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September Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

CI ASSP Members,

Even during a challenging year for everyone, I'm happy to share that the Central Indiana Chapter of ASSP has achieved Platinum level recognition for the 2019-2020 year (July 1st – June 30th). This is the top-level recognition that a chapter can receive based on a summary of their activities for that given year. There are 150 chapters globally, and only 19% reached this level. If you narrow down to the 21 chapters in our region (VII), only 2 chapters (10%) received this level of recognition. Our chapter is listed on the [Chapter Recognition page](#) of the ASSP website. Congratulations to Central Indiana and all members for your participation and support of our chapter!

Each year, our board of directors strive to bring value to each and every one of you. Some of the ways we do that are as follows:

- A network of 500+ Safety Professionals
- Local behind the scenes safety tours (Stadiums, plants, construction)
- Monthly learning opportunities w/ engaging speakers/topics.
- Community service / charitable donations
- Local & National level conferences
- Certification study groups
- Job Opportunities
- Emerging Professionals & Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) groups

- Annual scholarship golf outing
- And much more!

But we need your help planning the 2020-2021 chapter year. It is highly unlikely that we will have many opportunities for face to face interaction. We may be able to plan events, training, or meetings with proper social distancing measures in place. We would appreciate any suggestions you have for this upcoming year on how we can continue to bring value to you as a member. You can email those directly to Jeff.Fox@Corteva.com.

Also, be on the lookout for a survey in the next 2-3 weeks where we will look for specific feedback and suggestions for the upcoming year.

Congratulations again!

Jeff Fox, CSP, CIT – Chapter President
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - VINCE PLANK

There is no glamor story for my introduction into occupational safety and health. I somewhat stumbled into the field as a freshman at Indiana State University after attending a majors fair. I took the Intro to Safety Mgt the next semester, I enjoyed the classes and did fairly well in the coursework. Following an internship with Walsh Construction on a heavy highway project I started my career as a safety professional in the automotive supplier industry. After 8 years at two suppliers, I joined Safety Management Group in 2012. Over the past 8 years I've worked with numerous general industry employers and construction contractors to improve their safety programs and culture. I've been active in ASSE/ASSP since my time at ISU and joined the executive board in 2008 to earn CEU's for the CSP certification. Since then I've been involved in every executive role and most recently stepped into the shoes of the long time treasurer Gary Gokey. Since I've been involved with ASSP and the Central Indiana Chapter I've made countless connections with other EHS professionals and have no problem finding someone when I need assistance with a project. The opportunity to network is probably one of the best values of ASSP membership.

- Vince Plank, CSP



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Dear Friends at the ASSP Central Indiana Chapter,

On behalf of ASSP Foundation's Board, volunteers, staff, and those directly impacted by ASSP Foundation programs, **I want to thank you for your chapter's very generous donation of \$10,000.00 received on August 24, 2020 designated to the ASSP Foundation ASSP Central Indiana Jim Kriner Memorial Scholarship.** *Thank you* for recognizing the need to support your profession at this challenging time! We appreciate your chapter's steadfast dedication to ASSP Foundation's mission by partnering with us to provide educational advancement, leadership development, and research opportunities to advance the safety, health, and environmental profession.

Your investment in our mission directly impacts those who can make a world of difference in the lives of countless people, families, organizations, and communities. It truly changes lives. One scholarship recipient recently wrote: *"Thank you for your generous donation towards my education. I greatly admire the work you do and aspire to join you in protecting workers' safety. The field of occupational safety and health is my place in Society and this scholarship means I can achieve this dream. Your generosity is a literal answer to my and my husband's prayer and will pay for my final semester in school. Thank you for helping me along my journey."* Her message is one of many. **Your donations are used to build strong programs that help real people, and we are so thankful you have chosen to make such a strong statement of support.**

Thank you for letting the ASSP Foundation be your conduit for giving back to the safety community. We are grateful for your leadership in moving the profession forward.

- Kathleen Schweikart, Coordinator, ASSP Foundation



The 2020 Future Safety Leaders' Golf Outing was an amazing day!

Thank you to all the sponsors and teams!



We are still a GO for the Junior Achievement JobSpark event for September 22 & 23rd! Please consider volunteering for this event, as we need your involvement to ***Spark*** the idea of becoming a Safety Professional in the minds of our youth.

[VOLUNTEER?! CLICK HERE!](#)

For more information about JA JobSpark or questions/concerns regarding registration, contact Cindy at cindyk@jaindy.org Molly at molly@jaindy.org

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Help us help you stay informed. Make sure your contact information is kept up to date by using this link <https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/My-Account>

LOCAL NEWS

IN COVID UPDATES

[Indiana: Hands-Free since July 1st](#)

NATIONAL NEWS

[CDC.GOV - What's New? COVID-19](#)

Updated information pertaining to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[ASSP COVID-19 RESOURCES GUIDE](#)

[OSHA: Worker](#) Exposure and Updates

Online Resources:
[Safety & Health Magazine](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

September Chapter - Zoom Meeting:

Topic: The Challenges of Managing Safety with Today's Workforce Demographics

Friday 8/11/20 11AM - 1PM

[Register Here](#)

If you are experiencing a hardship, the ASSP has you covered. Fill out this [form](#) and return it to customerservice@assp.org to request a one-year complimentary membership.

https://www.assp.org/docs/default-source/community-leader-resources/assp_hardshipform_2020.pdf?sfvrsn=58d4b447_0

MEMBERS:

We would like to give companies and organizations an opportunity to sponsor some of our upcoming meetings. Please let us know if you are interested. By sponsoring a meeting, your company's logo will be included in all advertisements for the meeting and a company representative will be able to start the

meeting with a brief overview and/or update of your company. There is no direct cost for the sponsorship itself, but sponsors must provide lunch for all attendees. If you are interested, please email our Programs Chairman (Kevin Beswick) at kevinb@rms-safety.com. Please note that sponsorships will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

-Central Indiana ASSP

For more information on all upcoming events visit
<https://centralindiana.assp.org/event/>.

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