



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

### The Beanpot

Hello Members and Friends of the Greater Boston Chapter.

As we end our spring season and are looking at the reality of real change in our business models for 2020 we consider the Covid-19 Global Pandemic and the evolution of Safety and Health in the business world. Everybody now knows what PPE is, but we still must educate people on how and where to use protective equipment. Social distancing has become a new normal, including one-way aisles in the grocery store, using hand sanitizer, working from home and staying home.

As of May 18, 2020 we are well into phase 1, Re-opening Boston and Massachusetts for business with limited industries resuming operations with severe restrictions, Phase 2 lists a cautious start to additional industries with restrictions and capacity limitations, Phase 3 is a vigilant approach for additional industry openings with guidance and Phase 4 offers operations to resume with a new normal, as well as vaccinations and treatments. Each phase is a minimum of three weeks before the next phase. For more specific information on the Baker-Polito Administration's data-driven approach to

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reopening the economy use this link.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-four-phase-approach>

In the meantime, essential services are operating under a new or modified business as usual mode. Social distancing, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), staggered work hours, virtual meetings, virtual learning, and curbside services are a new normal. Some of these changes may be on-going as the re-opening of Massachusetts businesses move forward.

There are many challenges ahead and one thing for sure there will be changes. Let's work together for positive change

**Be Safe and Be Well!**

Thomas M. Bochart, ASP, CWPC  
Greater Boston Chapter – American Society of Safety Professionals  
<https://boston.assp.org/>

**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.  
Tom Bochart, ASP, CWPC

## 2020 MA Science and Engineering Fair

### Greater Boston ASSP Chapter

This year proved to be a “virtual” MA Science and Engineering High School Fair for Greater Boston ASSP Chapter judges. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 71<sup>st</sup> MA Science and Engineering High School Science Fair used YouTube science presentations to be judged remotely.

Each science project was a 5-minute presentation by high school students at their homes or available space. The judging was based on:

1. Scientific approach
2. Understanding Science
3. Innovation/Creativity and
4. Presentation.

Although judges could not “physically” talk to the students, their science project was still judged objectively. 94% of the registered students participated and once again showed the amazing scientific talents of future STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related projects.

Next years’ MA Science and Engineering High School Fair is slated to take place in person at MIT. We are all adapting to the “new normal” in doing business. This applies even to judging high school science fairs.

Don Delikat, CIH, CSP  
Greater Boston ASSP Chapter Judge for 2020

Click on the link below to see the winner list and other information about the 2020 Massachusetts Science and Engineering Fair.

<https://scifair.com/>



## Be Safe, Be Well

As safety Professionals we are routinely called upon to assist the business world in the process of Safety and Health for the American workforce. Many of us are called upon to educate our co-workers and peers in the areas of occupational safety and health. Now with a Global Pandemic we see other potential exposures to our family and friends as we work remotely and may see inconsistencies in some of the public safety aspects that affect us all.

Here are some suggestions to follow and share with others:

- Walk on the side of the street facing on-coming traffic. This includes walking your dog and jogging.
- Ride your bicycle or other moving device on the right side of the road, inline with moving traffic and wear a helmet.
- Park your vehicle on the right or correct side of the road.
- Avoid distractions, concentrate on the task at hand.
- Hands free device driving is now the Law in MA. If you need to interact with an electronic device, find a parking lot or other safe place to conduct your business.
- Do not pull over to the side of the road unless its an emergency.
- Pull over for emergency vehicles and let them pass before you proceed. There may be more than one.
- Mind your speed, wear your safety belt and watch out for the other guy. Expect the unexpected.
- Use the 2-3 second rule for following distance and the wedge for stopping in traffic.



## Professional Development Conference – 2020

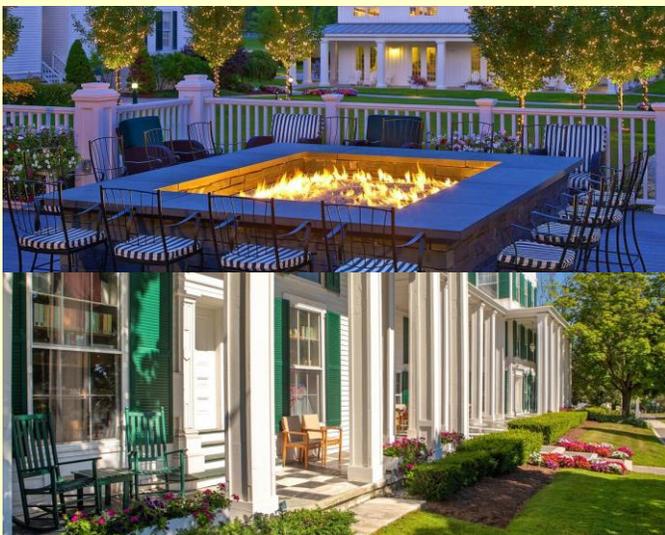
### 22nd Annual New England Area PDC!

Speaker Registration deadline was April 1, 2020!  
You can also register for the Silent Auction, you can also register as a sponsor or exhibitor.  
Please visit the link below to register.

<https://region8.assp.org/events/22nd-annual-new-england-area-pdc-attendee-registration/>

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.



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## COVID – 19

## Global Pandemic

### ASSP Responds to Covid-19

ASSP President Diana Stegall  
Covid-19: Return to Work

#### Education and Resources

- Watch our latest webinar, [COVID-19: Strategies for Managing Health Hazards on Construction Sites](#).
- Listen to our featured podcast on [COVID-19: Return-to-Work Strategies](#).
- Log in to the [ASSP Community](#) to ask COVID-19 questions and share resources.
- Visit our [COVID-19 resource page](#) regularly for new resources, articles and helpful links.

#### How to protect yourself.

To protect yourself, clean your hands frequently with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or wash them with soap and water.

- Stay at Home - Avoid contact with known carriers or other infected people.
- Use social distancing techniques, a six-foot distance from others is suggested.
- Wear PPE – Personal Protective Equipment. Disposable gloves and a face mask or respirator. A face shield and full body protection is also suggested in certain situations.
- Cover your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect clothing, PPE and surfaces. This includes purchased materials and delivered goods.



## References and Links

CDC -

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Science Daily -

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/>

Merriam Webster -

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/COVID-19>

World Health Organization –

<https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>

Mass.gov -

<https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-prevention-and-treatment#latest-guidance->

PDC -

- [22nd Annual New England Area PDC - Silent Auction](#) – November 9, 2020 - November 10, 2020  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [22nd Annual New England Area PDC - Sponsor/Exhibitor Registration](#) -  
November 9, 2020 - November 10, 2020  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [22nd Annual New England Area PDC – Attendee Registration](#) – November 9, 2020 -  
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## BOSGO

### 21st Annual - Beanpot Open Scholarship Golf Outing (BOSGO)

August 24, 2020

8:00 am sharp - 3:00 pm

Save the date. Details coming soon.

Venue: Juniper Hill Golf Course

**Address:**

202 Brigham Street

Northborough, Massachusetts, 01532



The BOSGO is the Greater Boston Chapter ASSP annual local and national scholarship fundraising event. This annual event has been a great success year after year due to the participation of our Chapter membership and partners. All the proceeds from this event go to funding the GBC scholarship funds. Be a part of this great event as a participant or a sponsor. We hope to see you on the links.

