



## Newsletter of the American Society of Safety Professionals Greater Boston Chapter

### Presidents Message

By Mike Sample, 2019-2020 Chapter Year

Hello and Welcome to a new Greater Boston Chapter year.

The temperature has dropped and the holiday season is upon us. Now is the time to show care for our neighbors in removing snow and checking in on our elders. And do remove the snow from your fire hydrants. Always important to facilitate a quick fire-response.

Let's recognize the success of the New England Area PDC held in Southbridge, Massachusetts. Seeing all of our peers motivates me and our leadership board to energize this year with interesting speakers on relevant topics to match our members needs and interests. As we continue our planning of this year, I want to mention several activities the Chapter is taking to better serve our membership. Social Media (yes, what would an older guy know...). Well, we have brought in Maura Doyle as our Chair of Social Media. When not working at Harvard, Maura will be posting on our Facebook page and we might even start a Chapter LinkedIn page. Ongoing discussion continues regarding opening a Twitter or Instagram account. You should be seeing more short videos on our Facebook page.

Women in Safety Excellence, WISE is forming a group for our Boston Chapter lead by Shawna Fraser Nagle of Fraser Engineering in Newton MA. Shawna is a force of energy and is excited to be our Chair of this initiative. Shawna is considering how best to kick off this initiative and will be posting info on our website and via email on their first meeting. Our chapter has a very significant

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quantity of successful women in important employment and community roles, and in leading our chapter. I see WISE as giving these individuals a well-deserved platform to shine.

Emerging Professionals are the lifeblood of our future. Aaron Calkins is our Chair for our new group to identify and recruit individuals who can join our chapter and grow into leadership positions. He has been contacting our newly joined members to make them feel welcome to the chapter. More to come on this group.

We will be releasing our Technical Meetings schedule shortly, Jeff Myung, Program Chair has been talking with speakers and selecting topics he feels will benefit the chapter membership. He will be announcing our 1<sup>st</sup> technical meeting shortly. The role of Program Chair can always use some assistance, so if you want to help, please let us know. Even ordering the food or arranging the meeting space is a big help. Does your office have a space the chapter can use for a technical meeting? If so, please let us know.

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Massachusetts Maritime Academy is energized to form a new Student Section. Marina Brock, Assistant Professor has stepped up as Student Advisor and is working with Colleen Walsh and Don Delikat to form a new student section. Colleen and I met with Marina and faculty at MMA in October to set out the timeframe for recruiting, creating the bylaws and submitting all the paperwork to Society. On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Cadets meet with Colleen and Don to select their Leadership and enroll the interested Cadets to join ASSP. We welcome the Cadets and graduates from their programs into our chapter.

Chapter succession planning is crucial for our chapter. We need to identify more leaders in our community to help run our chapter and fill the chair positions. The work is rather easy, and we will be more than willing to let you job-shadow anyone of use to better understand the commitment. A few hours per month can help the chapter while building your personal network and giving back to our profession.

Many hands make for light work.... Thank you to all of our leaders in the chapter.

As always, please contact me if you have ideas to benefit our Chapter.

Happy Holidays!

Humbly,  
Mike Sample, MS, CSP, CDS  
President, Greater Boston Chapter – American Society of Safety Professionals

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## PDC

### The 21st Annual New England Area Professional Development Conference

was held on November 12th-13th 2019 at the Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center 14 Mechanic Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Use the link below to view the keynote speakers, vendors list and pictures of the event

<https://region8.assp.org/neapdc/>

There were two days of educational programs and networking. This was the second year at this venue and next year we are meeting in Vermont. So plan a mini vacation and join your colleagues and friends along with your family in the North Country in November 2020.

Pictured below are Don Olesen – NE Area Director and John Spath – ARVP Logistics.

Don is giving a presentation on the new ANSI Standard for Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWP) and John is checking up on him.



Additional information and a copy of the Standard are available from ANSI, use the link below:

<https://webstore.ansi.org/standards/sia/ansisaiaa92202018>

or you can use this ASSP link for additional guidance  
<https://www.assp.org/standards/standards-topics/work-aerial-work-platforms-a92>

## GBC Event

### X1 Boston - Karting Social Thursday January 16th

Join us on January 16<sup>th</sup> at X1 in Braintree for an evening of karting.

Let's get our membership together to see who can race the fastest.

The evening will include:  
mandatory instruction at 5 PM,  
followed by two qualifying races  
and then a Grand Prix for the fastest 12 racers.  
Who will be named our champion?



#### Details:

Thursday January 16th, 2020  
(5pm – 9:00+)

- Arrive at 4:30
- 5:00 pm start of mandatory race training.

Please arrive early and ready to attend the mandatory pre-race safety briefing.

#### Location:

**X1 Boston** 290 Wood Rd, Braintree, MA 02184

**Fee:** free to active members

- ❖ Pre-racing mandatory training starts promptly at 5 pm.
- ❖ Racing followed by appetizers and cocktails at 7 pm.
- ❖ Trophy for the top 3 finishers.

## PDC (continued)



Above – Martha Wik and Rich O'Keefe begin a session. Martha presented on Beryllium Safety and Rich O'Keefe moderated the session.

If you participated or attended the 21st Annual ASSP New England Area Professional Development Conference and Exposition. THANK YOU!

We hope you enjoyed your time taking part in the various breakout sessions, met some of the exhibitors and learned about their products/services, and most importantly got to expand your professional network inside the career field.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and new faces at next year's 22nd Annual New England Area PDC!

Speaker Registration is now open for 2020!

Please visit the link below to register.

<https://ipgphotonics.wufoo.com/forms/rdn2zwt1u9kd5l/>

Venue: [The Equinox Golf Resort & Spa](https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rutlc-the-equinox-a-luxury-collection-golf-resort-and-spa-vermont/) Vermont,  
3567 Main Street, Manchester Center, VT 05254

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rutlc-the-equinox-a-luxury-collection-golf-resort-and-spa-vermont/>

Plan your attendance and participation now don't wait till it's too late.



