

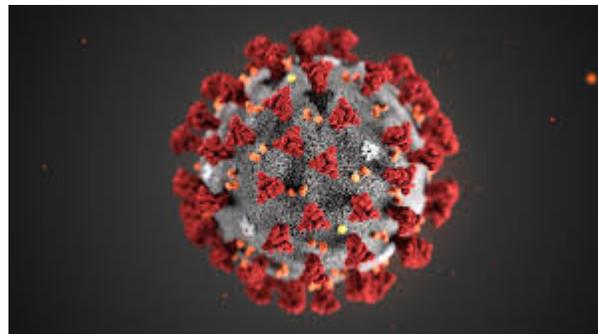


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MARCH CHAPTER MEETING | CHANGE OF TOPIC



Due to circumstances beyond our control, our scheduled speaker Jennifer Harris is unable to travel due to immediate work needs at her location due to COVID-19. Because of this, and perhaps appropriately, we have changed our topic to instead discuss what COVID-19 means for organizations and those of us working in occupational safety and health. We are sorry that we will not be able to host ASSP Region 1 Area Director, Jennifer Harris at this time, and will look for a future opportunity to hear from her.

Topic: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Panel: Current Response and Prudent Practices for Organizations.

Speaker: Panel members to be announced for discussion and Q&A.

The COVID-19 outbreak is already impacting many of our work operations, as well as our personal lives. There is a huge amount of information available, some of it science-based and some not. Join this Columbia-Willamette Chapter ASSP meeting to discuss with other safety and health professionals about facts most pertinent at this time, useful resources, and to share ideas about prudent practices and those to keep people calm. We are in the process of pulling together a small panel, potentially including some of our own members, who have expertise that they are willing to share during this meeting. Issues we expect to discuss include travel restrictions, best practices for workplace sanitation practices, and implementation of sick and leave policies.

Because of the change of topic we will not be hosting a happy hour meet and greet for Jennifer and members this month, or in conjunction with this event. Thank you for your patience and flexibility. We hope to see you next week.

As always, please register no later than Monday, March 9 by 5 pm so we can confirm our headcount with the venue.

[REGISTER](#)

MOBILE ELEVATED WORK PLATFORMS PDC

Mobile Elevated Work Platform

User W/ Train the Trainer course presented by Genie



Genie® Lift Pro™ Operator Training Courses are designed to help prepare participants in the safe and proper use of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs).

Participants will receive the latest training curriculum required for operator qualification. The course covers the responsibilities of all parties associated with the operation of mobile elevating work platforms (as outlined by ANSI A92.24-2018 and CSA B354.8:17) and Telehandlers (as outlined by ANSI/ITSDF B56.6, CSA B335 and OSHA 1910.178), hazard recognition and avoidance, pre-operation inspections, function tests, workplace inspections and safe operation.

Participants who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate of completion and Genie Lift Pro Operator card. Genie Lift Pro courses meet ANSI, OSHA and CSA requirements for operator training. Courses are conducted at your facility with an eight-person minimum requirement. Genie Lift Pro Operator Training classes are four hours in length each. Participants may elect to attend only one product family if desired.

PRICE:

User W/ Train the Trainer (8-hours) | \$600

WHEN:

[Wednesday, March 25th](#)

Meeting: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

WHERE:

Sunbelt Rental Yard
7626 NE Killingsworth Street
Portland, OR 97218

INSTRUCTOR:

Scott Owyen
Senior Training Manager
Terex Aerial Work Platforms

REGISTER

WOMEN IN SAFETY EXCELLENCE SYMPOSIUM



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Please join us on April 10th for the ASSP ColumbiaWillamette Chapter's inaugural WISE (Women in Safety Excellence) symposium. We are very excited to offer the opportunity for women in the safety profession to collaborate with prominent safety leaders.

During the symposium you will have the opportunity to explore topics such as how to impact safety culture in male dominated workplaces, women's role in safety and diversity, mental wellness for women, and a panel discussion to encourage you in your role as a female safety leader.

Vendors specializing in women's workwear and PPE will also be showcasing some of their products. Best of all, this is an opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals and expand your network of contacts. Our WISEguy friends are always welcome to join us!

Cost | Members \$50.00 Non-Members \$75.00

*Registration fee includes lunch & refreshments***

Date | Friday, April 10th, 9:00AM - 3:30PM

Location | SAIF 2 Centerpointe Drive Lake Oswego, OR 97035
5th Floor Training Room

Speakers | **Emily (Yueng-hsiang) Huang**

PhD Associate Professor, OHSU

Deborah Zwetchkenbaum, M.A.

Assistant Director, Crisis Line Program

Lines for Life

Christina Linicome MSM

SAIF Diversity and Inclusion Director

Panelists | Melissa M. Diede, CSP, ALCM

Leslie Kantor, MSOS, CSP, ARM

Chris Miller, CSP, ASP

Registration | <https://cwc.assp.org/events/>



PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Coronavirus is in the news, all over social media, and I have heard many people having conversations about it. There is a wide range of responses currently from seeing people using respirators to Costco being completely sold out of toilet paper last weekend. There is also fear among some that coronavirus or COVID-19 has a higher mortality rate within the general population than is true. It is important to remember that during times like this that we, as health and safety professionals, look at the facts surrounding this pandemic and if asked questions by employees we stick to the facts.

