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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



**Robb Altenburg, President, Chesapeake ASSP**

If you missed February's Chapter meeting you missed a good one. To see what you missed, I invite you to log onto the Chapter's social media sites to see more about February's discussion on virtual reality training.

Registration is open for our chapter's annual **PDC on Thursday, April 18, 2019**, and now is the time to register. Members of our chapter have been working diligently with local AIHA members to plan another great event.

I want to also take this time to ask you to consider volunteering your time and talents to improve our chapter. Check the "News" section of our chapter website and look for the "Sample Volunteer Roles at Chapters" article. This article provided a comprehensive list of the opportunities that are available for members to get engaged at the local chapter level. The list is complete with an estimate of how much time each chapter role could take. Contact a chapter officer or committee chair to learn more about the professional development opportunities await you in the Chesapeake Chapter.

Robb Altenburg

President, Chesapeake Chapter ASSP

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

### Welcome New Chesapeake Chapter Members!

First Name	Last Name	Company Name	Date Joined	Member Class	Sponsor Name
MATTHEW	BUTLER	STAPLES	2/1/19	Member	
JOHN	DeVAN		2/1/19	Professional	Michael McCullion
STEVEN	GHIRARDELLO		2/1/19	Member	
TED	HARTMAN		2/1/19	Member	
GABRIEL	OLOFINSAWO		2/1/19	Student	
MEHRNAZ	ZARRIENEH		2/1/19	Professional	

#### Total Number of Current Members:

417

We look forward to meeting you at the next Chapter Meeting. ***Remember your first chapter meeting is free!***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPTER MEETINGS & WEBINARS

Our monthly chapter meetings are valuable opportunities for professional development, networking and catching up with friends and colleagues. Take a look below to see what we've got in store for you!

If you have any suggestions on 2019 topics of interest to membership, please contact Frank at [FTiralla@jmt.com](mailto:FTiralla@jmt.com)

*You can also view prior Chapter Webinars on the website: <http://chesapeake.assp.org/files/>*

### March Chapter Meeting:

## BARGE ACCESS and WHIRLEY OPERATIONS

**Thursday, March 14, 2019 | 12 PM - 2 PM**

*Presented by McLean Contractors*

[2001 Benhill Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21226](#) (Baltimore Yard)

McLean Contractors will be presenting information on Barge access and Whirley operations and the challenges that they face in managing the different federal regulations.

**Additional information:** *PPE is REQUIRED.* Please bring a hard hat, safety glasses, gloves and safety toe boots. Basic PPE will be provided in case anyone forgets or does not have them.

**Cost: Free**

*Thank you to McLean Contractors for sponsoring the March meeting.*

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**2019 Chesapeake AIHA & ASSP Educational Seminar:  
Current Topics In Safety, Health And Environmental Issues**

***Registration Is Now Open!***

**April 18, 2019**

[Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, Kossiakoff Center, 11100 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD](#)

Presented by:

The American Society of Safety Professionals Chesapeake Chapter and  
The American Industrial Hygiene Association Chesapeake Section together with  
The Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health

**For more info and registration please [click here](#) to go to the conference website.**



PRESENTS



# 2018-2019 HMIT Program

*The Sustainable Workplace Alliance is proud to announce it's 2018-19 HMIT Training Program! Three different classes conducted throughout the country!*

Attend **1** or all **3 FREE** Training Classes and Learn:

## 1-DAY TEACHING TECHNICAL SUBJECTS CLASS

- How to effectively teach adult learners
- How to identify creative ideas for student interaction when training
- How to handle difficult personalities in your training class
- To encourage retention of information presented to employees... AND MORE!

## 2-DAY HMIT CLASS (Hazardous Materials Instructor Training)

- How to understand the DOT Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR).
- Receive the latest 49 CFR-PARTS 100-185
- Attendees will gain Exclusive Access to the Trainers Dashboard™ An online resource giving you all the tools to become an expert trainer!

