



May 2023

## President's Message

Dear Members of the ASSP Long Island Chapter,

As acting President of ASSP Long Island Chapter, it is my honor to address you today as a fellow safety professional, to look back on the progress of our chapter, and to share exciting upcoming news and events.

These past few years has been filled with unprecedented challenges, but it has also been a time of great innovation and collaboration in the safety field. I'm especially happy that this chapter year marked a return to in-person meetings and social gatherings. We will continue to transition back to these in-person get-togethers in addition to supplementing with virtual talks from speakers across the country.

As safety professionals, we have a critical role to play in ensuring that every worker returns home safely at the end of the day. Many of you have been on the front lines, working to prevent accidents and injuries, and mitigating the risks of COVID-19 in the workplace. I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication during this challenging time.

Over the past year, we have also seen incredible advancements in workplace safety technology. From wearable devices that track worker movements to virtual reality training programs, we have made great strides in improving safety and preventing accidents. These innovations are a testament to our commitment to creating a safer workplace for all. Additional advancements in technology, the most notable example being the recent popularization of artificially intelligent language models, are sure to significantly alter most workplaces, and the safety professional must ride the crest of that technological wave. In fact, most of this address was generated by ChatGPT!

Looking ahead, we must continue to work together to identify and mitigate safety risks, and to promote a culture of safety in every workplace. We must ensure that workers feel empowered to speak up about safety concerns, and that safety is a top priority for every organization. I believe that is why the safety field has seen a shift in its attention to mental and emotional safety. This concept of "well-being" will be explored further in upcoming events, such as the Brookhaven National Laboratory "Safety & Wellness Expo" scheduled for June, which ASSP is happy to partner with. Stay tuned for additional updates on this event and other upcoming meetings and happenings.

In closing, I want to thank you all for your support, attendance, and participation throughout this chapter year. I look forward to connecting with you all in the coming year, as we continue to meet and collaborate in our shared goal of creating a safer, healthier, and more productive workplace for all.

**Sincerely,**

Matthew Harris

President, ASSP Long Island Chapter

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# What have we been up to in the Long Island Chapter?

## November 2022 Technical Meeting

### November Technical Meeting -Past Presidential Presenters!

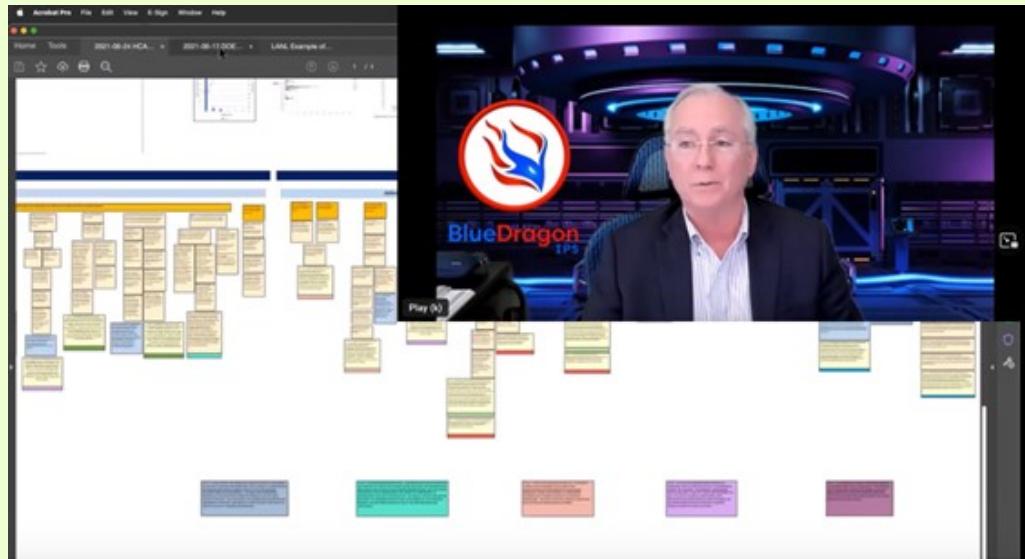
November 2022 marked the return of the first in-person technical meetings since 2020! ASSP Long Island Chapter was happy to host two past presidents of the chapter, Charlie Keeling presenting on the ANSI A92 Aerial Work Platform standards revision overview, and Kristen Panella presenting on the accident/incident investigation process.



