



June is National Safety Month! Check it out here!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4	Free Webinar (See Page 3)
June 13	Night at the Ballpark
July 22-24	Safety 2025 – Orlando, FL
Sep 17-19	Region VI PDC

REGISTER AT [MOUNTAINVALLEY.ASSP.ORG/EVENT](https://mountainvalley.assp.org/event)



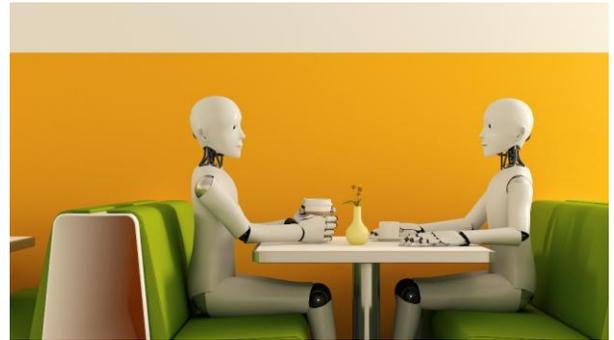
**GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2023-2024**

MONTHLY MEETING

MAY CHAPTER MEETING

May 12th, 2025: Noon-1:30pm EST

The chapter lunch meeting included a great conversation and discussion of future opportunities between member Bianca Bartee and Treasurer Jesse Phillips. We look forward to additional chapter member connections!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

REGISTER AT [Events – ASSP Mountain Valley Chapter](#)

June 13th, 2025: 6:30pm-8:30pm EST

Address: Bank of the James Stadium, 3180 Fort Ave, Lynchburg, Va, US, 24501

Details: It's time again for the Mountain Valley ASSP Annual Night at the Ballpark! Friends and family are welcome. Tickets will be made available for pick up the day of the game. A \$7 concession voucher for hot dog, chips, and a drink are included in the price of your ticket. Please register before June 2, 2025, so we can have an accurate head count for the game.



UPCOMING EDUCATION

CONTRACTOR RISK MANAGEMENT: STRATEGIES FOR SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

Date: June 4, 2025, from 11:00 am To 12:00 pm CDT

Format: Webinar

Credits: 0.1 Continuing Education Units

Register at <https://my.assp.org/event-information?id=a0IUJ000005awVzYAI>

Course Description

Build a strong contractor risk management foundation by establishing clear prequalification processes, maintaining current documentation, and ensuring consistent oversight. Avoid pitfalls like disorganized systems, outdated compliance records, and limited visibility into contractor performance. Drive safety and compliance by taking a proactive approach and implementing digital tools that reduce liability, strengthen contractor relationships, and enhance overall safety outcomes.

What You Will Learn

- Define key elements of an effective contractor risk management program.
- Address regulatory and industry compliance requirements with confidence.
- Implement digital solutions to simplify onboarding and minimize administrative tasks.
- Apply best practices to improve communication and enforce contractor accountability.

Speakers



Chris Black, Director of Operations, ApprUV - Chris Black serves as Director of Operations at ApprUV, overseeing global contractor risk management services across diverse industries. He brings extensive experience in environmental health and safety, having previously led safety programs as Health and Safety Manager at SMI Safety. Chris has managed safety on complex industrial, agricultural, and data center projects, with expertise in OSHA compliance audits, consultation, citation resolution, and developing robust health and safety programs.



SAFETY MINUTE

SAFETY 2025 ORLANDO



For more than 60 years, the ASSP Professional Development Conference (PDC) has been and will continue to be the direct reflection of what is taking place in the occupational, safety and health industry. Each year, safety professionals gather to learn from both experts in the field and each other. The conference is a tradition for many, but the community is always ready to welcome those who are new to the experience. Now known as Safety Conference and Expo, the annual event presents an unparalleled opportunity for education, networking and community.

Join us in Orlando for the year's must-attend safety event! Featuring over 200 engaging educational sessions, 500 innovative exhibitors, and endless opportunities to connect with top OSH professionals, this is the ultimate destination for advancing your career. Last year's event sold out—don't miss your chance to be part of it.

We'll see you there!

<https://safety.assp.org/registration/>

ASSP's Safety Conference is now an award-winning trade show! Recognized by Trade Show Executive Magazine, we proudly achieved a clean sweep of the prestigious "Fastest 50" awards—honored in all three categories:

- 🌱 Fastest Growing by Total Attendance
- 🌱 Fastest Growing by Exhibiting Companies
- 🌱 Fastest Growing by Net Square Feet of Exhibit Space

This milestone solidifies ASSP's Safety Conference as one of the fastest-growing events in the U.S. Join us in Orlando for Safety 2025 and discover firsthand why industry professionals trust this premier event for cutting-edge safety solutions, unparalleled networking, and world-class education.

Are You Passionate About Safety?

Volunteer with ASSP today.

[Get involved](#)

LIAISONS

CALL FOR REGION VI PDC

Have a great time at the 2025 Region VI Professional Development Conference at a discounted rate while lending a hand! Duties may include:

- Serving as session moderator.
- Greeting speakers
- Checking room and AV set up
- Contributing ideas for next year's sponsors



CHAPTER AWARDS

NOMINEES FOR ROBERT P CALHOUN SERVICE AWARD

This award is special to our local chapter. Created in 2024 and named for one of our own, who gave what seemed endlessly to the chapter, while never seeking any recognition. This award is always open for nominations, a formal process has not yet been developed. Currently, nominees should be submitted to the executive committee for consideration.

NOMINEES FOR SPY

Safety Professional of the year. This award is presented on a chapter, region, and national level. It seeks to spotlight an ASSP member "who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) field while also advancing the OSH profession overall." - assp.org.

We haven't had a chapter SPY in some years and would love to see this award rekindled. Our chapter SPY will also serve as our nominee for the Region VI SPY. We will be streamlining the nomination process to align with the requirements for Region VI SPY & will begin soliciting nominees this summer.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

THE ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN! PRESENTING THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY ASSP CHAPTER OFFICERS AND CHAIRS FOR THE 2025-2026 CHAPTER YEAR

Chapter President & Membership Chair	Glenn Hargrove	
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Government Affairs Chair & Chair of the National Government Affairs Committee	Bob Drane	
Nominations & Elections Chair	Chad Bowman	
Awards and Honors Chair	Jackie Brown	

Interested in volunteering? We still have openings for chair roles!

- 🌱 Programs Chair
- 🌱 Audit Committee Chair

2025 PDC

REGION VI PDC IN MYRTLE BEACH, NC

REGION VI PDC

MYRTLE BEACH, SC | SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2025



September 17-19, 2025

We invite you to experience the “Biggest Little PDC” in beautiful Myrtle Beach, South Carolina! This annual conference is one of the most sought-after events in the region for safety professionals, offering the opportunity to learn best practices in **Safety, Health, Industrial Hygiene, and Environmental Issues**.

With over **350+ attendees** and **35+ sponsors and exhibitors**, the 2025 PDC promises three action-packed days of networking, education, and innovation. The event will feature **keynote sessions, 30 breakout presentations** across three concurrent tracks, and an **Exhibit Hall** showcasing the latest industry products and services.

Whether you're a seasoned safety professional or new to the field, the ASSP Region VI PDC provides invaluable resources, networking, and insights to help you grow and stay ahead in your profession. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

[Want to be a chapter liason? Contact us directly for details and to participate.](#)

LEARN MORE HERE! [ASSP Region VI PDC](#)