

ASSP Lowcountry Chapter
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2021

1. Regular Monthly Meeting called to order by Bob Heck, President, at 11:02.
 - 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 – 15 persons
 - e. The Group was asked if any new members were in attendance
 - i. New members or Visitors - none

2. Old Business
 - a. Bob Heck reported the following information about meeting(s)
 1. We will continue to table in person meeting considerations at this time
National (ASSP) recommends following 'society-wide guidance'. National continues to follow a virtual meeting platform for now. Both National and Regional are pursuing In-Person Conference options later in the year and we will continue to monitor this progress. The Chapter has the latitude to do either but will stay "Virtual" for now.
 2. We continue to look for ways to enhance engagement in the meeting development process. It was proposed at our Executive Committee meeting to look at options such as:
 - a. Creating a Meeting Planning subcommittee (to be Chaired by the Second VP) to meet on a quarterly basis and define what the meeting agendas will be (with flexibility for emerging issues), coordinate speakers, etc.
 - b. Investigate the option for CEU's associated with meetings to improve both quality and attendance,
 - c. Consider periodic meeting dates that are slightly longer, but are focused on ASSP provided training presentations from National (typically 90-minute sessions)
 3. Fall PDC considerations – Executive Committee comments;
 - a) At this time, it is recognized that a well-organized PDC adds value to the members and has a positive financial impact on the Chapter, but there are concerns due to the CoViD related conditions that still exist.
 - b) A virtual PDC could be value added, but there is a risk of attendees losing interest or becoming distracted, especially if they attend while at work. In addition, vendor interaction would be significantly limited.
 - c) An in-person PDC would be the best – both from an interactive perspective as well as a dynamic perspective. The Executive Committee tabled the decision for 30-60 days to see how public and ASSP related (i.e. National / Regional) protocols evolve with respect to the CoViD vaccine distribution and local / State / federal recommendations on in-person meetings.
 - d) Both Regional and National are planning in-person conferences later in the year. We will continue to monitor this process.
 - e) It is likely that we will have an in-person PDC in the Fall of 2021.

3. New Business
 - b. Bob and George Bower discussed Officers transition for '21-'22.
 - i. email to all current and proposed Officers, confirming transition proposal
 - ii. email all members soliciting for interest in open positions
 - iii. generate a survey form for election of Officers (similar to what the Chapter used last year). The plan will be to vote on or before 5/17, with election announcements at the 5/18 Chapter meeting
 - iv. Please notify Bob, George or Molly for nominations or to volunteer.
 - v. George Bower stated that 15% of Chapter members have no email listed or incorrect email on national ASSP site. He requested that all update their member profile.
 - c. Bob asked if there was any other new business – none.

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4. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Butch Clift was present at the meeting and confirmed the following balance in the Chapter accounts: approximately \$3,559 in Savings account and \$10,173 in Checking account.

5. Bob Heck provided information as a monthly COVID update

6. For the Good of the Group –

- a. Bob Heck provided the following information:
- b. Bob requested any suggestions for future meeting topics. Please advise Bob, George or Molly of ideas.
- c. Upcoming Events

REGION VI SPRING ROC

Chapter Leaders and Region VI Officers should have the date for the Spring ROC taking place virtually April 14th 9am – 12pm Eastern Time

ASSP Region VI PDC

Current in-person PDC is scheduled for 2.5 days - August 25th - 27th, 2021 with up to 4 pre-conference virtual seminars on August 24th.

For those of you who cannot attend, we will have a Virtual guarantee! This will be two full days - August 25th & 26th. At this time, we're planning to do both and we need to hear from you to gauge potential success!

<https://poll.fm/10740203>

Safety 2021 Expects to Bring Hybrid Experience to 60th Event

The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) is working through a big addition to its Safety 2021 Professional Development Conference and Exposition that would enable thousands of attendees to get involved like never before. For the first time, ASSP's signature event is expected to be a hybrid experience that is also moving to a new location and date for greater accessibility.

ASSP plans to combine a live in-person event with a virtual component to offer unprecedented access to its 60th annual conference, which is likely to occur in September. The Society's original plans to present Safety 2021 in Denver in June are shifting due to an analysis of public health

Resources for education and information

- i. Region6.assp.org
- ii. Assp.org
- iii. ASSP Lowcountry Chapter

b. Bob Heck provided info on:

- a) the new head of OSHA appointed by President Biden.
 - b) OSHA extended comment period on hazard communication standard update
 - c) Benefits of good indoor air quality during COVID
 - d) Struck-by accidents accounted for >500 workplace fatalities in 2019
 - e) 2nd Annual National Stand Down to prevent struck-by incidents – April 26, 2021
 - f) Distracted Driver Awareness Month – April 2021
- c. Based on question regarding the value of attending Region 6 PDC, Bob and several others stated the benefits.
- d. George mentioned NSC Meeting in Charleston on November 10-12, 2021.

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e. Bob Heck asked if anyone needed support from the Chapter – What can we be doing to improve the experience?

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

Speaker: **Sherry Dixon**
Retired
Topic: **Reflections of a Retired EHS Professional**

8. Bob Heck adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon

9. Next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021