



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Southwestern Ohio Chapter News & Meeting Announcement – May 2021

Scheduled Meetings and Topics for 2021

May Strategic Planning Discussion

June 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Little Miami Valley Brewing Social Event

July 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM Team Event at Florence Y'all Baseball Game

August OSHA discussion

September 9/17/21 4pm – 8pm Ronald McDonald House – Member Volunteer Outreach Opportunity

October Diversity and Inclusion

Won't you please join us (VIRTUALLY)?

Date: Tuesday May 11th

Call in Meeting time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: online Please register online: <https://swohio.assp.org/event/>

After you register, you will be notified a couple of days prior to the meeting via e-mail for the invite and meeting access details.

If you cannot join us for the online workshop, please check out our resources page online.

MAY MEETING TOPIC: STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

When: Tuesday, May 11th, 2021, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Speaker: Open Forum Discussion

May joint meeting with OVS-AIHA--OSHA Briefing

The OSHA update with Ken Montgomery will be held virtually on Zoom on June 8th at 6pm. I will be sure to provide info and include Kittyhawk and Southwest OH ASSP on the invite. Meeting will be \$5 for ASSP and AIHA members. \$7 for non-members. Sign up will be through Eventbrite, just like we've done in the past.

ASSP Shifts Safety 2021 to Austin in September

Mar 31, 2021

PARK RIDGE, IL (March 31, 2021) — Prioritizing the safety and health of all attendees, the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) has moved its signature event to a new date and location while making it a hybrid experience for the first time. The [Safety 2021 Professional Development Conference and Exposition](#) will take place Sept. 13-15 both online and in-person in Austin, Texas, enabling attendees to access continuing education like never before.

"It will be a dynamic occupational safety and health education and networking experience, and we are incorporating heightened safety and health measures to protect all attendees," said ASSP President Deborah Roy, M.P.H., RN, COHN-S, CSP, CIT, FASSP, FAAOHN. "We are excited about what we have in store for industry professionals worldwide."

ASSP will combine the in-person event at the Austin Convention Center with an engaging virtual component that features mobile compatibility to offer unprecedented access to the 60th annual conference. The new framework replaces the Society's original plan to present Safety 2021 in Denver in June.

"Expect a conference experience that is mindful of the public safety and health challenges we continue to face due to the pandemic," Roy said. "We've all missed being together in person, and we'll provide safe opportunities for safety professionals to learn and reconnect with one another to enhance their careers. For example, face coverings will be mandatory."

In addition to requiring attendees to wear face coverings at the convention center, ASSP is working diligently to integrate many safeguards into its new plan and continues to monitor pandemic-related developments in Austin. Furthermore, if the public health situation doesn't improve as expected, the Society has the flexibility to shift the conference to an all-virtual event.

ASSP's annual event – the nation's largest conference and expo for occupational safety and health professionals that debuted in 1962 – highlights best practices, industry trends and the latest product innovations. Concurrent sessions presented by industry trendsetters provide practical information that safety professionals can use today and in the future to protect workers, enhance business operations and advance their careers. At the in-person expo, companies will reveal cutting-edge safety solutions to top industry challenges through hands-on demonstrations.

By attending the live event in Austin, safety professionals will earn up to 1.2 continuing education units (CEUs) for their career advancement. After the conference, those who attended in-person will have access to all the online sessions that provide an additional 6.0 CEUs, enabling them to earn up to 7.2 CEUs total. Virtual-only registrants can earn up to 6.0 CEUs. Safety 2021 registration will open in late spring.

The conference's popular general and plenary sessions that aim to inspire, entertain and inform will be streamed live so that in-person and online attendees experience them together in real time.

Safety and health professionals can stay informed of the latest Safety 2021 developments and upcoming registration details by visiting ASSP's conference web page at safety.assp.org.

[Safety 2021 FAQs](#)

About ASSP – Working together for a safer, stronger future

For more than 100 years, the American Society of Safety Professionals has been at the forefront of helping occupational safety and health professionals protect people and property. The nonprofit society is based in the Chicago suburb of Park Ridge. Its global membership of nearly 40,000 professionals covers all industries, developing safety and health management plans that prevent injuries, illnesses and deaths. ASSP advances its members and the safety profession through education, advocacy, standards and a professional community. Its flagship publication, Professional Safety, is a longtime leader in the field. Visit www.assp.org and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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Hardship Membership

ASSP has a hardship membership program available to members who have lost their jobs. Members may fill out this form to be considered or for more information please contact Customer Service at +1-847-699-2929 or customerservice@assp.org.

[Job Loss Hardship Membership Form](#)



Volunteer Opportunity:



We have our annual Ronald McDonald House visit scheduled for Friday September 17 from 4 PM – 8 PM. Space is limited to 12 persons. Spouses and children welcome (minimum volunteer age is 16 to attend). Check our website to reserve your spot today!