## 3-DAY HAZMAT PREP & RESPONSE CLASS

- Introduce attendees to the 2016 Emergency Response Guidebook and GHS compliant SDS's
- How to interact with first responders when they arrive on scene, and how you fit into the ICS system
- Understand what your workers need to do to wear PPE while working with HazMat... AND MORE!
- This class qualifies for HAZWOPER Refresher Training hours

You're invited  
to a **FREE**  
Hazardous  
Materials  
**Instructor**  
**Training Class!**

[sustainablewp.org/hmit.php](http://sustainablewp.org/hmit.php)  
**863-676-4100**



Sustainable Workplace Alliance is entering their SIXTH year of grant-funded training (from DOT/PHMSA) which allows them to develop and deliver no-cost training to the public!

They are bringing their popular Hazardous Materials Instructor Training (HMIT) Program to Baltimore in 2019, and would love to invite local ASSP members and their colleagues to attend as their guests. Anyone is welcome to attend 1, 2, or all 3 classes.

Beginning in February, we will be hosting the first of 3 modules available in the program, a 1-day “Best Practices in Teaching Technical Subjects”. Then returning in April with a 2-day “Hazardous Materials Instructor Training (HMIT)-49CFR” class, followed by a 3-day “HazMat Prep & Response class in July.

You can find more information [HERE](#) as well.

The classes to be held in Baltimore are as follows:

February 28, 2019 [1-day “[Best Practices](#)”]

April 4 – 5, 2019 [2-day “[HMIT](#)”]

July 17 – 19, 2019 [3-day “[HazMat Prep & Response](#)”]

This is a great opportunity for members and clients who are **CAIH and CIH to earn 6 technical contact hours of CEU’s for the 1-day class, 12 technical contact hours of CEU’s for the 2-day class, and 18 technical hours of CEU’s for the 3-day class. 36 contact hours’ in total!** And since the training is funded by a federal training grant, **there is absolutely no cost to attend!**

*Also see the Chesapeake ASSP website for more information:*

<https://chesapeake.assp.org/event/>

**Did you know MOSH offers FREE classes on a variety of safety topics?**

Check out the website for more information:

<https://www.dlir.state.md.us/DLIO Outreach/web/content/MOSHHome.aspx>

## NEWS

### Connecting With Your ASSP Community

Jan 23, 2019

Imagine a digital space where ASSP members can all come together, connect with each other, share resources and expand their professional networks. Well imagine no more, the [ASSP Community](#) has made such an online space a reality. The launch of this new platform offers an exclusive space where ASSP members can become thought leaders and engage with other members around the globe.

If you have a best practice to share or you're looking for help with a safety problem, the ASSP Community offers the opportunity to provide your expertise and ask questions of other safety professionals who may have encountered a similar problem in their workplace.

"I joined the virtual ASSP Community to leverage the knowledge from others in similar industries as me," says Bradford Burns, P.E. "I understand we all face challenges seeking resolutions to safety issues. Pulling from the experiences of everyone helps us all succeed in our ultimate goal of providing a safe working environment."

Interested in learning more about a practice specialty or common interest group? Whether you're looking to join a particular group or are already a member, the community offers a direct connection to engage with members and leaders of the respective groups, find out the latest news and events, hear what other members are talking about and expand your knowledge.

Through the Community, members can engage in discussion threads with categories such as "safety technical talk," "community chatter" and "customer service" to connect and engage with both Society staff, as well as members outside of their chapter or region.

"I love the Virtual ASSP Community because it places practice specialties/CIGs in a central location for collaborative and informational exchanges, and I can connect to any member through one portal," says Herbert Bell, CSP. "This powerful tool will change the way we communicate in our volunteer organization."

Looking to connect with a particular ASSP member? The ASSP Community features an ASSP member directory where users can search members by name, credentials, job title or company name, thereby streamlining the process for connecting with like-minded safety professionals around the world.

Beyond the professional networking and resource sharing, there's also the chance to have some fun in the ASSP Community, wherein members earn badges based on their level of involvement in different aspects of the Society. If you're a chapter leader, CIG leader, practice specialty leader, ASSP Foundation donor or a member of the Board of Directors, a corresponding badge appears on your profile, letting the entire ASSP Community know that you are a safety leader.