Renewal training for aerial lift certification is required every 3 years; If your aerial lift certification expiration date is approaching, you should renew your certification right away — or risk non-compliance with OSHA



## January 2023 Technical Meeting



### January Technical Meeting - Rob De La Espriella

In our January virtual technical meeting, Rob De La Espriella, a leading expert in root cause analysis presented his approach to investigating industrial safety incidents of all levels of significance and complexity. Rob has designed a lean, agile and scalable methodology that specifically addresses at-risk behaviors and the error-likely situations caused by our modern socio-technical working environments, which he shared with ASSP Long Island Chapter in an interactive Zoom meeting.

## February 2023 Technical Meeting



### February Meeting— Sarah Weber

ASSP Long Island Chapter held an in-person breakfast networking event in February to close-out "American Heart Month". We were joined by Safety Sarah, who provided hands-on tutorials for emergency response events including First Aid, CPR, & AED usage.

# **March 2023 Technical Meeting**

## **March 2023 Tradeshow**

ASSP Long Island Chapter representatives volunteered to take part in the Farmingdale High School Trade Show. Many engaging conversations were had with students spotlighting the OSH/ESH field, potential career options, and the benefits of becoming a safety professional.



# Upcoming events

## May In-Person Technical Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm-7:30pm

Join ASSP Long Island Chapter for our May in-person technical meeting on “Proven Strategies for Successful OSHA Partnering & Outcomes” to be presented by Tom Petralia, MS, CSP, COHC, President, Safety & Environmental Professionals, LLC & John Bednarik, BS, OHST, Safety Consultant, past OSHA Asst. Director, LI Area Office. In this meeting, Tom and John will share their knowledge and practical experience about how to prepare and partner with OSHA, before, during, and after an incident to provide the best outcome for worker health & safety, as well as the views & missions of a company or organization and OSHA, along with sharing a few high profile case studies. Dinner will be provided after the presentation.

**Location:** Melville Corporate Center I “Oak Conference Room  
105 Maxess Road, Melville, NY 11747

After the presentation, we have reserved a table at:

**The Refuge-** 515 Broadhollow Rd, Melville, NY 11747

<https://li.assp.org/events/assp-long-island-chapter-may-in-person-technical-meeting/>

## BNL Safety & Wellness Expo 2023!

ASSP Long Island Chapter is happy to collaborate with **Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL)** in organizing the **BNL Safety & Wellness Expo on June 21st, 10:00am-2:00pm.**

This event will include a talk on DEI and safety culture, as well as an expo featuring Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and company representatives who will provide information on a variety of safety & wellness topics. Attendees will have a chance to earn giveaways and prizes! \*Registration is required to attend this event!\*

Visit our website for more information!

<https://li.assp.org/events/bnl-safety-wellness-expo-2023/>

## Register for Upcoming Events

Please follow link to view upcoming events and to register ahead of time.

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# Job Opportunities

## Health & Safety Coordinator-PSEG

### Job Description

This position reports to the Manager of Health and Safety Compliance and provides leadership, guidance, health and safety program administration and compliance oversight to ensure compliance with federal, state and local health and safety regulations.

The Health and Safety Coordinator will provide technical oversight and support to various departments throughout PSEG Long Island and will be responsible for implementing, delivering and managing health and safety programs and initiatives including facility and operations assessments, health, safety and regulatory training, safety support during storm events, incident investigation.

**This role is Remote to the Long Island New York area**

[Link to Apply](#)

## Packaging and Transportation Technical Associate – BNL

### Job Description

Responsible for work assignments for the Packaging and Transportation Group within the Waste Management Division. Provide technical expertise to department and divisions, and provide superior service to BNL in shipping radioactive materials. Ensure work carried out complies with U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations (DOT) International Air Transport Association Regulations (IATA), Standard Based Management System (SBMS) management systems, subject areas and other regulations, and Packaging and Transportation Group SOPs. Identify potential hazards, environmental concerns, and unsafe conditions or practices in work or at work site and implement or suggest controls to minimize risk. workplace hazards.

[Link to Apply](#)

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# National ASSP News

**“ASSP Comments on OSHA's Effort to Modernize VPP”**

April 14, 2023

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**“Central Florida Chapter Supporting Future Safety Leaders”**

April 10, 2023

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**“ASSP Launches Online Education Series on Standards”**

April 10, 2023

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