mailto:karen.santoyo@examinetics.com">karen.santoyo@examinetics.com</a>	<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>
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## Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

<b>Friday, August 25th, 2023</b>	Herzig Engineering 11:30am - 1:00pm 8201 NW 97th Terrace, Kansas City, MO	<b><u>Electrical Safety Simplified</u></b> Presented by Caitlyn Wininger, CEMCP
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## ChapterWISE – Women In Safety Excellence

<b>Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>	<b>1:00pm to 2:00pm</b> 11880 College Blvd, Suite 201, Overland Park	<b><u>Monthly Meeting</u></b> Girls on the Run Visit and Volunteer Opportunities
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## Local Community Events

August 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	<b><u>Safety Fore Kids Golf Classic</u></b> Hosted by the Safety & Health Council of Western Missouri & Kansas Creekmoor Golf Course – Raymore, MO <a href="https://shcmoks.com">Safety and Health Council Safety Fore Kids Registration (shcmoks.com)</a>
September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	<b><u>Construction Safety Group of KC Scholarship Golf Tournament</u></b> Hosted by the Construction Safety Group of KC Shoal Creek Golf Course – Kansas City, MO <a href="#">Flyer</a>
September 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	<b><u>30<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri EHS Conference</u></b> Hosted by the Missouri Association of Manufacturers Adams Pointe Conference Center – Blue Springs, MO <a href="#">EHS Conference   Mamstrong</a>
September 26 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	<b><u>73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Safety and Health Conference</u></b> Hotel Topeka at City Center – Topeka, KS <a href="#">Annual Safety and Health Conference - Kansas Department Of Labor (ks.gov)</a>

## August Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

August			
August	National Immunization Awareness Month	Centers for Disease Control & Prevention	<a href="https://cdc.gov">cdc.gov</a>
August	Back to School Month	National Safety Council	<a href="https://nsc.org">nsc.org</a>
August	Children's Eye Health & Safety Month	Prevent Blindness America	<a href="#">Prevent Blindness August's Children's Eye Health and Safety Month</a>
August	Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	<a href="https://nhtsa.gov">nhtsa.gov</a>



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## New Members

### **Please welcome:**

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/>



## Executive Committee

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



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