"It's the member that makes the Community," says Ashleigh Brookshaw, manager, community engagement with ASSP. "Members should utilize this space to make the most of their membership, share their knowledge, become more visible to the Society as a whole and engage with fellow ASSP members on a deeper level."

If you haven't yet joined ASSP Community, [log in today](#), upload a profile picture and start a conversation with your 38,000 fellow ASSP members.

***Chesapeake Chapter Leadership Elections***

## Don't stand back, jump in \_\_

I am not talking about the Penguin Swim or Polar Bear Plunge, but rather a seat at the table to help your Chapter move forward. Just by devoting a couple of hours a week you can help direct the activities so the Chesapeake Chapter of ASSP continues to be successful. The Chapter's success does not hinge on one person giving a couple of hours, but rather all the Officers and Program Directors giving a couple of hours each week. Step out of your comfort zone and jump into a leadership position that will help advance your personal goals and career.

If you or someone who you know in the Chapter is ready to lead, please consider submitting a nomination for any of the Chapter Officer slots.

We are a diverse organization but only about 5% of our members are active in helping to guide us going forward. Our Chapter needs members to step up and lead and bring new ideas, interests and vigor to this profession locally. If you are wondering about the various leadership positions, just go to this page:

<https://chesapeake.assp.org/download/471/> . I invite you to consider becoming more directly involved in your Chapter.

Please forward any nominations or questions directly to the Nomination Committee Chairperson, Craig D. Lowry ([CraigDonLow@Yahoo.Com](mailto:CraigDonLow@Yahoo.Com))

### Chesapeake Chapter ASSP Scholarships

Applications for 2019 scholarships will open **April 1, 2019**.

Follow this link for application forms: <https://chesapeake.assp.org/education/>

Contact Barb Ruble [bruble@stcenv.com](mailto:bruble@stcenv.com) for more information.

### Government Affairs Report

For current information on Federal and Maryland State regulations and safety initiatives, see the [Government Affairs Report on the Chesapeake Chapter website](#).

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

*See the Chapter website for information and job opportunities*

<https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/>

DAP has an exciting opportunity for an experienced **Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Coordinator** at their Baltimore, Maryland manufacturing facility. The EHS Coordinator is responsible for assisting the HR Manager in the maintenance and execution of DAP Baltimore Plant Environmental, Health and Safety management systems that provide a secure and safe work environment.

**Responsibilities include**

- Drives and supports the company's safety culture and various programs.
- Conduct assessments and inspections of facility and operations for EHS policy compliance.
- Coordinate timely Environmental reports and controls.
- Administer safety/environmental training.
- Participate in safety investigations and management of safety events.
- Provide safety awareness/leadership across all shifts.

**Desired skills and experience**

- Two (2) plus years of relative EHS coordinator experience working in a manufacturing environment along with any relative safety certifications.
- First Aid/AED responder and fire extinguisher trained.
- Associates degree or above preferred.
- Environmental reporting experience.
- High proficiency of using Microsoft office software.
- Ability to support a 24 hour/7-day week operation.
- Local candidates to the Baltimore, Maryland area are preferred.

**Apply Online:** <https://chm.tbe.taleo.net/chm03/ats/careers/v2/viewRequisition?org=DAPPROD&cws=37&rid=215>

Also see the Chapter website for more information:

<https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/>

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## **Area Safety Manager**

**Location: Northern Virginia, Washington DC, Maryland**

Must have at least 5+ years of safety and health experience within distribution, warehousing or manufacturing operations. Position will be responsible for mitigating risk and promoting safety and wellness for (3) local distribution/warehousing sites in the Northern Virginia, Washington, DC and Maryland area totaling (500) employees and over (100) trucks. The position will report to a Corporate Director of Safety and Health.

Position will build and drive safety and risk management initiatives at distribution and warehousing locations in the region. Ability to develop and implement training initiatives, handle workers' compensation case management, ergonomics, DOT (preferred experience but not required) and create wellness programs for team members. Personality traits should include being innovative and creative, analytical, strong influencing skills and approachable.

