President’s Message | Megan Guarducci, CSP

October was a busy month! Kevin Parkinson and I were able to attend ASSP’s Annual Leadership Conference in Chicago on October 11th. Society puts this Conference on every year to help chapter leaders learn how to be better leaders, how to bring more value to our members, how to use the resources available to us, and gives us time to discuss our challenges with other Chapters worldwide. Kevin and I brought back a lot of great ideas and we can’t wait to share them with you over the next few months! When we got back, we hit the ground running and put the finishing touches on the Professional Development Conference that was held at the Fresno Convention Center. I ended the month in Alaska for the Fall ROC Meeting, where Chapter Leaders came together where there were a lot of discussions about membership involvement, chapter cyber security, and more. We are always looking for more volunteers and ways to bring value to our members. If you’d like to volunteer or have any great ideas for us, email me at President@CentralValley.ASSP.org. Looking forward to November!

2019 Professional Development Conference | October 16, 2019

The Annual Professional Development Conference provides one of the most sought-after events for attendees to learn the profession’s best practices focusing on Safety, Health, Human Resources, Workers’ Compensation, Risk Management, Industrial Hygiene & Environmental Issues. The 2019 Conference was attended by over 140+ attendees. The event featured 13 classes, 20 Sponsors and 17 Exhibitors. This year’s Hall of Fame recipient was Marianne Cinfel. The President’s Award went to Brad Perry. President-Elect, Kevin Parkinson, received the Rising Star award. Past President, Tony Canizales, received the Chapter SPY Award.

We would like to thank all attendees, speakers, and sponsors for helping make this year’s PDC a success! Next Year’s Professional Development Conference will be held at the Fresno Convention Center in October 2020. We would like to thank all of our sponsors for helping make this year PDC a success.

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2019 Milestones

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- Vera Prichard
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- Bradley Hammer
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Upcoming Events

November Chapter Meeting
- 11/21 11:30 am—1:00 pm
- Fleming’s Steakhouse, Fresno
- Leadership and Safety, you can’t have one without the other!
- Speaker: Dr. Laurie Goodman

January Chapter Meeting
- 01/30 11:30 am—1:00 pm
- Fleming’s Steakhouse, Fresno
- Disciplining Employees
- Speaker: Anthony Raimondo

“It’s fine to celebrate success but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure.”

Bill Gates

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Military Members

ASSP offers reduced dues to members who are active-duty personnel in any branch of the U.S. military whose job involves OSH, as well as to members who are military reservists whose job involves OSH and who are on active duty (beyond the annual two-week commitment). We will request proof of active service.

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https://www.assp.org/membership/communities/practice-specialties/military

OSHA Trade Release | OSHA Enforcement and Compliance Increases in 2019

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s (OSHA) fiscal year (FY) 2019 final statistics show a significant increase in the number of inspections and a record amount of compliance assistance to further the mission of ensuring that employers provide workplaces free of hazards.

OSHA’s enforcement activities reflect the Department’s continued focus on worker safety. Federal OSHA conducted 33,401 inspections—more inspections than the previous three years—addressing violations related to trenching, falls, chemical exposure, silica and other hazards.

See the full article on our chapter website, or at www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases