



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Low Country Chapter

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Coming Out On Top

For the first time ever, or at least from what I can tell from the award postings on our [web-site](#) beginning in 2012-2013 (sorry - I'm one of those newish transplants adding to the congestion on the roadways), the Low Country (LC) Chapter has achieved Platinum Level for the 2022-2023 ASSP year.

Per ASSP: the platinum chapter designation is awarded to chapters that meet rigorous standards of excellence as established by ASSP. They are considered to be strong role models for other chapters to emulate.

What does that mean to you as a paying ASSP member? That means that the LC executive committee (chapter officers) has effectively followed the template of the ASSP Chapter Operations Management Tool (COMT). There are 4 categories that all chapters are scored on that result in an award level:

- Reporting Requirements: documentation of what has been accomplished throughout the year
- Operational Requirements: communications to the members and the ASSP chain of command
- Member Value: providing engaging events for members to be involved in
- Additional Member Value: development opportunities (networking, professional development, etc.)

Thank you to the officers for a successful 2022-2023 chapter year:

- Those who have transitioned out of a leadership position:
 - ⇒ Ken Warren (Secretary), George Bower (Elections), Jeff Graham (Honors and Awards)
- Those who stayed on for more punishment:
 - ⇒ Justin Reese (President to Delegate), Bob Heck (Vice President), Butch Clift (Treasurer), Jayne Carswell (Website to Honors and Awards), Jane Lyons (Membership & Jobs), Molly McCall (Government Affairs)
- Those newcomers who are coming to the table with new ideas to push the chapter forward:
 - ⇒ Suzette Exum (2nd Vice President), Kasie Barrow (Secretary), Dewitt Davis (Website & Social Media), Stephen Curl (Elections),

It is the team's goal to take the momentum from last year and continue to provide value to you. If you've made it this far (thank you for reading this far) and don't feel that the LC chapter has served you, we would more than welcome your input on how to better improve the chapter offerings.

While there has not been any member facing activity since the beginning of the ASSP year (July 1), we have been working behind the scenes to begin serving you again on October 17. If not familiar, this falls on our monthly reoccurrence: 3rd Tuesday of the month. Meetings are from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at CECA (2230 Technical Pkwy, North Charleston, SC 29406). Looking forward to seeing you all at a chapter event in the coming months.



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COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD PLATINUM LEVEL 2022 - 2023

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO:

Low Country Chapter



“I’ve investigated over 3,000 crash scenes and never unbuckled a deceased person. Seatbelts save lives.”

Trooper Bob - Speaking to the members in January

We Couldn’t Do It Without You!

Our Low Country Chapter is happy to recognize our members’ achievements including years of service as members of the American Society of Safety Professionals. Below are the recipients year-to-date. We will continue to recognize and honor our membership milestones as we appreciate your commitment for all you do to protect and serve workers as well as promote the safety profession.

5 Years

Charles Chung
Hope Gonzalez
Paul Hartline
Susan Ivey
Julia Olson
Eric Toney
Julie Walker
Michael Ward

20 Years

Barbara Eggers–
Parker
Gary Tellish
Jason Fugate
Timothy Hicks
Justin Reese
Joel Roger

25 Years

Sandra Haynes
Ronald Partilla
James Curd
Michael Casca

30 Years

Jayne Carswell

40 Years

Jane Lyons
George (Bob) Mus-
sat

Jayne Carswell, Low Country Awards and Honors Chair

Welcome to the Team!

You may or may not be new to ASSP, but we are happy to have you as a new member to the Low Country Chapter. As a way to get you to read this newsletter, mention this ad to one of our officers for free admission to one of our upcoming meetings so that we can say hello.

Patrick Clyde
William Marshall

Dewitt Davis
James McMillan

Mark Foster
Denise Selden

State of the Chapter

As of August, the Low Country Chapter was 144 members strong. While we may be one of the smaller chapters, rumor has it that we have a high member engagement rate (those who attend and participate). Thank you for showing up and supporting our events.

Jane Lyons, Low Country Membership and Jobs

Fiscally Responsible

As reported in our 2022-2023 COMT and Financial report, the chapter is in good shape financially and there are no concerns this year. Interested in the actual numbers? Join us for our next meeting where you and I will both learn what they are.

On another note, at the Regional Operating Committee (ROC) meeting in September, Region IV voted to apply an annual assessment \$2 per member. 78% of regions already had this assessment in place that supports the leadership one level above the Low Country to be able to better support both those in our region and our chapter. This will be reviewed by the chapter officers and may result in a slight increase to the annual chapter membership fees.

Mike speaking for Butch Clift, Low Country Membership and Jobs