



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Mountain Valley Chapter

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## PSJ JUNE 2025

### MEMBER NEWS-CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

Have you received the June issue of the Professional Safety Journal? We are thrilled to be featured alongside the Bakersfield Chapter in Member News on page 6!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

July 22-24	Safety 2025 – Orlando, FL
Aug 11	August Meeting
Sep 8	September Meeting
Sep 17-19	Region VI PDC



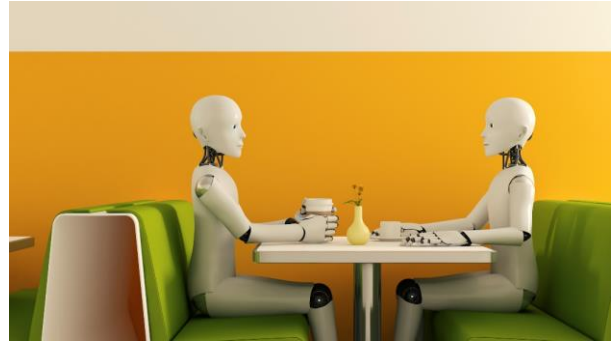
**GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2023-2024

# MONTHLY MEETING

## MAY CHAPTER MEETING

**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Noon-1:30pm EST**

An impromptu meeting was held to include the current President Glenn Hargrove, Treasurer Jesse Phillips, and Secretary Amanda Engstrom in lieu of the Night at The Ballpark event. We do hope for a good registration count and turn out next year so we can continue to hold the annual ASSP Night at the Ballpark. At the informal meeting regarding the COMT report and the conveying of the Robert P Calhoun service award to Secretary Amanda Engstrom.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

**Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Noon-1:30pm EST**

**Address:** TBD

**Details:** Carlton Davis - Blanket Forts, M&Ms, and the 100 Acre Wood (The fantasy world of safety data & documentation)

**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Noon-1:30pm EST**

**Address:** TBD

**Details:** Susan Wilcox - "Alphabet Soup of Ergonomics Assessments"

# UPCOMING EDUCATION

## THE DARK SIDE OF AI: THE END OF TRADITIONAL TRAINING AS WE KNOW IT

Date: August 7, 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=a0IUJ000008HbpnYAC>

### Course Description

Occupational health and safety legislation places a significant burden on employers to ensure workers are adequately trained. Training is not only embedded in regulatory requirements but is also foundational to the hierarchy of controls—supporting even engineering solutions through proper implementation.

Traditionally, employers demonstrated due diligence through in-person instruction, where learner identity, participation, and comprehension could be verified through hands-on activities and assessments.

But the shift to online training has disrupted this model. We've lost essential safeguards: verifying the participant's identity, ensuring active engagement, and confirming that the correct individual completed the training. In this provocative session, we'll examine how rapidly advancing artificial intelligence is undermining the integrity of online training.

You'll gain insight into why, without robust safeguards, today's online training may no longer satisfy compliance, legal, or liability expectations—and what that means for employers navigating risk in the digital age.

### What You Will Learn

- Analyze how AI technologies may compromise the integrity and compliance of online occupational training.
- Assess the legal and regulatory risks linked to unverifiable online training.
- Identify essential safeguards- like identity verification and engagement tracking- that help ensure compliant and defensible training.
- Examine real-world consequences of unverified training and explore strategies to maintain training credibility in the AI era.

### Speakers



**Robert Day** is the Managing Director of Cognisense, an organization dedicated to assessing and advising on the evolving risks associated with online training and assessment environments. A seasoned safety and compliance professional, Robert brings a multifaceted background that includes roles as a refinery risk advisor, firefighter, military member, insurance advisor, paralegal, and licensed investigator.

He has engineered and operated learning management and assessment platforms, led corporate training initiatives, and pioneered technologies in web-based identity and participation verification. Currently, Robert provides assessment and monitoring services to a broad spectrum of industry stakeholders.

Over the past decade, his focus shifted toward the integration of computer vision, biometrics, and artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML) into business processes. In addition, he actively supports standards organizations and industry groups in addressing the legal and operational challenges emerging from the rise of AI technologies.



# 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.

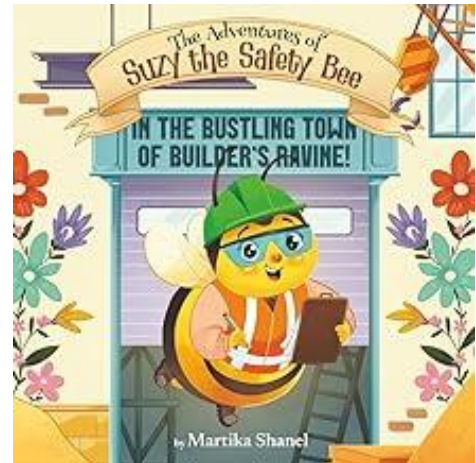
[Get involved](#)



# STARTING EARLY

## SAFETY FOR ALL AGES

It isn't often you come across a children's story that captures what you do as a safety professional, while providing a peek into safety in the construction world. *The Adventures of Suzy the Safety Bee: In the Bustling Town of Builder's Ravine!* is a wonderful story written by Martika Shanel that does just that. Martika is an active ASSP member, veteran, and "senior safety consultant in the construction field who believes success is in everyone". [You can get your copy here.](#)



## 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	
Vice President & Delegate	F. Carlton Davis	
Treasurer & Jobs Chair	Jesse D. Phillips	
Secretary & Communications Chair	Amanda C Sandidge Engstrom	
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



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](#)