



St. Louis Chapter Newsletter



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Check to see if a new [job posting](#) may be perfect for you!

Next Chapter Meeting - Monday, August 10

Topic: Introduction to Industrial Exoskeletons

Speaker: Alex Safaya
Key Account Manager, SuitX

Where: Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

When: Registration @11, Lunch @11:30, Presentation @12

Register here: <https://stl.assp.org/events/august-lunch-meeting-2/>



Registration is open through the Wednesday before the chapter meeting. Please register by then so we can provide an attendance count to Sybergs, and you will be entered into the attendance prize drawing. Walk-in registrations *are* accepted but should be limited whenever possible.

A Minute with Madam President

~ Domini Montgomery

I want to wish all of you a warm and exciting welcome into the New Chapter Year! We are so excited to dive in with new initiatives—and some revamped ones, too! Before we dive in too deep with what's to come, I want to take time to reflect.

Our Chapter has always been a welcoming place for me, and even more so when Patte Ackermann and JaNola Rigsby had this really wild idea to start a mentorship and networking group for women and allies, and so WISH (Women In Safety and Health), or the St. Louis Chapter WISE was born. Their mentorship and guidance has been a shining star for so many members of our Chapter, from new jobs to lifelong connections, founded in mentorship. Patte is transitioning to retirement, and we all know she'll stick around, and we'll all be better for it, because Patte is a connector and a carer, and is invested in the St. Louis Safety Community more than anyone I know.

That brings us to some of our new goals! We're excited to talk about some of the items we're hoping to accomplish over the next Chapter Year including additional service and leadership opportunities throughout the Chapter. We're really excited to share that we're bringing back the mentorship program,

and are recruiting a Chair for this role: Jobs & Mentorship Chair. Vice President Haley Stegman and I are excited for these additional opportunities, and can't wait to share more soon!

As we take on these new challenges, we are confident in the support of our Board, our members, and our Past President and Past Vice President. Nate and Krista's leadership over the last two years has been steady and reliable, and with their support and knowledge, we are looking forward to trying new things, bringing back some old things, and seeing what we can accomplish in the year ahead!

With my thanks,

Domini

Next Chapter Meeting - Monday, September 14

Topic: Hot Topics in Fall Protection

Speakers: Kristi Cassat & Bo Solari Midwestern Safety Equipment

This session will cover timely fall protection topics, practical insights, and real-world takeaways to help you stay current, compliant, and better prepared in the field. Definitely one you won't want to miss!

Where: Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

When: Registration @11, Lunch @11:30, Presentation @12

Register here: <https://stl.assp.org/events/september-lunch-meeting-2/>



KRISTI CASSAT & BO SOLARI
MIDWESTERN SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Hot Topic in Fall Protection

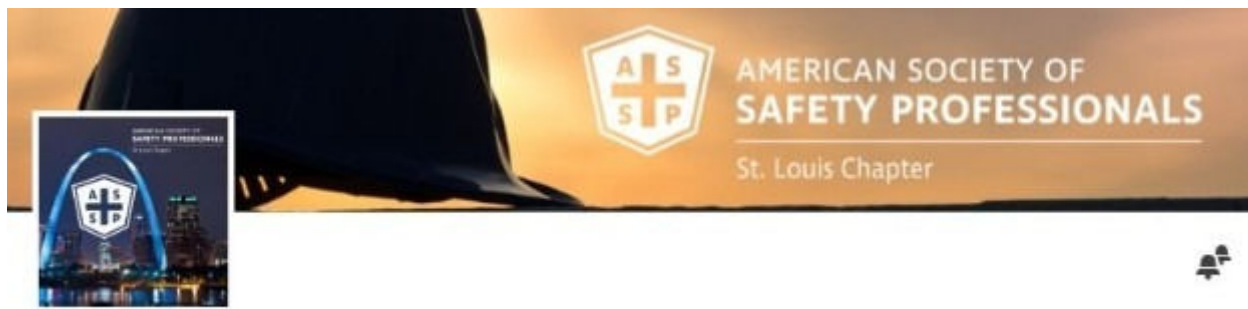
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LinkedIn Community

Did you know? Our [ASSP St. Louis Chapter](https://www.linkedin.com/company/assp-st-louis-chapter/) has a vibrant presence on LinkedIn. It's easy to find us at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/assp-st-louis-chapter/> or by searching for "ASSP St. Louis Chapter".