As you have seen recently the topic for our chapter's monthly meeting has changed. We were informed by our speaker late last week that they were not able to join us as their employer was asking for all hands on deck to help with response planning for COVID-19 within their organization. With that in mind we have decided that this month's chapter

meeting will be COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Panel: Current Response and Prudent Practices for Organizations.

Below is information about COVID-19 that is taken from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

Who is at Higher Risk?

Early information out of China, where COVID-19 first started, shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. This includes:

- Older adults
- People who have serious chronic medical conditions like:
 - Heart disease
 - Diabetes
 - Lung disease

Get Ready for COVID-19 Now

- Have supplies on hand
 - Contact your healthcare provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand in case there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in your community and you need to stay home for a prolonged period of time.
 - If you cannot get extra medications, consider using mail-order for medications.
 - Be sure you have over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies (tissues, etc.) to treat fever and other symptoms. Most people will be able to recover from COVID-19 at home.
 - Have enough household items and groceries on hand so that you will be prepared to stay at home for a period of time.
- Take everyday precautions
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
 - Take everyday preventive actions
 - Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place.
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places – elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking with people, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something.
- Wash your hands after touching surfaces in public places.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
- Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs: practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks & cell phones)
- Avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces. Your risk of exposure to respiratory viruses like COVID-19 may increase in crowded, closed-in settings with little air circulation if there are people in the crowd who are sick.

Finally, below are some useful links for more information about COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

<https://www.assp.org/coronavirus>

<https://www.assp.org/news-and-articles/2020/03/02/the-safety-professional-s-role-in-planning-for-a-pandemic>

All the Best,

Royal Willard, CSP, President ASSP CWC

**OREGON CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SUICIDE
PREVENTION TASK FORCE**

Oregon Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Task Force

The Northwest is experiencing a construction boom, but the Construction Industry is encountering another challenge - a staggering rate of suicides. Construction workers take their lives more than any other industry in America.

Please join Construction Industry leaders for the first meeting of the Oregon Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Task Force to discuss and strategize ways to reduce suicides and support mental wellness. This group will lead efforts to take **action** to prevent suicide and promote mental wellness on the job site and to meet this growing health and safety crisis.

WHEN:

Wednesday, April 1

Meeting: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

WHERE:

Portland SAIF Offices

Two Centerpointe Dr. 5th Floor Conference Room,

Lake Oswego, OR. 97035

RSVP:

Judy Cushing

Project Lead / Lines for Life

judycpdx@gmail.com

[503-318-6586](tel:503-318-6586)

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASSP CWC Mobile Elevated Work Platform PDC

- March 25 - [Sunbelt Rentals, Portland, OR](#)

ASSP CWC WISE Symposium

- April 10 - [SAIF Offices, Lake Oswego, OR](#)

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

- March 10 - Santiam Section Meeting | [Silica Overview – Kim Henry, SAIF](#)
- March 12 - CWC Chapter Meeting | [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Panel: Current Response and Prudent Practices for Organizations](#)
- April 9 - CWC Chapter Meeting | [The Science of Sleep and Daily Rhythms: How sleep habits and time of day affect your health and well-being](#)
- April 14 - Santiam Section Meeting | [Respiratory Protection – Brandi Davis, Oregon OSHA](#)
- April 16 - Mt. St. Helens Section Meeting | [Washington State DOT Safety Issues](#)
- May 12 - Santiam Section Meeting | [Threat Assessment/De-Escalation – John Van Dreal](#)
- May 21 - Mt. St. Helens Section Meeting | [Silica Compliance for general industry. Washington DOSH](#)

Oregon Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Task Force

- April 1 - Portland SAIF Offices, Lake Oswego, OR

Construction Safety Summit

The 4th Tuesday of each month

www.constructionsafetysummit.com

- March 24 - [Electrical Scenarios in Construction](#)
- April 28 - [Panel - Managing the Gray in Safety](#)

2020 SPY Award | Chapter Safety Professional of the Year

- March 29 - Nomination Deadline

ASSP Foundation | Scholarships and Grants

- April 1 - [Awards Announced](#)

JOB OPENINGS



Occupational Safety Consultant

Company | Oregon OSHA

This position is with the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA). Oregon OSHA is responsible for assuring safe and healthful working conditions for Oregon workers through promulgation and enforcement of Occupational Safety and Health Regulations, and by providing consultation and education to employees and employers.

This position is represented by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

Sr Safety Mgmt Consultant (Regional)

Company | SAIF - Bend, OR

Our senior safety management consultants help employers in a broad range of industries—from manufacturing to health care to high tech—create a clear vision of a high-performance safety culture, then give them the tools they need to achieve it.

