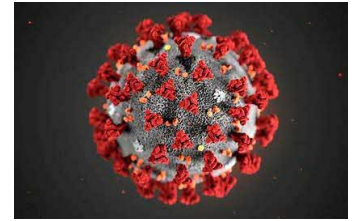




AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS
Middle Tennessee Chapter



Middle Tennessee Chapter, Fall 2021

President's Message



Jimmie Tullis, President

It is an honor and pleasure to serve as your President this year. Thanks to the hard work of the Executive Committee and Selena Schmidt, immediate past-president, we successfully made the transition to virtual meetings. Also, a big thank you to Dan Headrick with Star Physical Therapy who sponsored the GoToMeeting space for our meetings. Star Physical Therapy has graciously offered to sponsor our virtual meetings again this year as long as needed during the continuation of COVID challenges. Currently, we expect the September – November meetings to be virtual. We are watching the COVID situation closely and listening to recommendations from Society about resuming in person meetings. We will keep you posted via email, our webpage, and our Facebook page. When we return to in person meetings, we are reviewing an option to stream those monthly meetings. We realize that geographical distance makes it difficult for many of our members to attend in person and virtual meetings are becoming part of a new norm. It is the desire of your EC to make our meetings beneficial, informative, and available to as many of our members as possible. A mixed venue utilizing current technology may be exactly "the ticket" for meeting the needs of our members.

The Drivers School has resumed their monthly classes pending Court approvals. We are working with certain agencies to provide child safety seats again this year. We donate around 60 seats every year. The annual contribution to Room-In-The-Inn was disbursed earlier this year. The annual contribution to Preston-Taylor Ministries to assist young people attend drivers school to obtain their driver's license and keep them off public transit will be awarded again this year. Our annual golf scramble was successful and three University scholarships have been awarded. We are planning our annual Clay Shoot for December 3rd. Watch for more details coming soon. Funds from previous Clay Shoots have been awarded to members seeking to attend continuing education classes in safety & environmental courses. The Middle Tennessee Chapter co-sponsored, as always, the annual Tennessee Safety and Health Conference. ASSP Leadership training is open and FREE to EC members, specialty group members and to current or rising volunteers. If you have an interest in becoming involved with any of the committees in your Chapter, that makes you a rising volunteer and we encourage you to let us know your interest and to register for this opportunity at the [ASSP](#). Look for Leadership Conference under Education. Your chapter EC has been busy representing your Chapter, and we are looking forward to another year serving you.

Would you like to be involved? We need 2-3 volunteers. Let us know your interest. Your EC is planning another informative and educational year ahead and solicit your ideas for topics that will benefit you in your jobs. Please reach out. We want to hear your ideas, concerns, or challenges. It is the desire of your EC to serve you to the best of our abilities.

[Jimmie Tullis](#), Middle TN Chapter ASSP President

Mark Your Calendar!!!



Clay Shoot Rescheduled!!

December 3rd, 2021

Nashville Gun Club

Seeking Sponsors & Participants
Contact for more information.

ASSP Chapter Application for Membership Professional Development

Chapter funds are available to members who have an interest in pursuing professional development opportunities. These funds have been made available through past Clay Shoot events.

For those with interest in attending the Virtual ASSP Safety 2021 PDC, the **first 15 Chapter Members** that submit an application and email it, with a copy of your Safety 2021 registration receipt, will be reimbursed. This is on a first come-first serve basis so don't wait to submit your application and receipt for the virtual conference.

Fill out the attached application and email it to the below committee members for approval: Jay St. Pierre at jay.stpierre@hoodcontainer.com; Mandy Lindsey at mlindsey@leecompany.com; and Austin Conrad at austin.conrad@volkert.com.

After receiving the application and correct documentation, a check will be sent to you for \$239.00 following completion of the PDC (Sept 15). You have the potential for earning 6.4 CEU's for attending this year's event!

Simultaneous Virtual and Live Meetings

Your local chapter is working through the technology, equipment and processes needed to provide simultaneous virtual and live chapter meetings. We hope and pray for the pandemic to lessen as we seek to unveil and implement these plans. Our goal is to be able to provide live meetings for those who want to attend live while having simultaneous virtual ability for those who may be busy or have lingering pandemic concerns. We will keep you informed on the progress being made toward this endeavor.

