



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Southwestern Ohio Chapter News & Meeting Announcement - October 2022

Scheduled Meetings and Topics for 2022-2023

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| October 11 th | Fall Protection Lessons from the Field – Oct 11 11AM |
| November 11 th | 4 PM – Ronald McDonald House |
| December 13 th | Newport Aquarium tour |
| January | Strategic Planning |
| February | TBD |
| March 14, 2023 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm OSHA Region 5 Update with Ken Montgomery |

Won't you please join us VIRTUALLY?

OCTOBER MEETING TOPIC: Fall Protection Lessons from the Field

Date: Tuesday October 11th

Description: Fall protection; lessons from the field presented by Barry Gullickson is a Fall Pro Specialist with 3M

Presentation 12:00 – 12:45 PM Q & A and Adjournment 12:45 – 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

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

An Update on Our Advisory Group

Christine Sullivan, CSP, ARM, 2022-2023 ASSP President

Oct 01, 2022



Our Advisory Group held its first-ever meeting on July 20, 2022. It was an honor to welcome this group of volunteers to this new leadership role, and we appreciate how dedicated they are to advancing the Society, representing our members and member communities, and elevating our great profession.

The creation of this group is a key outcome of our historic governance change approved by delegates earlier this year. It signals a shift in our approach to strategic planning; highlights our focus on providing members with more opportunities to share input and inform the Board of Directors' decision-making; and supports our efforts to engage more members and create a more inclusive organization.

Throughout our meetings with members prior to the governance vote and since then, we have received questions about the Advisory Group, so I would like to review some key details as the group moves forward with its operations and work plan. Be sure to visit and bookmark the [Advisory Group web page](#).

Member Representation

One common question relates to the composition of the Advisory Group, which currently consists of more than 330 members. Four key member constituencies are represented:

- **Chapters:** Each chapter has representation based on the size of its membership as defined in our bylaws (<https://assp.us/bylawsA-14>).
- **Common interest groups and practice specialties:** The leaders elected to serve as administrators and assistant administrators of these member communities are members of the Advisory Group.
- **Elected Society leaders:** Members elected to the offices of council vice president, region vice president and area director also belong to the Advisory Group.
- **At-Large members:** Members in good standing can comprise up to one-quarter of the Advisory Group. In the at-large role, these members represent the interests of our general membership and OSH professionals overall.

You can view a demographic breakdown that reflects these categories and several others at <https://assp.us/AG-Demo-2022>.

Advisory Group Work Plan

As part of the governance change, we developed an initial Society Operating Guideline (SOG) and work plan for the Advisory Group. A key step in this work plan is selecting members to serve on the Operations Committee. This committee will coordinate and facilitate meetings, track outcomes and report regularly to members, including the Board of Directors, on key performance indicators. Advisory Group members have considered two options that align with our bylaws and committee selection SOGs to move this process forward, and we expect to have this committee in place by early November.

Membership value will be a key focus of the Advisory Group during its inaugural year. We are conducting research to capture input on key challenges and opportunities related to membership, and Advisory Group members will inform board decisions in this area through surveys, interviews and town halls. Be sure to share your thoughts and ideas on this topic with your Advisory Group representatives.

The Advisory Group will also play an essential role in our strategic planning. We have two upcoming meetings with the group on this issue:


•Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 11:30 a.m. CDT




•Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. CST


We have posted a video of the Advisory Group's first meeting as well as a document addressing questions participants asked and an attendee evaluation on the [Advisory Group web page](#). I encourage you to visit this page to build your understanding of the group, its role and expectations, and to stay up to date on its activities. I also recommend that you connect with the representatives of your member communities, and please always feel free to send questions and feedback to governance@assp.org.


As we work together and find new ways to collaborate, I am confident we are creating a safer future for our employees, and a stronger future for our organizations, our Society and our profession.


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ASSP Foundation Professional Education Grant Program

- **Professional education grants** are available for individuals within the occupational safety and health field (either students or professionals) who need financial support for certification expenses, conference attendance, webinar attendance, workshop attendance, and similar professional development support.
- College courses are not covered by the professional education grant program; applicants must use the scholarship application if requesting support for college courses.
- **Applications for ASSP Foundation professional education grants are accepted year-round, with awards made on a rolling basis, based on availability.**

[Find out more about the program by visiting the frequently asked questions page](#)

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ASSP Foundation Academic Scholarship Program

- **Academic scholarships** are available for students within the occupational safety and health field, preparing for their careers or looking to supplement their careers with additional college coursework.
- **Applications for ASSP Foundation academic scholarships are accepted October 15, 2022–January 31, 2023.**
- Programs of study must be either directly related to the occupational safety and health field or will be utilized to support the occupational safety and health field. This can include a variety of degrees. If your degree is not directly related to occupational safety and health, you will be asked to clarify how you will be using your degree to support the field of occupational safety and health.
- Academic scholarships are announced on or around May 15, 2022.
- [Find out more about the program by visiting the frequently asked questions page.](#)

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