We're looking for someone who can communicate effectively with all levels of an organization to influence change. Our ideal candidate will combine strategic and tactical expertise with strong technical skills in risk assessment, loss trend analysis, and business risk consulting. We offer a pay-for-performance salary structure, excellent benefits, and the opportunity to improve workplace safety for thousands of Oregonians.

Safety Coordinator

Company | Precision Castparts Corp. - Clackamas, OR

Purpose | Responsible for the successful accomplishment of the corporation's safety and environmental goals and objectives through the cost effective utilization of allotted financial, plant, and human resources.

Senior Safety Specialist

Company | Precision Castparts Corp. - Portland, OR

Mission | Fosters, directly and indirectly, by action, example and a comprehensive

safety program throughout SSBO. Monitors potential health and safety conditions of the workplace; identifies problems, recommends solutions, and ensures that the on-going safety system is corrected to incorporate the changes.

Is your company looking for a qualified Safety Professional? Contact Brian Clarke, CSP by [email](#), by phone at (360) 601-4365, or by fax at (360) 687-5984 to have your opening posted here.

Recruiter - Please contact Brian Clarke when posting is filled to have your post removed so we can keep only available positions active on the site. Thank You.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations!

Did you recently achieve a new certification? Do you know of someone who deserves recognition? Send us an [email](#).

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The nominations/elections committee is pleased to announce the candidates for the 2020-2021 Chapter Year.

Position	Candidate
Vice President	Jimmy Gibbons
Secretary	Terra Wheeler
Treasurer - Elect	Rob Dahl
House Delegates	Milt Villegas
(2 needed)	Kerry Byun

	Katelynn Smith
Delegate at Large (1)	Peri Periakaruppan
Delegate at Large (2)	Peche Barteaux

Digital ballots will be emailed the week of 2/24/2020 and voting will end on 4/3/2020. A sincere thanks to all who put forward names and reached out to potential candidates. We have an excellent line-up for the upcoming year.

2020 SPY AWARD

2020 “SPY” AWARD CHAPTER SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Deadline for Nominations: March 29, 2020

In general, the professional deserving of recognition as a leader in safety will have contributed to the establishment, improvement, and/or advancement of the safety profession in the Columbia-Willamette Chapter geographical area including Mt. St. Helen's and Santiam sections.

Eligibility: To constitute nominee eligibility, all of the following criteria must be met.

- Professional Member, Member, or Associate Member of the Society
- Member of the Columbia-Willamette Chapter
- Employed full time in the safety and health profession
- Not a SPY award recipient in the past five years

Additional Criteria: Nomination should be based primarily on the nominee's activity over the past 5 years, with special emphasis on the more recent activities. Professional achievement and contributions in the following categories will be considered.

- ASSP and or Chapter involvement
- Professional employment
- Community and public service
- Educational institutions

- Regulatory agency and technical organization
- Other pertinent achievement and contribution

Achievement and contributions in the above categories include, but are not limited to, exemplary leadership, technical proficiency, professional mentoring, lectures/presentations, publications, program development, innovations, and other related activities.

Nomination Form: To receive a nomination form, please contact Barbara Aguon at 503-823-5478 or email barbara.aguon@portlandoregon.gov

The nomination form must be completed in its entirety. Additional comments must be limited to two pages.

CONFERENCES

[2020 Puget Sound ASSP Professional Development Conference](#)

May 8, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

For more details and to register online visit www.PugetSoundPdc.com.

CEU's – Attendees will receive 0.6* Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Credits for attending the PDC (*pending approval).

[Northwest Safety & Health Summit by Region X VPPPA](#)

May 12-14, 2020 | Boise, ID

For more details and to register online visit:

<https://osha.oregon.gov/conferences/vpppa/>

WELCOME - NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS!

Need to renew your membership?

Click to view a [video](#) on how to renew on the new ASSP website or [here](#) to be taken to the renewal page.

SHARE THE VALUE OF AN ASSP MEMBERSHIP

Share the Value of an ASSP Membership

Refer 2 Friends in February: Receive **FREE** Annual Membership Renewal

You know that being a member of ASSP can be a game changer in a safety professional's career. For this month only, we are increasing the rewards for referring your friends or colleagues to ASSP through our [Member-Get-A-Member program](#). When you refer **two** of your peers in the month of February*, you'll receive a one-year membership renewal when they join ASSP as a full member.

Use our [Refer-A-Friend tool](#) to invite them today and help them connect with a community of great people who provide great resources. The more members you recruit, the more rewards you can earn!

[Refer A Friend Today](#)

LOG-IN TO ASSP COMMUNITIES



Members from around the world are logging into the ASSP Community and starting to generate discussions on a variety of OSH-related topics. ASSP Community allows you to establish yourself as a digital thought leader at a society-wide level. This is your opportunity to share relevant content to the safety community, participate in groups within your interests and industry, and grow your connections. Log in today and join the conversation!

To log-in:

1. Log-in with your ASSP website username and password
2. Upload a profile picture so other safety professionals know who you are.
3. Check that all the information is current on your profile and update it as needed.
4. Visit the How to Use ASSP Community for helpful tips and tutorials.



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