



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Pensacola Chapter

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name:	March Chapter Meeting		
Date of Meeting:	03-18-21	Start time:	11:30 a.m.
Location:	Virtual via Webex meeting	End time:	12:50 p.m.
Facilitator:	Jill Przymus, President, Pensacola Chapter	Minute taker:	Maralee Sartain, Secretary
1. Meeting Objective(s)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide members with a technical presentation, an update on chapter business and an opportunity to network using the virtual platform.• Provide an update on current OSHA events and those specifically related to COVID 19 from the Mobile Area Office. Speaker: Francisco J. García, Compliance Assistance Specialist, DOL-OSHA-Mobile Area Office			
2. Attendance			
Present			
Maralee Sartain	Pam Perrich	Jill Przymus	Matthew Parker
Mario Crocetti	Craig Delwisch	Joseph Hofbauer	Stanley Gray
KE Rogers			
3. Agenda, Decisions, Issues			
Topic/ Discussion Notes			Discussion led by
Chapter Business: <u>Upcoming meetings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4/15 Using Movement to Decrease Low Back Strain Risk by Lori Frederic with Balance Biometrics• 5/20 Influential Management - What is your role and how do you use it? By Craig Delwisch with West Fraser• June Meeting – Hoping to have the Year End Picnic outdoor meeting with Member and Speaker recognition <u>Society and Chapter Elections:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be sure to check you're your email for the person invite from Society for the Regional IV North Florida/Georgia Area Director; Sr. VP, Director At Large, VP Professional Affairs, and VP Professional Development• The slate of Officers was displayed and noted it has been posted to the chapter website https://pensacola.assp.org Chapter voting will be happening at the April Meeting <u>Social Media:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jill encouraged everyone to join the Pensacola Chapter LinkedIn Group page <p>Upcoming Region IV PDC will be held virtually on April 7th & 8th Information can be found at https://regionfourpdc.com</p> <p>The group then had virtual introductions and networking before the main presentation.</p>			Jill Przymus, President, Pensacola Chapter

Francisco shared a slide deck covering recent work by OSHA. A few highlights are included here.

- **Some OS&H Events were highlighted and all are encouraged to utilize them to enhance your workplace safety initiatives.** And if given enough advance notice Francisco offered to attend your upcoming event.

Stand-Up 4 Grain Safety Week	March 29-April 2, 2021	https://standup4grainsafety.org/
Georgia Struck-by Safety Stand-down (Work Zone Awareness)	April 26-30, 2021	http://www.nwzaw.org/
Heat Illness Prevention Stand-Down	Informal Kickoff day May 22, 2021	http://www.osha.gov/heat
Workers' Memorial Day	April 28, 2021	
Prevent Falls in Construction Stand-Down	May 3-7, 2021	https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/
Trenching Stand-Down	June 14-18, 2021	https://www.nuca.com/tssd
Safe & Sound Campaign	August 9-13, 2021	https://www.osha.gov/safeandsoundweek/
Labor Rights' Week	August 23-27, 2021	



- **The Mobile Office will now serve the eastern part of the Florida panhandle**



- **The National Emphasis Program to Prevent Worker Exposure to COVID -19 was reviewed.**

NEP to Prevent Worker Exposure to COVID-19

- **Goal:** Substantially reduce or eliminate worker exposures
 - Combination of inspection targeting, outreach to employers, and compliance assistance.
- **Focus:**
 - Establishments that put the largest number of workers at serious risk of contracting the coronavirus.
 - To prevent retaliation against workers who complain about unsafe or unhealthful conditions or exercise other rights.

- **Focused Enforcement**
 - Inspections will focus on industries and worksites with tasks that have high frequency close contact exposures with increased potential exposure.
 - Inspections will follow current priorities:
 - Unprogrammed
 - Follow Up
 - Programmed

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NEP to Prevent Worker Exposure to COVID-19

■ Interim Enforcement Guidance

- Updated plan replaces May 26, 2020 guidance
- Goals:
 - Identify exposures to COVID-19 hazards;
 - Ensure that appropriate control measures are implemented
 - Address violations of OSHA standards and the General Duty Clause.
- Remains in effect until further notice.



■ Interim Enforcement Guidance

- Prioritizes
 - On-site workplace inspections where practical, or a combination of on-site and remote methods.
 - COVID-19-related inspections involving deaths or multiple hospitalizations and complaints/referrals alleging potential exposure to COVID-19-related hazards.
 - Use of remote methods for employee interviews and collection of documentation to minimize person-to-person contact



■ Interim Enforcement Guidance

- Supports the NEP
 - Implementing programmed inspections targeting industries where:
 - OSHA has previously identified increased enforcement activity; and/or
 - establishments with elevated rates of respiratory illnesses in CY 2020.
 - Ensuring workers are protected from retaliation
- Provides specific inspection and citation guidance for all COVID-19-related inspections, until further notice.



NEP to Prevent Worker Exposure to COVID-19

■ Outreach and Compliance Assistance

- Nationwide outreach with industry, labor, and alliances.
- Continued outreach using products and activities:
 - New information shared through letters, news releases, social media, and QuickTakes.
 - Seminars tailored to specific audiences.
 - Working with national and regional offices of federal agencies.



- ✓ At the conclusion of his presentation, members then had the opportunity to ask questions. And Francisco provided his contact information.
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- ✓ Jill thanked the speaker and reminded members about the upcoming meeting in April. The meeting adjourned at 12:53pm.

4. Action Items

Action	Responsible	Due Date
NA		

5. Next Meeting

Date:	April 15, 2021	Time:	11:30am	Location:	Virtual Webex meeting
Objective(s):	Technical meeting Using Movement to Decrease Low Back Strain Risk by Lori Frederic with Balance Biometrics				