**Key Responsibilities of this position include:**

- 5 years minimum of progressive safety experience within distribution or industrial operations
- Bachelor's degree in Safety or technical field
- Strong program development, ergonomics, training and workers' compensation experience
- Ability to travel in the local area

**Contact:** Laura Petraitis-Doll, EHS Recruiter, LS Doll & Associates, [Laura@lsdoll.com](mailto:Laura@lsdoll.com)

Also see the Chapter website for more information:

<https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/>

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## **Safety Engineer| Aerojet Rocketdyne**

Aerojet Rocketdyne is seeking a **Safety Engineer** to join our facility in **Culpeper, Virginia**. This is a perfect opportunity for those who have some safety engineering experience, but would like to learn more from a team of experienced SH&E professionals. In this role, you will support safety engineering tasks as they relate to the manufacture, testing, and research & development (R&D) of solid rocket propellants, rocket motors, and related products. Typical duties:

- Reviews, analyzes, and evaluates facilities, operating equipment, methods, practices, and procedures for compliance with regulatory requirements, as well as company standards. Includes preparation of reports and applications for safety-related permits/licenses.
- Supports/leads safety compliance programs for PPE selection, hazard communication, ergonomics, indoor air quality/industrial hygiene and related monitoring, fire safety/loss prevention, and contractor safety.
- Participates in, supports and/or performs internal evaluations, inspections/audits, and surveys of processes, designs, procedures, operating equipment, and work sites to identify occupational hazards and recommend improvements/corrective actions to minimize/control the chemical, safety, and physical hazards and risk potential to employees and contractors.
- Participates in, supports and/or performs investigation of injuries and incidents/accidents, to determine their causes, and to recommend corrective/preventative actions to prevent their recurrence; discusses

such problems and their solutions with supervisors and employees; and coordinates with responsible parties to track actions to closure.

- Functions as SH&E Training Coordinator; responsible for SH&E training plan and schedule; develops, updates, and conducts online and instructor-led SH&E training sessions for compliance with SH&E regulations and Company programs, initiatives, and standards; interacts with onsite Training Coordinator to ensure SH&E training courses and records are properly implemented/maintained in company-wide training system.

Requires a Bachelor's degree in Safety or a relevant science-based discipline with 5 years of directly related technical experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must be able to obtain and maintain a U.S. Security Clearance at the appropriate level (U.S. Citizenship required). Certified Industrial Hygienist or Certified Safety Professional preferred.

**Apply Online:** [https://jobs-aerojet-rocketdyne.icims.com/jobs/14532/senior-safety%2c-health-and-environment-\(sh%26e\)-engineer/job](https://jobs-aerojet-rocketdyne.icims.com/jobs/14532/senior-safety%2c-health-and-environment-(sh%26e)-engineer/job)

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## Safety Professionals | HazTek Inc.

HazTek Inc. is growing and currently seeking Safety Professional and Safety Consultants in the greater Baltimore, Washington DC area.

The key functions of our Safety Professionals and Consultants are to support our client's specific project needs and ensure that best practices are implemented, safety compliance requirements are met, and an improved safety culture and performance is delivered.

### Overview of Job Responsibilities:

- Oversee all aspects of a commercial construction project ensuring OSHA compliance
- Conduct daily safety meetings
- Complete accident reports and conduct accident investigations
- Ensure all personnel wear their personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Daily safety audits and inspections
- Oversee all subcontractors and contractors
- Inspect power tools and heavy equipment
- Write job hazard analysis (JHA) and health & safety plans (HASP)

## Apply Online

<https://careers-haztekinc.icims.com/jobs/1139/safety-professionals—md%2c-de%2c-va%2c-and-washington-dc/job>

Also see the Chapter website for more information:

<https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/>

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## Site Safety Coordinator | Gaithersburg, MD

Degree: BS Safety, Environmental or related degree

Years of Experience: 2+ years minimum

Location: Gaithersburg, Maryland

Industry: Waste to Energy / Utility

**Must have at least (2) years of plant safety experience in ideally power generation, electric utility, waste to energy, process or related industries. This position will be a stepping stone to future safety opportunities within the organization (larger site, regional or corporate roles).**

Position will report into a Site Manager and work closely with the Corporate Safety Department to oversee regulatory compliance, accident investigation and OSHA VPP efforts. Responsible for all aspects of safety training (including initial new hire training), implementation of company safety policies and management of other safety program initiatives such as DOT.

