



Newsletter of the American Society of Safety Professionals Greater Boston Chapter

Presidents Message

By Mike Sample

Welcome to our new organization,

Yes, as of June 1, 2018 we are now the American Society of Safety Professionals. Our mission is the same.

“As safety professionals, our members put their passion to work every day protecting people and improving their performance. Through their membership and active participation in ASSP they are able to connect with great people to develop great resources, all to ensure a safer, stronger future.”

The Greater Boston Chapter will maintain this great tradition and workplace influence with an updated name to better match our worldwide membership and uphold our four strategic pillars: member communities, education, standards and advocacy.

We start a new ASSP year maintaining our great tradition of volunteerism and workforce engagement. This promises to be an interesting year. We have arraigned for a diverse group of speakers this year trying our best to provide the topics that interest our membership. The chapter is quite active in our community leading a MA State Legislature Proclamation on employee safety with Senator Timilty, promoting safety and the profession by our involvement with the MA State Science Fair, sponsoring developing professionals with academic scholarships and encouraging professionals to continue a lifetime of professional development through grants and our local and national professional development conferences.

Meeting Schedule:

Nov 13-14: 20th annual ASSP New England Area Professional Development Conference

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Nov 29th: Fire Suppression systems testing and verifying safe operation and Fire emergency Response Planning

January: Control Banding in Laboratories and Asbestos in Soil

Feb 12th: Author Neil Swidey will discuss his book “Trapped Under the Sea”

March: Systems Approach to Safety and Technology, Human Behavior and Driving

April + May: still open for topics and speakers, maybe our end of year Social

June 9-12: Safety 2019, New Orleans, LA, Our National ASSP Conference

I serve at your pleasure, so all feedback is welcome to propel us forward.

Regards,

Mike Sample, MS, CSP

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A Talented Man

A letter by Donald L. Olesen PE, CSP, MBA

In late September, we lost a wonderful man, a true friend, a dedicated family man, a dedicated American Society of Safety Professionals member, and a great guitar player – Roger Foster. I first met Roger when he interviewed for the position of Safety Director for the Boston Globe. In filling the position, we narrowed the selection down to two people. Roger did not get the job. The other had experience with Newspapers and was a true fit for the Globe. I could easily see how talented Roger was so, I hired Roger as a consultant at Marsh and McLennan Protection Consultants. Roger and I worked together and M&MCP for many years. He was truly an excellent consultant and safety professional. He led his clients to huge savings on their Workers' Compensation Insurance and protected many, many lives. Roger eventually left M&MPC and went to work for one of his clients, Quebecor Printing. He did a great job there protecting the lives of the employees and the assets of the company. Eventually Roger went on to become the Corporate Safety Director for the Market Basket food store chain. Again, his programs were successful and the impact great.

I'm not sure if many remember but Roger went through the chairs of the Boston Chapter of ASSP. He rose to the position of Chapter President. He led a great Chapter year. He served as a Delegate to the House of Delegates meetings on a National level. Now many people that serve to that level often disappear after their term is over and let the next group move in. To his credit, Roger stayed involved in the Boston Chapter he loved so greatly. He was never one to say no when asked to do something for the

