



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS
Great Plains Chapter

2023—Spring Newsletter

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Dear Great Plains Chapter Members,

I want to welcome the new members. I hope you will get to attend some of our meetings. The ability to network with others in the profession has helped me throughout my career. Finding those who you can turn to ask questions and share ideas. Our chapter has members representing many types of organizations, but we all are focused on making our respective workplaces and our community safer others.

Check out our website <https://greatplains.assp.org/> . You can find our bylaws, information on upcoming events, job postings, legislative updates and much more.



This month we will hold the election of officers. You can find the list of candidates in this newsletter. The meeting will be held virtually. Thanks to the nominating committee for their hard work. Please join us to show your support for those who volunteered to serve the chapter.

You will also find the list of chapter events for each month thru September. Thanks to all who have helped put this lineup together. The June meeting feature the CLAAS manufacturer plant in Omaha. I have always enjoyed plant tours. More information to come.

John Hauser

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ASSP Great Plains Chapter President

Welcome New Members

July 2022 New Members

Stephanie Weathers	CBRE
Tristan Graff	Turner Construction

August 2022 New Members

Edy Maxime N’Goran	Student
Kimberly Caldwell	Viking Industrial Painting

September 2022 New Members

Jayden Wilson	Student
Jeffrey Parker	

October 2022 New Members

Martin Leon	Omaha Steak
Judy Brahm	Endicott Clay Products

November 2022 New Members

Monica Quattrocchi	Ag Processing Inc.
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December 2022 New Members

Erica Colbert	Metropolitan Utilities District
Peter Kiscoan	Metropolitan Utilities District

January 2023 New Members

Jane Larson	Hendrickson Mfg.
Rachael Murphy	McGough
Don Murray	Duncan Aviation
Michael Ravenstein	
Courtney Rosengartner	Markel
Kyle Ruehter	Standard Iron Works
Tyler Sitzmann	Wayne State College
Shawn Smith	The Greenbrier Companies
Madeline Young	

February 2023 New Members

Joshua Stayton	Schneider Electric
Thomas Hannon	Greenbrier Rail Services

March 2023 New Members

Dave Stading	
TJ Tuetken	
Doug Spire	
Courtney Miller	
Jimmie Hyatt	Turner Construction
Jason Bear	

Election of Officers – Slate of Officers

Officer elections for the Great Plains chapter of ASSP will be held during the April (4/21/23) meeting, which will be virtual. This meeting will be held virtually so plan on attending and cast your vote. Here is the slate of officers. Below are the nominations for each elected position:

President: Kelvin Thurman, CSP - The chapter president provides direction and support to create a meaningful and high-quality experience for chapter members.

- Current chapter role(s): Treasurer
- Senior Safety Specialist at MCC Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Vice President: Samantha O'Kelley - The chapter president-elect/vice president assists the chapter president in providing direction and support to the chapter to create a meaningful and high-quality experience for chapter members.

- Current chapter role(s): Secretary
- Safety Manager at State Steel

Treasurer: Brenda Schroeder - The chapter treasurer ensures the chapter's financial ability to serve its members. This volunteer leader manages chapter resources and funds, maintains and updates the chapter's financial records, and provides leadership in financial responsibility and fund allocation.

- Current chapter role(s): Awards & Honors Chair
- Safety Manager at CLAAS Omaha Inc.

Secretary: Ed Armendariz, CSP - The chapter secretary ensures the chapter's ability to provide continuity of a quality member experience by maintaining the chapter's historical records.

- Current chapter role(s): Government Affairs Chair
- Central region SH&E Manager at HDR

Advisory Group Member: Todd Grumley, GSP The Advisory Group is a standing committee of the ASSP Board of Directors. As a standing committee, the Advisory Group will be responsible for monitoring trends impacting workplace safety and the profession. They will use this information to recommend courses of action to the Board of Directors.

- Current chapter role(s): Nominations Elections Chair and Foundation & Scholarship Chair
- Sr. EHS Specialist – EHS Services at Conagra Brands

A detailed summary for each elected position can be found on ASSP's website through the link below.

<https://www.assp.org/community-leader-resources/chapters/chapter-leadership-roles> [assp.org]

Upcoming Events

ASSP Great Plains Chapter Meeting—April 21, 2023

On Friday, April 21, 2023, at Noon we will be holding the election of officer and our monthly chapter meeting. Presenting for the April meeting will be: and Rebecca Keating, Corporate Outreach Representative, Columbia Southern – TOPIC: BSCP – ASP & CSP Prep Courses. Location – Virtual. Those who register will be sent the ZOOM Link.

You can register for the event by using the following link:

<https://greatplains.assp.org/events/assp-great-plains-chapter-meeting-april-2023/>

ASSP Great Plains Chapter Meeting—May 19, 2023

On Friday, May 19, 2023, at Noon TOPIC: ASTM Committee Members discuss flame, flash fire, and arc flash PPE. Location – Virtual

You can register for the event by using the following link:

<https://greatplains.assp.org/events/astm-committee-members-discuss-flame-flash-fire-and-arc-flash-ppe/>

Information On The Upcoming Events Listed Below Will Be Posted On Our Website As They Are Finalized. Check <https://greatplains.assp.org/event/>

ASSP Great Plains Chapter Meeting—June 16, 2023

Start Time: Lunch – 11:30 AM Presentation: Noon - Brenda Schroeder – Site visit to Claas – Omaha Facility, Location: 8401 S 132nd St, Omaha, NE

ASSP Great Plains Chapter Meeting—July 21, 2023

Start Time: Lunch 11:30 AM Presentation: Noon - TOPIC: Andy Wetjen, Regional Sales Manager, Protective Industrial Products - TOPIC: Class 2 hardhats and why it might be a good change for workers. Location: TBD

ASSP Great Plains Chapter Meeting—September 15, 2023

Start Time: Lunch 11:30 AM Presentation: Noon - Presentation: Noon Topic: Matt Calbreath, Emergency preparedness/evacuation and organizing the exiting from the largest building in Nebraska, Location: Downtown



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