**\*Key Personality Traits:** people oriented, ability to work well with all levels in changing environment, hands-on, self-assured, personable and great communicator.

**For additional information regarding the position listed above, please contact:** Laura Petraitis-Doll, EHS

Recruiter [Laura@lsdoll.com](mailto:Laura@lsdoll.com)

Also see the Chapter website for more information:

<https://chesapeake.assp.org/current-openings/>

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Chesapeake Chapter ASSP Goal:** The purpose of this Chapter is to promote the advancement of the safety profession and safety professionals and development of its members in the geographical area served.

The Executive Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month @ 2pm to further these goals. Contact anyone below for more details, and if you would like to participate!

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**President:** Robb Altenburg, [frank.r.altenburg.civ@mail.mil](mailto:frank.r.altenburg.civ@mail.mil), 410-278-3162, *Leads the meetings, and creates our messages.*

**Vice President:** Leslie York-Hubbard, [Lsyork99@yahoo.com](mailto:Lsyork99@yahoo.com), *Communications and Committee Activities.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Frank Tiralla, [ftiralla@jmt.com](mailto:ftiralla@jmt.com), *Membership development.*

**Treasurer:** Mike Wolf, [Michael.Wolf@ESAB.com](mailto:Michael.Wolf@ESAB.com), *Keeps us solvent.*

**Secretary:** Matt Koss, [matthew.koss2@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.koss2@gmail.com), *Meeting minutes.*

**Delegate:** Ned Fitter, *Delegates represent us to ASSE National.*

**Director – Communications:** Heather Aviles, [haviles@dap.com](mailto:haviles@dap.com)

**Past President:** Paul Esposito, CSP, CIH, [paul.esposito@starconsultants.net](mailto:paul.esposito@starconsultants.net), 410-218-8451, *Keeps us on track.*

***Specific committees and their chairs are listed below. Please offer your support if you are interested!***

**Nominations & Elections:** Craig D. Lowry, [CraigDonLow@yahoo.com](mailto:CraigDonLow@yahoo.com)

**Programs Chair:** Joe Xavier, [joe.xavier@summitsustainabilitysolutions.com](mailto:joe.xavier@summitsustainabilitysolutions.com), Mike Frederick, [jm.frederick.llc@gmail.com](mailto:jm.frederick.llc@gmail.com), *Develops speaker and locations for monthly meetings.*

**Government Affairs Chair:** Rose Overturf, [rose.m.overturf.civ@mail.mil](mailto:rose.m.overturf.civ@mail.mil), *Keeps us up to date on legislative issues. Now posted on the website!*

**Scholarship & Awards Chair:** Barbara Jo Ruble, QEP, CPEA, [bruble@stcenv.com](mailto:bruble@stcenv.com), *Coordinates the solicitation of nominations, selection of recipients, and awards presentations.*

**WISE Liaison:** Jeanne Sherwood, [jpsherwood@welladvantage.com](mailto:jpsherwood@welladvantage.com), *Women in Safety Engineering (WISE) is a common interest group which has been established to foster the advancement of women in the SH&E profession.*

**Membership Chair:** Mary Smith, [masmith@ceiwc.com](mailto:masmith@ceiwc.com), *Welcomes new members, solicit ideas for member participation.*

**Newsletter Chair:** Laura Wickersham, [newsletter@chesapeake.assp.org](mailto:newsletter@chesapeake.assp.org), *Does a great job of keeping us informed.*

**Communication Chair:** Heather Aviles, [haviles@dap.com](mailto:haviles@dap.com), *Coordinates web updates.*

**Professional Organization Liaison:** Jim Lewis, [jlewis@mde.state.md.us](mailto:jlewis@mde.state.md.us)

**PDC Co-Chairs:**

Jim Lewis, [jlewis@mde.state.md.us](mailto:jlewis@mde.state.md.us)

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Joseph Opauski, [Joseph.Opauski@ngc.com](mailto:Joseph.Opauski@ngc.com)

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***PDC is set for April 18, 2019. Speakers, vendors, events, etc !***

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