



## Newsletter October 2024

### Update from the President

Hello Fellow ASSP Members,

With two months left in the year I want to share the exciting things that have occurred for our chapter.

- We experienced a 10% growth in membership over the prior few years. I think with COVID in the rearview mirror has sparked this growth.
- Successful Lunch and Learns: Remember to block out your calendar from 11:30-1 the third Friday of each month, we will provide a good educational opportunity.
- Achieved the Platinum Recognition Award
- First Annual ASSP/RIMS Golf outing was enjoyed by all. It was a perfect September day.
- GPC provided a \$1500 donation to the National Safety Council Nebraska Chapter to invest in their Learning Lab, which will teach the next generation of safety professionals.

#### 2025 Goals

- Continued growth of our membership.
- Provide educational and networking for our members.
- Continue to invest in the safety community.
- Grow leadership opportunities on the board of GPC.
- Social Chair- This position will develop networking and fun activities for our members to participate. The golf outing will be one area, and other social events.
- Examples include, from Tulsa Chapter attend a baseball game, Oklahoma City Chapter has a Sporting Clay Tournament, the NE Iowa Chapter volunteer to plant trees.
- Hispanic Safety Professional Chair- Did you know according to NSC that Spanish speaking workers have a 41.6% higher fatality rate than non-Hispanic workers, and injuries are 14.5% higher. For this reason, the GPC would like to promote safety to the Hispanic community to lower these unfortunate statistics.

If you are interested in providing guidance and leadership for either position, please email me Kelvin Thurman [kdmathurman@cox.net](mailto:kdmathurman@cox.net) and Samantha O'Kelley [okelley.samantha@gmail.com](mailto:okelley.samantha@gmail.com) your interest. We would like to have the chair positions in place for the start of 2025.

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