



April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Stay alert with these resources.

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GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2024-2025

CALL FOR VOTES

It is election season once again! Please see details on page 5



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11 th	Chapter Meeting
June 13 th	Night at The Ballpark
July	Summer Break – No Meeting
August 10 th	Chapter Meeting

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

MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH AND APRIL CHAPTER MEETING



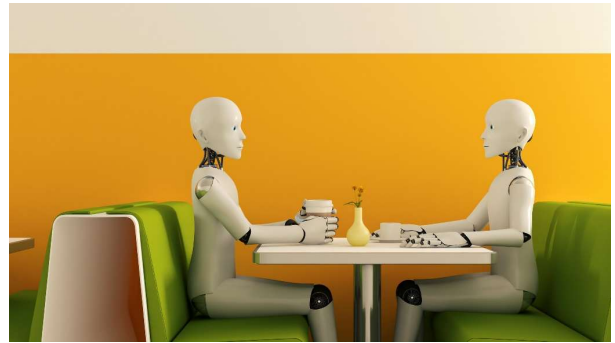
March 9th, 2026: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Details: Our March meeting consisted of an executive committee state of affairs and planning for the upcoming elections. In addition, we discussed our personal inspirations for getting into our chosen fields.

April 13th, 2026: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Details: Dr. Bob Drane EdD, CSP; Adjunct Faculty, SME, School of Health Sciences and Sr. Occupational Safety Compliance Officer at Liberty University will share his dissertation research findings regarding Safety Training improvement at LU. We had a great turn out of ASSP members, student chapter leadership, and LU staff for Bob's presentation on safety training improvements at LU. The presentation captured the research involved but also the practical application of findings.

If you are interested in hosting a future meeting, please reach out to mountainvalleyasspcomm@outlook.com.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

REGISTER AT [Events - Mountain Valley ASSP](#)

May 11th, 2026: 12:30 – 2pm

Address: 1734 Seibel Drive, Roanoke, Virginia, 24012, United States

Details: Amanda Sandidge Engstrom, CIH, CSP; Senior Industrial Hygienist at Froehling and Robertson will present on respiratory protection programs and the pitfalls of improper application.

June 13th, 2026: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Address: 1004 Texas St, Salem, Virginia, US, 24153

Details: Join us at the ballpark for our annual night out. This year we will be celebrating another great chapter year at the Carillion Clinic Field in Salem. Family and friends welcome. Please feel free to purchase ticket directly through the link below or contact us regarding purchase alternatives.

[Link to Purchase Tickets](#)



UPCOMING EDUCATION

FROM SDS STORAGE TO CONNECTED CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT

Date: April 30, 2026, from 11:00 am To 12:00 pm CDT

Format: Webinar

Credits: 0.1 Continuing Education Units

Register at [Event Information - ASSP](#)

Course Description

Chemical management has long centered on maintaining Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), tracking inventories, and meeting compliance obligations. But as operations expand and regulatory complexity increases, document-focused approaches can make it difficult to maintain consistent visibility across sites and respond confidently to evolving requirements.

In this session, Michelle Huizenga, Principal Sales Solution Architect at Origami Risk, will join Alfonso Lerma, Director of Corporate Outreach and Brand Development at Kelleher, Helmrich and Associates (KHA), to examine how chemical management programs can use integrated technology solutions to evolve beyond basic document storage and manual tracking. Together, they will discuss how reliable SDS content, accessible information, and connected workflows can strengthen confidence in chemical programs, improve emergency response readiness, and help reduce chemical-related risk across sites.

The conversation will explore approaches to improving cross-site visibility, preventing uncontrolled chemical introduction, and linking chemical information to incident management and corrective actions. Attendees will gain insight into how modern chemical management solutions can support frontline safety needs while providing clearer, more consistent visibility across the organization.

What You Will Learn

- Identify the limits of document-focused chemical management.
- Explain how regulatory complexity and emergency readiness impacts risk.
- Evaluate the benefits of evolving beyond basic document storage including how centralized SDS data, integrated inventory management, and structured chemical approval workflows can improve cross-site visibility and reducing administrative burden.
- Understand the value of linking chemical information to incidents and corrective actions by strengthening safety performance, supporting executive reporting, and enabling measurable risk reduction.

Speakers



Alfonso Lerma, Director of Corporate Outreach and Brand Development, Kelleher, Helmrich and Associates Alfonso Lerma is Director of Corporate Outreach and Brand Development at KHA, where he has spent more than 15 years helping organizations modernize chemical data management. His work spans system implementation, on-site audits, and front-end design for the Online SDS™ platform, giving him a uniquely practical view of how technology can streamline compliance. Alfonso has supported manufacturers, public agencies, and organizations across nearly every industry. He has given presentations on GHS adoption for private companies and professional associations, including the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) and the Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP).



Michelle Huizenga, Principal Sales Solution Architect – EHS, Origami Risk Michelle Huizenga is an accomplished senior leader in EHS and Risk Management technology, bringing nearly 20 years of experience across software support, system consulting, EHS/RMIS implementations, and client service excellence. As a Principal Sales Solution Architect at Origami Risk, Michelle draws on her extensive implementation background, deep technical expertise, and comprehensive EHS domain knowledge to help organizations translate complex operational needs into streamlined, effective software solutions. Known for her collaborative approach and strategic problem-solving, she partners with clients to design solutions that drive stronger compliance, improved safety outcomes, and long-term value.

SAFETY MINUTE

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.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Full FY26 funding for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) (\$14M) was approved. "This preserves CSB's unique ability to investigate serious chemical incidents and issue prevention recommendations that help protect workers and communities.

This is a meaningful advocacy win. Over the past year, ASSP stayed actively engaged by developing and sharing member-facing advocacy resources on the importance of CSB's work, meeting with CSB leadership to discuss how ASSP could further support their mission, and sharing our resources across the Workplace EHS Coalition to support broader engagement. ASSP also supported coalition efforts urging Congress to maintain strong funding for CSB and the broader occupational EHS ecosystem."

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

VOTING IS NOW OPEN

The Mountain Valley Chapter of ASSP will be holding elections for chapter officers and chairs. Elections are for the 2026-2027 year, which begins July 1, 2026. The official ballot was sent out on April 14th and the ballot will close on May 5th. The ballot will be emailed out by ASSP Chapter Services, members that have unsubscribed from chapter email will not receive a ballot in their inbox. Please review the ballot slate for each position below.

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Additional details are available at <https://mountainvalley.assp.org/news/>