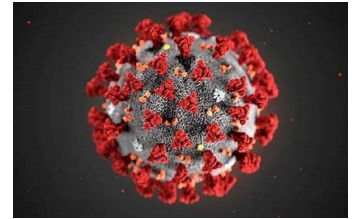




AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
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Middle Tennessee Chapter



Middle Tennessee Chapter, Summer 2020

From the Middle TN Chapter President

Hello Middle Tennessee Chapter members! I'm excited to serve you as President for the 2020 – 2021 term. Our Executive Committee (EC) has been meeting to discuss plans for the year. As you probably expect, there are going to be some changes to how we conduct our chapter meetings and activities.

First...let's talk about our Monthly Chapter Meetings. Meetings for the Middle TN Chapter are held on the 2nd Monday of the month, September – May, unless otherwise stated. In the past, these meetings have been held at Genesco in Nashville, but with all the changes in the world, the EC has decided to temporarily switch to virtual chapter meetings. The EC will continue to evaluate the best options for meetings. Any changes to this plan will be communicated to chapter members if/when circumstances change.

With that being said, there is going to be a new process for Chapter meeting notification and attendance. Due to limited space for attendees, chapter members and/or guests who plan to attend the meetings must "register" to be able to participate. More details on the registration process will be provided in this newsletter. Please bear with us as we make this transition. We will strive to make the switch to virtual meetings as seamless as possible.

As for activities...check our [website](#) and watch for emails/invites for additional activities such as virtual social networking. While meeting virtually, we are looking for additional ways to stay connected with you and are open to ideas. So...if you have any ideas, please feel free to share. We will be sending out a member survey to find out more about what you'd like to see this year and/or express any ideas you would like for us to explore.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming more involved in the Chapter by serving on one of our committees, please feel free to reach out to me or another EC member. We have multiple opportunities for YOU to get more involved in activities.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to recognize our current EC members. Thank you for all your contributions to help make our chapter a success! 2020 – 2021 Executive Committee Members include: Jimmie Tullis, David Johnson, Nathan Heppler, Martin Currie, Jay St. Pierre, Keith Bain, Ron Kirsch, Dan Headrick, Tami Warren, and Mandy Lindsey. Please visit our [website](#) for more information or to contact an EC member.

I am hopeful to see what this year brings and am looking forward to all we can accomplish together!!!

Best Regards,

[Selena Schmidt](#)

Middle TN Chapter ASSP President

September 14th Monthly Meeting IS Virtual!!!

Registering and Attending Virtual Monthly Meetings

To Register

- Respond to email notification of meeting
- Indicate your plans to attend the meeting by emailing middletnasspmembership@gmail.com

When Attending

- **Click** – the link to the meeting invite that is sent to your email about 15 minutes prior to the meeting
- **Mute** – your microphone
- **Note** – the status of your camera

Has your employment status changed during the pandemic? [Ask](#) how ASSP can help.



Monthly Meetings Going Virtual

In an effort to support Tennessee in its efforts to combat COVID-19, while at the same time provide education and networking opportunities of regular monthly meetings, the Middle Tennessee Chapter of ASSP is going virtual. Your executive committee team has been working hard to secure presenters, applicable topics, as well as create a welcoming, and convenient virtual environment. Many of us across the Safety Industry are getting used to virtual meetings and have been able to continue our jobs in part due to the usefulness of virtual meeting platforms. Thanks to STAR Physical Therapy, we will be using their GoToMeeting Platform to provide the meetings during the late summer and early fall.



ASSP Introduces Virtual Safety Education Series

ASSP will launch its virtual safety education series on Aug. 26-27 with SafetyFOCUS: Construction, putting participants at the forefront of topics such as fall protection, silica standards, crisis management, contractor prequalification and job hazard analysis. Construction has one of the highest injury and fatality rates of any industry sector.

The virtual education series will deliver relevant safety and health information that attendees can immediately implement in their organizations. Additionally, participants will earn continuing education units (CEUs) to help maintain their professional certifications.

Over the next several months, the SafetyFOCUS virtual education series will feature events on safety management systems on Sept. 16-17; risk assessment and management on Oct. 20-21; industrial hygiene on Oct. 22; business skills and leadership on Nov. 17; human and organizational performance on Nov. 18-19; standards on Jan. 26; ergonomics on March 9; and training and education on March 10-11.

Learn more about ASSP's new SafetyFOCUS virtual education series by visiting SafetyFOCUS.assp.org.

COVID Related Topics

Pandemic Challenges: How to Return to Work Safely

Gain information and review examples of practices OSH professionals can use to help their organization resume operations and safely return people to a traditional work environment.

Online Course (Self-Paced) | 1.5 CEUs
FREE for Members / \$399 Non-Members

Scholarships and Grants



Since 1990, the ASSP Foundation has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships and professional education grants to students beginning their studies in occupational safety and professionals seeking to continue their education. The Foundation offers nearly 150 awards each year. Applications for the 2020-2021 academic year will be accepted starting September 15, 2020. Applications will be due on December 1, 2020, and awards will be announced on May 15, 2021.

WISE Mentoring Program

The WISE Mentoring program successfully connects today's most talented and experienced women mentors with rising and aspiring mentees. This pairing is designed to encourage and empower mentees to more effectively advance their careers through alignment with identified business objective, skill development, career option consideration, and network formation. All discussions are strictly confidential between the two parties. If you are an SH&E practitioner seeking to chart a successful career path or a seasoned pro eager to share experiences and insight, please visit the [ASSP WISE website for more information](#).

Upcoming Meetings, Sponsored by STAR Physical Therapy

September 14th	ASSP Virtual Meeting-TOSHA Fatalities, Wendy Fisher, TN OSHA Assistant Commissioner
October 12th	ASSP Virtual Meeting- <i>The Pain Experience of Hispanic Americans/Latino</i>, Wright Rehab, Mitch Pousson, RN BSN LNC CCM
November 9th	ASSP Virtual Meeting- <i>Opioids, Polypharmacy, and Alternative Treatments in Pain Mgmt</i>, Dr. Jeffrey E. Hazlewood