Call for Presenters: Safety 2022

If you are interested in speaking at the ASSP Professional Development Conference and Exposition – Safety 2022, it's time to apply. Safety 2022 will provide a forum for occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals to:

- Identify key issues facing OSH professionals
- Expand their knowledge and professional skills
- Prepare for the challenges in the OSH fields
- Engage in the discourse concerning the profession
- Identify emerging issues relevant to the profession

Proposals are due by September 28, 2021. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Click [here](#) for more information on how to become a presenter for Safety 2022.

Safety 2022 will be held June 27-29, 2022 in Chicago, IL and Online.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

September 20 th	ASSP Region VII Member Town Hall
October 11 th	ASSP Virtual Chapter Monthly Meeting
October 21 st -22 nd	2021 Leadership Conference – Virtual Format
November 8 th	ASSP Virtual Chapter Monthly Meeting
December 3 rd	Clay Shoot, Nashville Gun Club
December 13 th	AIHA/ASSP Joint Chapter Monthly Meeting; TBD

Chapter News

ASSP National is undergoing some compliance-related structural changes that are being voted on by delegates (House of Delegates). In regard to the changes, Society President Bradley Giles states, “And, like any business, ASSP must adapt to and incorporate modern operating principles to remain competitive and relevant.” The proposal is to transition away from our current structure with divided authority between a House of Delegates with voting authority and the Society Board of Directors. Each Chapter has a certain number of Delegates who vote on behalf of its members. The Middle Tennessee Chapter has two Delegates. The transition moves ASSP to a more inclusive At-Large Advisory Group, replacing the House of Delegates, who would advise the Society Board of Directors. President Giles continues in his letter, “This change would enable ASSP to have one governing body (Board of Directors) that could react swiftly to seize opportunities and avoid threats.” Details on those proposed changes, check out [ASSP Governance](#). Your chapter Delegates want to know what you think about the changes that are being proposed, so they can vote on this change as your representatives. The vote has been delayed to allow additional time for members to review the proposed changes.

Region VII News: ASSP Region VII Member Town Hall and ASSP National Update

Hello, ASSP Region VII Members:

By now, you may have heard that there is a proposal to update ASSP’s governance.

Earlier this year, a board-level task force examined industry research, trends, and association best practices to develop at a recommended proposal that has been approved by the Board of Directors. This proposal calls for ASSP to transition the House of Delegates to an at-large advisory group. This shift would align with legal guidance and association best practices, emphasize inclusivity, and position the member-driven advisory group to inform and influence the Board. In addition, this agile infrastructure would allow ASSP to protect and effectively manage our assets, while the versatility in daily operations would safeguard our long-term viability.

You can find more information on this recommendation and its anticipated impact on our members, our member communities and the Society on ASSP’s [governance webpage](#). This site contains a variety of background information as well as these key documents:

[Task Force Report](#)

[Governance Fact Sheet](#)

[FAQs](#)

[Governance Presentation](#)

The documents provide many details about the change, but I’d like to emphasize three key points:

- **Member voice will always be vital to ASSP.** The proposed at-large advisory group would be open to all members. With no limits or requirements on participation, the process would maximize inclusion to strengthen the Society’s decision-making process. The group’s input, along with market research, focus groups, member town halls and community events, would ensure member voice informs our decisions. Members would also retain the authority to vote on key issues, including electing officers and changes to the articles of incorporation (e.g., name change).
- **ASSP communities retain strong representation and voice.** Our elected leaders and various councils would continue to guide their respective communities. Today, our chapters go to their area directors and regional vice presidents, not their delegates, when seeking to influence changes. This would not change under the proposal.
- **Greater diversity of thought improves ASSP.** Since participation in the at-large advisory group is open to all members, we would create a more inclusive path for meaningful member engagement and contribution. We believe this will allow us to hear voices we haven’t had access to before.

We are hosting a discussion to help you understand the proposal and give you an opportunity to ask questions.

Region VII Member Town Hall: Repositioning ASSP for Success | Monday, September 20, 2021 | 11:00 a.m. ET.

To register to attend this town hall, click [here](#).



ASSP Foundation 2021 Exclusive Tie Dye T-Shirt

All funds raised will go directly to the American Society of Safety Professionals Foundation.

This is only available for a limited time, so step up and order today! Thank you for your help building vital and relevant programs to support the future of the safety profession.

Click [here](#) to purchase this limited-edition Tie Dye T-Shirt.

Keep up to date with Middle Tennessee Chapter Information at [Middle TN ASSP](#).

Keep up to date with Region VII Information at [Region VII ASSP](#).



**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**