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President's Message

January 2026

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Hello to my fellow chapter members. Welcome to our personal (and chronological) new year. It may not be your company's fiscal new year or the chapter's, but for most of the world it is a time for hopeful change and resolutions. What will you do with your opportunity?

I hope you will help the next in line in our profession, and even if it is just answering their genuine LinkedIn message. I will say from anecdotal experience, it is a powerful tool for the genuinely curious in our profession. So make that connection, reach-out, and ask that question. I have learned so much just from asking around LinkedIn, our chapter, and our executive committee. When I was told to build my network on day one at UCM, they were serious. On some occasions you are as only as strong as your network.

A thank you is in order to our new sponsors: Progressive Safety and Safety Culture, platinum sponsors, and US Compliance, gold sponsor. We look forward to having you all host a table and a brief presentation at one of our upcoming meetings. You allow us to provide a host of opportunities for our chapter, and our students, just like our members do.

I am excited for our upcoming meeting at Midwest Public Risk featuring attorneys Andrew Brought, and Paul Jacobson on OSHA's outlook and current enforcement trends. This is all during January 23rd's lunch meeting of which I hope to see you there.

Thank you to our members who keep our chapter and our society going. If you have any ideas on providing you more value, please attend a meeting, join our executive committee Teams call, take a survey, or reach out to us.

Respectfully,

Michael Carlson, CSP



NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME!!!

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Steven Christian Lamb, CSP, CIH, ASP, CIT



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Georgia Wilson



Brady Arnold, CSP, ASP



Andrew Wayne Van Houten Jr, GSP



CHAPTER NEWS

Save the Dates:

MONTH	DATE	TIME	HOST	LOCATION
January	23rd	11:30-1:00 pm	Midwest Public Risk	Independence, MO
February	20th / 27th	11:30-1:00 pm	Safety Culture	Kansas City, MO
March	27th	11:30-1:00 pm	JOCO	Olathe, KS
April	17th / 24th	11:30-1:00 pm	Scheels	Overland Park, KS

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.



ANOUNCEMENT

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REQUESTING NOMINATIONS FOR OPEN POSITIONS!!!

We currently have open positions and are inviting anyone who feels called to step forward and get involved. Whether you're looking to lead, support, or simply contribute your skills in a meaningful way, this is your opportunity to make an impact.

- President-Elect
- Treasurer



HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

HISTORICAL SUMMARY



Chartered: March 24, 1939

10th chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals



First President: Col. W. W. Williams (1939–1944)



1940s-1950s

Key role connecting safety professionals across the Midwest



Later decades

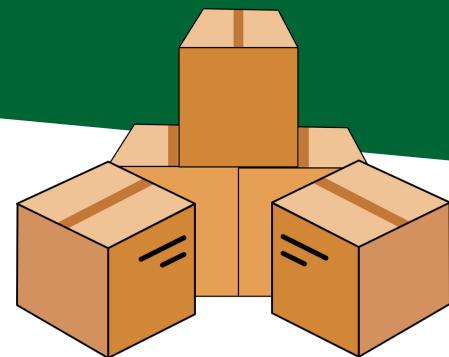
Hosted regional safety conferences, supported certification



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JOB OPENINGS

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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.

Looking for a Job?

If so, then send your resume to

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