Leading Safety Forward

Deborah R. Roy, M.P.H., R.N., CSP, COHN-S, CIT, FASSP, FAAOHN, 2020-2021 ASSP President
May 01, 2021



Many of you have heard me talk about the more visible role OSH professionals have due to the pandemic. We fulfill a critical role that affects the overall well-being of workers worldwide.

This enhanced visibility also means we have an even greater responsibility to lead, even if our title does not reflect a formal leadership position. This leads to the question, "How do I build leadership skills if I do not hold a formal role?"

Throughout the pandemic, many of us have provided the C-suite with science-based solutions grounded in an understanding of our organizations and industries. A willingness to learn and adapt is critical to evolving our roles and elevating our contributions. If you have become the go-to resource and also have business skills, you are well-positioned to be recognized as a leader and expand your role.

If you have not experienced new opportunities during the pandemic, you have likely gained new skills that would make you a match for one of the many new OSH positions I am seeing posted. I believe we will have more options and opportunities now that a light has been shined on how critical worker safety and health are to business continuity.

Even if your work role is fulfilling, you may still want to find other ways to expand your soft skills. Volunteering is a great example. I have had many opportunities to grow my business skills in my corporate OSH roles and in operating my consulting firm. Like most OSH professionals, I use my critical-thinking and problem-solving skills each day to assess safety problems and develop practical solutions. But I developed many of my soft skills through various volunteer roles that started early in my career.

Let me share a few examples. In my early 20s, during my first occupational health job, I joined the state chapter of the occupational health nurses' organization. I moved quickly through various roles, leading me to become chapter president when we were responsible for hosting a regional conference. There's nothing like planning a conference to learn how to build teams and communicate effectively!

That experience showed me that I had the skills to plan and prioritize work and to communicate with diverse audiences. This gave me the confidence to volunteer for a committee that ran the state conference, a group I would ultimately chair twice. This experience helped me to learn facilitation skills that I use today. I learned how to draw out great ideas, involve all participants and keep the group focused on the task at hand.

As a member of various boards and as treasurer, I learned to work with a team and delegate not only the responsibility, but also the authority to make decisions. And I learned that it takes different people with complementary strengths to make it work.

During that time, I began speaking at state and regional conferences, then at national and international events, while also working in both occupational safety and health. That's how I became involved with ASSP. I started teaching at the annual conference, served on symposium task forces and various committees, and was engaged with two practice specialties.

These experiences contributed to what I bring to ASSP and our members as a board member and Society president. But they also gave me opportunities to learn and practice skills such as relationship-building that have contributed to a successful 39-year career in corporate settings and consulting.

What does all of this mean to you? I hope you see it as a call to take charge of your own development and consider what volunteering can do for you. You can learn about elected Society roles and job descriptions with required time commitment at <http://assp.us/volunteering>. ASSP also has many time-limited or micro-volunteering roles in which you can learn and grow or give back. Please log in to the website and complete our Leadership Connection form at http://assp.us/leadership_connection. If you are already a volunteer, thank you for all you do for ASSP and your fellow members! Now is a great time to consider what else you would like to learn that might contribute to your development and career.

Everything you need to know about donating **Convalescent Plasma**

Donating convalescent plasma is an incredible way to make a difference during this time of uncertainty—and when you donate with Hoxworth, your plasma will help a patient in our community.

Why donate Convalescent Plasma?

Convalescent plasma contains antibodies that can be used for the treatment of individuals infected with COVID-19.

Who can donate?

Individuals who have recovered from a documented infection of COVID-19 and have been symptom free for at least 14 days are eligible to donate.

How long does donating plasma take?

Donating Convalescent Plasma takes about 90 minutes total.

How to donate:

Step 1: Make sure you're at least 14 days symptom free.

Step 2: Visit hoxworth.org/covid-19 and fill out the survey on the webpage.

Step 3: Wait for a call from Hoxworth to schedule your donation.

Please note: Donors must be pre-approved through website and cannot show up day of drive without pre-approval.

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ASSP Can Help Fund Your Education

Since 1990, the [ASSP Foundation](#) has awarded millions of dollars in scholarships to students beginning their studies in occupational safety seeking to continue their education. We offer more than 100 awards each year, ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 each. Scholarships are available to students pursuing occupational safety and health (OSH) and closely related degrees both at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Is there a scholarship for you?



How to Apply for a Scholarship

Students enrolled in OSH-related majors and meeting basic criteria are eligible to apply for ASSP Foundation scholarships. View all the basic criteria as well as Frequently Asked Questions to determine your eligibility [here](#).

Applicants only need to complete one application to be eligible for all available scholarship awards.

Key Dates

September 15	Applications Open
January 1	Applications Due (11:59pm CT)
May 15	Awards Announced

Apply For A Scholarship

Have a great Summer and we will hope to see the returning students next Fall!

Newsletter additions or comments:

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