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Thursday, October 8th 2026
The River City Casino Event Center
777 River City Casino Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63125

23rd Annual Greater St. Louis Safety & Health Conference

The Premier EHS Event for Professionals in the St. Louis Region

THE RIVER CITY CASINO EVENT CENTER

777 RIVER CITY CASINO BLVD.

ST. LOUIS, MO 63125

Thursday, October 8, 2026

8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.



Do you already know you want to attend? Register here:
<https://www.stlsafety.org/conference-registration>

Need more convincing, or want to learn more about each session? Download the full
conference brochure here: <https://www.stlsafety.org/files/ugd/brochure2026.pdf>

Want to sponsor or be an exhibitor? You bet:
<https://www.stlsafety.org/exhibitor-registration-information>

Past Chapter Meeting Notes & Pictures

What an incredible event on July 13th for the ASSP St. Louis Chapter!

A huge thank you to Andrew Compton, Territory Manager for MO/TN/AR with SHOWA Group, for sharing valuable insights during the presentation, "Cut the Risk, Not Your Hands." Drew shared valuable insights on how hand protection standards have evolved over the last decade and how organizations can strengthen their safety programs by adapting to those changes. The knowledge shared was both practical and impactful for everyone in attendance.



Chapter Leadership Update

We have some exciting leadership changes to share with you!

Executive Leadership

Congratulations to our ALL-women POWERHOUSE Executive Slate leading our chapter on beginning this new term!

- ★ Domini Montgomery, MPH, ASP, CSP, CEAS— Chapter President
- ★ Haley Stegman, MS, CSP, CHST — Chapter Vice President
- ★ Jessica Vaccaro, MBA — Chapter Secretary (reelected)
- ★ Mae Ping Patrick — Chapter Treasurer (reelected)

Your passion, expertise, and commitment to leadership continue to inspire those around you. We are excited to see the positive influence and success this exceptional group will bring throughout the year.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our Past Chapter President Nathan Richardson, CHST, CSP. Thank you for your commitment to our members and for helping build a strong foundation for future success. Your contributions are truly appreciated!

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this event such a success. Here's to continued learning, strong leadership, and building safer workplaces together!

Committees and Chairs

We're delighted to recognize Tim McNamee, who has taken on an updated role as **Chair for Membership, Nominations, & Elections**, where he will expand his focus to include not only member recruitment, but also help with recruitment to the Board and planning for elected positions within the Chapter, ensuring continuity and succession planning! We are really looking forward to it!

We're also excited to formally introduce **Lisa Goellner**, our newest WISH leader, rounding us back out to the Core Four.

Becky Morris has move into the Program Chair, and we can't wait to see what 2027 shakes out to be. Becky has been shadowing Patte for a while, and Patte continues to mentor and support Becky through this transition.

You may notice on the website some updated titles—we've combined our Communication outlets into a Communications Committee, where Dan Bemhower will continue to serve as a our Newsletter Editor, Dave Callies will continue in his role as the Webmaster, and Paige Brogan will continue to serve in the Social Media Chair position.

Combining these roles into a Committee better aligns with ASSP National, and sets us up for better information sharing, where we're getting information out in a timely manner, ensuring accurate information on the website, and getting excellent and informative newsletters out to an inbox near you!

Rob Miller will continue in his current role, but the title has changed to Foundation Liaison, based on ASSP's updated verbiage.

As we mentioned in our "Minute with Madam President," we're focusing on Mentorship and increased member recognition! This means we may have additional volunteer positions open.

