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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Frank Tiralla, President, Chesapeake ASSP

Did you know August is the second leading month for vacations – According to BLS, 35% of all vacations occur this month. While many, including myself, are preparing for our annual family vacations, we need to remember health and safety *never* take a break. One way to make sure health and safety stay top of mind at work is to enroll in [OSHA's Safe + Sound Week](#) (August 12-18, 2019).

According to ASSP, “OSHA's Safe + Sound Campaign is a nationwide opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of the value of proactive occupational safety and health (OSH) programs in all workplaces.” The campaign stresses the need for

safety programs at small- and mid-sized businesses, which are more likely to have limited resources when it comes to health and safety. As a member of ASSP, you know an effective OSH program has immense benefits to an organization. Because of this, the Safe + Sound program was intended to help identify and manage workplace risk before injuries illnesses occur and improve sustainability and the bottom line. Safety and health management systems are a critical best practice to ensure OSH programs achieve significant positive results and lower exposure to risk.

The National ASSP has some tips on getting involved:

- Participate in Safe + Sound Week, whether you're launching a new program in your organization or seeking to energize an existing one.
- Volunteer to engage a small- or mid-sized business in establishing an OSH management system. You can find various resources, including sample plans, on OSHA's website.
- Use the week as a platform to revisit key elements of your own OSH management system, whether you use ANSI/ASSP, ISO 45001, or a similar scheme.
- Sign up to receive email updates on resources for hosting events on the Safe + Sound website

So, while you may be taking a vacation this August, use Safe + Sound to celebrate your safety successes and make sure health and safety doesn't go on vacation. I urge all of you to participate this year and to share your successes with the Chapter.

Frank Tiralla

President, Chesapeake Chapter ASSP

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Welcome New Chesapeake Chapter Members!

First Name	Last Name	Company Name	Date Joined	Member Class	Sponsor Name
Shane	Boyer	P.Flanigan and Sons	7/1/19	Member	
Jeff	Brown		7/1/19	Student	Linda Martin
Cory	Davis		7/1/19	Member	
Matt	Herrold	American Contracting	7/1/19	Member	

and Environmental
Services

Alysia	Portner	7/1/19	Student
Karl	Reno	7/1/19	Professional
Ruth	Salvaggio	7/1/19	Professional

Total Number of Current Members:

429

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 Kim Brown, kim.brown@tate.com

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



REGION VI PDC REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

+ Pre-Conference Sessions Starting 9/17/2019

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION: <https://region6.assp.org/pdc/>



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Save the Date!

April 16, 2020

[Chapter Events](#)

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/DLIOutreach/web/content/MOSHHome.aspx>

NEWS

Carroll County Tractor Safety

July 26, 2019



CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions

The Legacy of the Honorable Harvey A Epstein

April 12, 1937 - June 29, 2019

by John F. Rekus

You may very well owe your career in safety either directly or indirectly to Harvey A Epstein. So who was Harvey Epstein? First and foremost Harvey was a selfless visionary who strove to improve the quality of life for Marylanders. He was an attorney and served many years in the Maryland House of Delegates representing Northwest Baltimore. When Marvin Mandel was elected Governor in the early 1970s he named Harvey as his Commissioner of Labor and Industry. Shortly after assuming this responsibility, Harvey learned that the recently promulgated Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act included a provision for participation by the states.

He lost no time in charging his best and brightest, including our own Dominic Pompa, with the task of drafting a proposal for Maryland's participation as a State-plan state with half of the funding being provided by Federal OSHA. The State's Labor Department already had an Industrial Safety inspection program that dated to the mid-nineteenth century and an Industrial Hygiene program in the State Health Department that dated to the 1930's. The new OSH Act offered Harvey an opportunity to bring them both together under one roof, rather than having them abolished by the OSH Act's preemption provisions.

