

ASSP Lowcountry Chapter
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2021

1. Regular Monthly Meeting called to order by Bob Heck, President, at 11:03.
 - a. The meeting was a virtual meeting held on Zoom
 - b. Bob welcomed attendees and provided guidelines for a successful virtual meeting
 - c. Minutes taken by Ken Warren - Secretary
 - d. Attendance – 16 persons
 - e. The Group was asked if any new members were in attendance – no new members or visitors
1. Old Business
 - a. Meeting(s)
 - i. Chapter back on track for the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be February 16, 2021.
 1. Due to the COVID uptick nationwide, we will table in person meeting considerations until 2021 and can reevaluate. Note that National (ASSP) defers decision making on in-person meetings to Chapters but recommends following 'society-wide guidance'. National has shifted all in-person courses and experience to virtual through March 31, 2021.
 2. We need to enhance engagement in the meeting development process. We are all busy, but sharing the load will improve the quality, diversity, etc. of the meetings. Bob asked to let him know so we can create a schedule for 2021?
 3. Spring PDC – logistics and planning. Bob stated that May or June should be the target month, based on the protraction of COVID restrictions. He would prefer to push it out to these later months in hope that we can have the PDC as a live event.
 - b. Bob Heck announced that the Chapter has found a 2nd Vice President for the balance of 2020-2021 (until July 1). George Bower introduced Howard Stearn as a candidate for the 2nd Vice President position. For the past 2.5 years, Howard has served as the Safety Manager for Choate Construction. Over his 10 year safety career, he has worked with various construction, demolition, and electrical contractors. Howard has been an active member of the Lowcountry Chapter for the past 4 years. Voting will be done by internet.
 - c. Bob asked attendees to consider volunteering when the position becomes available again.
 2. New Business
 - a. Meeting(s) – Bob Heck asked for feedback from the members on:
 - i. Did the group have any February Chapter meeting ideas – including speaker and topic
 - ii. Bob asked for other ideas for future meetings –he would like to get some volunteers to coordinate a meeting or two?
 3. Treasurer Report
 - a. For Treasurer Butch Clift, Bob reported current balances: \$3,558.87 in Savings account and \$9,409.28 in Checking account.
 4. For the Good of the Group – Bob Heck provided the following information:
 - a. SafetyFOCUS 2021 . Attendees should mark their calendars for Feb. 8-12 and 15-19 to join the (virtual) education experience.
 - b. Resources for education and information
 - i. Region6.assp.org
 - ii. Assp.org
 - iii. Lowcountry Chapter ASSP
 - c. Bob asked if anybody needed any support from the Chapter. He asked members to reach out to the Chapter for any assistance or help.
 - d. Bob Heck showed slides showing COVID cases in South Carolina

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5. Bob Heck then introduced the speaker for the education program:

Speaker: **George Bower, CIH, CSP**
Senior Safety and IH Consultant, S&ME

Presentation: Combustible Dust Accumulations in the Workplace

6. Next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2021