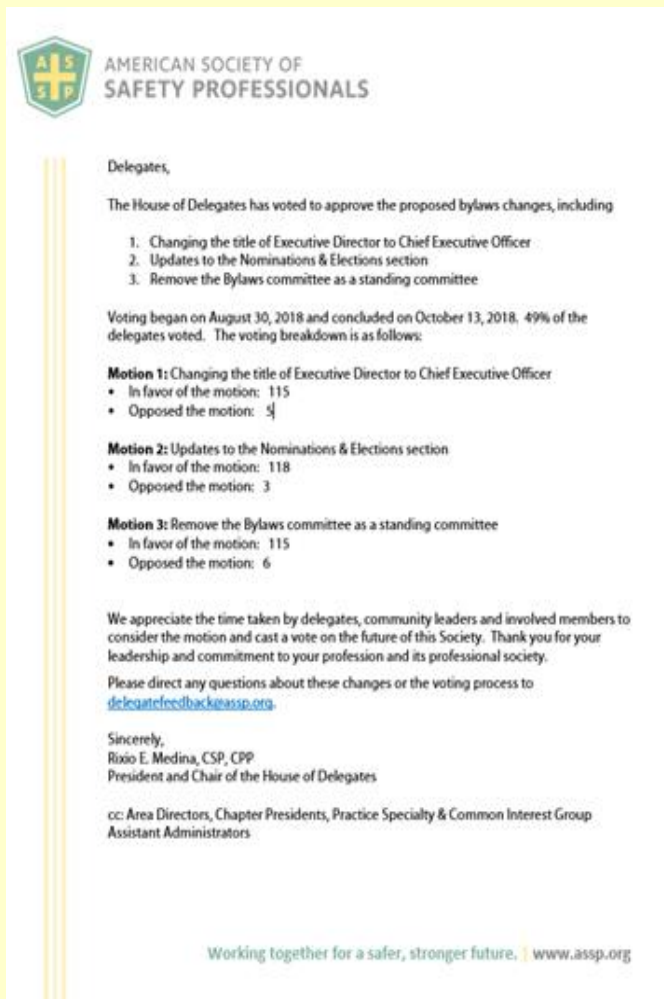


Chapter. His willingness to help will truly be missed. His leadership and guidance will be missed. His smile and his laugh will be missed. Even his silly jokes will be truly missed.

On a personal note, Roger was an incredible guitar player. He loved his collection of guitars and amps and loved playing in bands. I had the joy of playing in a band with him and seeing and listening to his talent. He had a true blues touch and loved Stevie Ray Vaughn, Jimi Hendrix, BB King and others. He often did their songs. When Roger came to practice, he would take time to talk with my children and make them feel important. His heart was huge.

I am truly saddened by Roger's passing and know that I will miss this wonderful man greatly. I will always be grateful for all he did for friends, family, his clients, his co-workers and the ASSP. Thank you Roger, my incredible friend.

What's New



Greater Boston Chapter – Recognizes Past Foundation and Scholarship & PE Grant Recipients

It's scholarship season with the ASSP Foundation. Yes, that's right – every year, from September 1st to December 1st, the Foundation accepts applications for both scholarships and professional education grants. The Greater Boston Chapter has one scholarship fund and one fund dedicated to professional education. Here's a list of our past recipients:

BC Leadership Award (Scholarship Fund)

2005 Lu Yuan - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$1,000
 2006 Timothy Walsh - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$1,000
 2009 Kevin Day – Keene State College \$1,000
 2009 Victoria Stoessel – Keene State College \$2,000
 2010 Victoria Stoessel – Keene State College \$1,000
 2011 Amanda Landers - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$1,000
 2011 Brendon McCarthy – Keene State College \$2,000
 2012 Timothy Brinkerhoff – Keene State College \$1,000
 2012 Daniel Okyere - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$2,000
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 2013 Priyadarshini Sengupta Dasgupta - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$2,000
 2014 Courtney Blatti – Keene State College \$1,000
 2014 Daniel Okyere - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$2,000
 2015 Rajashree Kotejoshyer - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$2,000
 2015 Joseph Levandoski - Keene State College \$1,000
 2016 Winnie Chin - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$2,000
 2016 Alfredo Parker-Vega - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$1,000
 2017 Austin Kowalchek – Keene State College \$2,000.00
 2017 Mason Robbins – Keene State College \$1,000.00
 2018 Winnie Chin - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$1,000
 2018 Vanessa Harripersaud - University of Massachusetts - Lowell \$2,000