And finally, part of our membership recognition includes bringing back the Member Spotlight! Haley will coordinate and lead this effort, with the help of a committee. We've got great new ideas for this, and are looking forward to featuring our first Membership Spotlight soon.

2026 Calendar of Chapter Events

Mark your calendar now for the these chapter meetings and events.
Note the new date for the Golf Scholarship Tournament on June 5th at St. Peters Golf Course.
Please register in advance at <https://stl.assp.org/>



ASSP CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026



UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT SYBERGS
2430 OLD DORSETT ROAD, MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO 63043
11 AM TIL 1 PM

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!!!

→ [HTTPS://STL.ASSP.ORG/EVENT/](https://STL.ASSP.ORG/EVENT/)



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January

MEMBER APPRECIATION
Held at Bristol Seafood
11801 Olive Blvd.
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
5 pm til 8 pm
Appetizers & Drinks

MEMBERS ONLY



09
FEBRUARY

LATINA BERRYHILL
Building the Human Firewall
Discover how safety professionals can become a "human firewall" in an AI-driven world through real stories, simple habits, and practical insights that turn everyday awareness into powerful cybersecurity protection.



02
March

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (ASSP & AIHA)
Held at the LiUNA Event Center
4532 S Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63127
7:30 am til 3:30 pm



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APRIL

DR. JOHN GAAL EDD, CHW-C, CSP, CWP, LAP-C
Worker Wellness Director - Missouri Works Initiative (MO APL-C/CI)
Safety Prevention in the Workplace
An examination of various evidence-informed models with a focus on the acute phase.



11
MAY

**J. BRADLEY YOUNG
HARRIS YOUNG KAYSER**
From Accident Scene to Subpoena
What Safety Pros Shouldn't Do
Learn the key mistakes safety pros must avoid from accident response to the courtroom to protect people, evidence, and their careers.



05
June

ANNUAL GOLF SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT
Held at St. Peter's Golf Course
200 Salt Lick Road St.
St. Peters, MO 63376
7:15 am to 3:00 pm



13
JULY

DREW COMPTON
TERRITORY MANAGER- MO/TN/AR
Cut the Risk. Not your Hands
What does a good hand protection program look like with changes in standards over the last 10 years? We will focus on these changes and applying them to a strategic program.



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AUGUST

ALEX SAFAYA
KEY ACCOUNT MANAGER NORTH AMERICA
Introduction to Industrial Exoskeletons by SUITX
Explore the fundamentals of exoskeletons, how they can be applied in industrial settings, and best practices for implementing this technology to improve safety, ergonomics, and worker's health.



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OCTOBER

ANGEL BRIGHT-KENDRICK, CSP
Sr. Safety Consultant With The TI Group
Lockout Tagout Program Requirements
Angel shares practical tips and real-world lessons to help you build and maintain a compliant LOTO program that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.147 and actually works in the field.



09
NOVEMBER

KAYLEA M. BOUTWELL, MD
Interventional Pain Mgmt & Concussion Specialist
Excel Orthopedics & Pain Centers
The Value of Interventional Pain Management in Workers' Compensation
Learn how interventional pain management supports faster recovery, reduces reliance on opioids and surgery, and lowers overall workers' compensation costs.



14
DECEMBER

MARYANNE HEUER, MS, CSP, CHST
COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE
SPECIALIST & BILL MCDONALD, AREA DIRECTOR
Annual Update with OSHA - Greater St. Louis

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Contact any one of your [chapter officers](#) today.



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Communications Chair: Paul Krewson

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Communications Committee

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Publishes and distributes the chapter newsletter to all chapter members

Women In Safety Excellence (WISE) Coordinators

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Lisa Goellner – lgoellner@excel-orthopedics.com

Organizes the WISH events to promote the community of Women in Safety & Health

Please contact a board member or committee chair with comments or if you would like to participate in any of the chapter activities.

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