The State's proposal was accepted by federal OSHA, and on July 5, 1973, Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) was granted initial authorization to serve as an OSHA State-plan state. It subsequently received Plan Certification on February 15, 1980, and final approval on July 18, 1985. Harvey also exercised great influence over some very progressive legislation. In the mid 1970s, when an epidemic of confined space fatalities resulted in the deaths of six workers over a three week period, Harvey issued a confined space regulation beating OSHA to the punch by two decades. After the massive Kepone poisoning in Hopewell, Virginia, that contaminated the James river, the entire world's supply of this pesticide was stored at a chemical plant in Baltimore City and Harvey issued an emergency temporary standard to address the potential hazards it posed. Later when he learned that construction workers who were exposed to obscenely high levels of lead were not covered by OSHA's recently issued lead standard, which exempted the construction industry, he was responsible for issuing the Nation's first regulation for controlling lead exposures in Construction.

Well before the MOSH Act, some large industrial employers such as Bethlehem Steel, Western Electric, General Motors and Westinghouse (now Nothrop Grumman) had established safety departments. However the new MOSH legislation focused the attention of many other employers on the benefit of having a corporate safety component and prompted the recruitment of safety professionals and establish formal safety departments. Although the new MOSH organization was staffed by existing state employees, the scope of its new responsibilities necessitated hiring additional employees. I was one of them. So Harvey very directly influenced my career, but many other people's careers were indirectly influenced by Harvey. For example, those who were hired by the private sector as safety managers to address the requirements of the MOSH ACT. There were also many generations of MOSH inspectors who benefitted from Harvey's vision. For many years, senior MOSH officials such as Andy Alcarese, Ron Leclair, Craig Lowery, Bill Grabau, and me, provided training and mentoring for new hires. Many of our trainees then went on to influence the careers of other people. Harvey once said something to the effect that one of the measures of MOSH's success was how many of his people were moving on to positions of influence. For example, one of our very early trainees, Bob Spielvogel, is now on the faculty of the Harvard School of Public Health where he is teaching the principles of employee protection to senior corporate managers and physicians seeking advanced degrees. Another, Paul

Buckmaster, became the Chief of Occupational Health and Safety Services at the National Security Agency, where he obtained the first OSHA VPP accreditations for the Department of Defense. Bob Costelo went on to the WR Grace Research Center, where, among other things, he contributed to a revision of NFPA45 code for Laboratory Safety. Dominic Pompa became a fellow engineer at Northrop Grumman. Jay Ruup became Safety Director at Martin Marietta in Middle River and later at McCormick spice. Rob Altenburg became our own Chapter President and Joe Xavier our Program Chair. The list goes on and on, but you get the point and without you even knowing it, Harvey may have influenced your career.

Harvey retired as Commissioner of Labor in the spring of 1994 and returned to the practice of law. A few years later, he moved to Naples Florida working part time until he shuffled off his mortal coil on June 29, 2019, but his spirit lives on, and will continue to live on for many more years in all those whose lives he touched. Perhaps you are one of them?

John F Rekus MS, PE is a retired safety Consultant, teacher, and award-winning author who was a Charter member of the MOSH Industrial Hygiene unit.

Chesapeake Chapter ASSP Scholarships

Applications for 2019 scholarships are now accepted!

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

Contact Barb Ruble 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/>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

The Executive Committee meets monthly to further these goals. Contact anyone below for more details, and if you would like to participate!

See Chapter Website For More Information: <https://chesapeake.assp.org/chapter-officers/>

Executive Committee Members

Elected positions:

President: Frank Tiralla

Vice President: Jim Kane

2nd Vice President: Kim Brown

Treasurer: Anthony Lee

Secretary: James Woodward

Nominated positions:

Communications: Mike Wolf

Past President: Robb Altenburg

Nominations & Elections: Robb Altenburg

Programs Chair: John A Adams

Government Affairs Chair: Patrick J Whelittle, CSP

Scholarship & Awards Chair: Barbara Jo Ruble, QEP, CPEA,

WISE Liaison: Kelsey Nutter

Membership Chair: Mary Smith

Newsletter Chair: Laura Wickersham

Professional Organization Liaison: Jim Lewis

Delegate: Ned Fitter

Chapter PDC Chair: Jim Lewis

Professional Development Conference (PDC) Committees:

Chapter Committee Member: Mary Doyle

Chapter Committee Member: Robert L. Lawson

Chapter Committee Member: Joseph Opauski

Chapter Committee Member: Mike Ginther, CSP



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