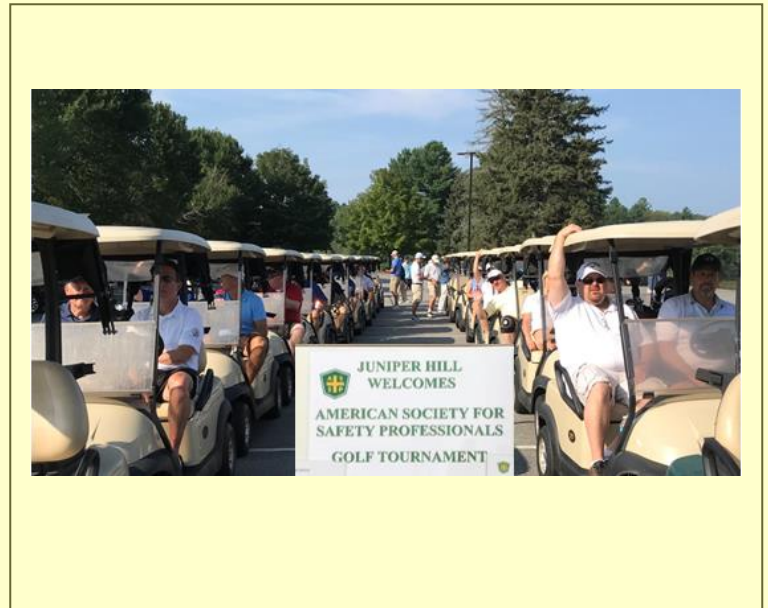
Greater Boston Chapter PE Grant

2015 Rajashree Kotejoshyer \$1,500
 2017 Kathleen Cafarelli \$1,000
 2017 Michael Karavolis \$500

Hat's off to this long list of recipients. It's great to see such a long list of individuals that have enjoyed one of the many benefits of being a member of ASSP. Would you like to be awarded a scholarship or professional education grant? The opportunity is yours! Surf to <https://foundation.assp.org/scholarships-and-grants/> and fill out your application today! Should there ever be any questions about ASSP's scholarship & grant offerings please feel free to contact the Foundation by phone at 1-847-699-2929 or via email at asspfoundation@assp.org.

The Beanpot Open

The GBC Beanpot Open Scholarship Golf Outing (BOSGO) was held on Monday, August 27th and it was a success. The fundraiser is in its 19th year, a pretty amazing accomplishment for a volunteer organization. The Beanpot Open Scholarship Golf Outing is our annual event to fund our local and national scholarships. Through your support we generate funds to assist safety students complete their academic studies to transition to working professionals.



Long Service Recognition Certificates

Each year at this time ASSP prepares long service certificates for members who have been with the Society for 25, 40 or 50 years. This is an extremely important project as it demonstrates to our members that we appreciate their support of ASSP and the safety community, and it gives us an opportunity to thank them.

Join me in congratulating our long-term service members and friends for their long-standing membership. On a more personal note my congratulations to colleagues and friends Alan Kline, Dave Pierpont and Peter Stavros for their dedication to the Greater Boston Chapter, its members and the Safety Profession.

The long-term service awards for the Greater Boston Chapter include the following members:

25	John P Cotnam, CSP, ARM	Greater Boston
25	Peter W Vernon, CSP, CPEA	Greater Boston
25	Carmine M Cimetti, CSP	Greater Boston
25	Mark J Heffron, CHST	Greater Boston
25	Roberta Nelson Shea, FS eng.	Greater Boston
25	Mark W Taylor	Greater Boston
25	Michael L Miozza, CPEA, CSP	Greater Boston
25	David W Pierpont, CSP, CHMM	Greater Boston
25	Peter Stavros, CSP	Greater Boston
25	Stephen M Kelley, CSP, CHMM	Greater Boston
25	Alan D Kline	Greater Boston
25	Norman F O'Brien, CHST	Greater Boston
40	Steven B Ossoff, CSP	Greater Boston
40	Richard L Contorelli	Greater Boston
50	George Franklin	Greater Boston



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U.S. Department of Labor Posts New Frequently Asked Questions and Videos on OSHA Standard for Controlling Silica in Construction

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced today that new frequently asked questions (FAQs) and training videos on the Agency’s standard for respirable crystalline silica in construction are now available online.

Developed by OSHA in cooperation with industry and labor organizations, the [FAQs](#) provide employers and workers with guidance on the standard’s requirements. In addition, a series of six new [videos](#) instruct users on methods for controlling exposure to silica dust when performing common construction tasks, or using construction equipment. The videos cover topics including handheld power saws, jackhammers, drills, and grinders.

Visit OSHA’s [silica standard for construction](#) page for more information and resources on complying with the standard.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to help ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

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To our Members -

We are always looking for volunteers so please don’t be shy about reaching out to any of the chapter board members. Our contact emails can be found on the Boston website under the “About” tab.

I look forward to meeting you at a future event.

Regards,

Tom Bochart, ASP, CWPC

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