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March 17th Meeting

The Safety Flux Capacitor

Location: Pensacola SocialDesk
Time: 11:30am-1:30pm
Fee: Free (Lunch courtesy of Matthew!)

If you had a time machine, what insights would your future-self provide? How would this knowledge change your strategies? The great news is reliable outcomes don't require seeing the future. Examining human factors – the people elements of systems and conditions – can provide a prescriptive approach to addressing deficiencies in organizations

Presented by: Danny W Smith, SMS, CIT

Danny has the ability to relate to any audience – from the boardroom to the shop floor – and to put them at ease. A well-spoken presenter, he teaches in a manner that informs and entertains audiences at the same time. His previous work as an EHS and Property Manager, a part of his over 25 years of management experience in manufacturing, warehouse/distribution and other industries, has created a foundational knowledge which he is able to apply to all environments.

To encourage participation, Matthew will kindly cover the lunch! Please try and join us. It is time for a return to normal as best as we can. Let's support the chapter AND ATTEND like we used to!

Please RSVP for the meeting at our website.

<https://pensacola.assp.org/>

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IH Corner

Functional coatings can provide an added layer of protection in the workplace

For those tasked with oversight of employee wellness, finding new ways to enhance sanitization and hygiene practices continues to be top of mind. Adding protective measures and innovative health and safety products in high-touch areas can help slow down the spread of harmful germs, especially in the workplace.

There are many benefits to applying antimicrobial paint, most prominently that they have the ability to kill 99.9% of viruses and bacteria on painted surfaces. However, not all antimicrobial paints are made equal. To make sure that you're getting the most protection out of the product, you should ensure that the paint has certain attributes. For instance, in order to achieve a 99.9% efficacy rate against harmful germs on surfaces, antimicrobial paints need to go through an extensive testing process and be registered by the EPA. It should also offer mold and mildew resistance on the dry paint film, to ensure that it can be applied in a variety of settings like kitchens and bathrooms and withstand the wear and tear typically experienced by surfaces of high-traffic areas. Finally, just because a paint product has antimicrobial capabilities doesn't mean that performance should be a trade-off. Antimicrobial products should provide the same durability and premium application properties that customers expect from regular paint products, so it's easy to use and maintains its appearance once applied. Additionally, it should come in different paint colors and sheens, so it can be used in a variety of settings and customized to personal taste. Both paint professionals and at home DIYers should be able to easily use an antiviral/antibacterial product in commercial and residential settings.

President's Message

FINALLY!!!! We actually had a good showing for the February meeting. My heartfelt thanks goes out to the seven of you who joined me for the presentation by Rod Courtney from Ampirical. Rod gave a great presentation on Pre-Accident Investigations. A copy of the PowerPoint has been posted on the website. Please keep an eye on our LinkedIn page for an announcement about his book being published in June.

So now let's repeat the turn-out!! Our next meeting is scheduled for March 17th. It will be a lunch meeting. The location is changing again. This time we will be meeting at Pensacola SocialDesk. See the website for the address and registration information. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. WE NEED YOU!!!

Did someone say Tallahassee??? Yes!!! We will be holding a Tallahassee meeting on March 25th. It will be a lunch meeting held at the Florida School Boards Insurance Trust located at 800 N. Calhoun, Tallahassee, FL 32303. Again, watch the Website and LinkedIn page for topic info and registration.

Regarding our chapter elections...We need a nominee for the Secretary position. Elected Officers can claim their service for CIH and CSP points. The lack of participation is threatening the viability of the chapter. WE NEED YOU TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS but we also need you to get involved. Chapter Leadership is designed to turnover. We need new people with new ideas. Please bring yours. I have held multiple officer positions in three different chapters. I always considered the ASSP a valuable part of my career....serving as an officer is a way to pay back.

Lastly, our May meeting is going to be a chapter social. Neil Thorsen has invited us on his boat for a sunset cruise. But he can only fit 15 passengers. We will initially be limiting participation to those that have attended at least one meeting this year. Any remaining "seats" will be announced closer to the event. Hope to see you there. My personal thanks to Neil for his gracious offer for this event

Matthew Parker

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Future Meetings: Third Thursdays **Put these on your calendar NOW!!!!**

April 21, 2022

Risk Assessment in Joint Employer Environments,
Scott Debow

May 19, 2022

Sunset Cruise,
Provided by Neil Thorsen

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Call for Speakers

We are seeking suggestions, ideas, recommendations, proposals, hints, etc. for speakers for the ASSP meetings. Please contact us with your thoughts!

Newsletter Stuff

Please forward this newsletter to any other in the chapter area that might be interested. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, please email mario.crocetti@gmail.com

Membership Stuff

Ready to join? You can apply online:

<https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Join-ASSP>

Jobs

<http://jobs.assp.org/>

<https://jobs.bccsp.org>

<http://www.ehscareers.com>

<https://pensacola.assp.org>

If you have an opening at your organization you would like to share with the chapter and have posted for members to view, let us know!

Tallahassee Meetings

Tallahassee Members, we will be holding supplemental meetings at your end of the Chapter territory this year. We will try to do a full chapter meeting there, but at a very minimum will do a local meeting for you to facilitate local networking. If you know a location for the meeting or have an idea for a speaker or topic, contact Matthew Parker or Mario Crocetti.

Membership Benefits

ASSP is where OSH professionals find a vibrant community, one that helps them grow professionally through education, networking and advocacy for the profession. Through our member communities, ASSP connects OSH professionals across all industries, genders, generations and ethnicities, and enables them to engage with one another on a global scale. Safety Education and Training, Safety Publications, Career Support, Safety Advocacy, Safety Standards, Student Resources, Member Recognition. If you need some hints on convincing your boss, click here. <https://www.assp.org/membership/benefits-qualifications/employer-justification>

Photo of the Month



To be fair, the scaffolding only went 5 frames up!

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OSHA Rule would Update Occupational Safety Experts and OSHA Encourage Preventative Measures to Combat Dangerous Workplace Heat Stress Risk

[OSHA](#) is proposing a new rule to update design and construction provisions of its powered industrial truck standard for general industry and construction to reflect current industry practice and technological advances.

The [proposed rule](#) would update design and construction requirements for powered industrial trucks, including forklifts, tractors, platform lift trucks, motorized hand trucks and other specialized vehicles.

Current design and construction requirements published by the American National Standards Institute and Industrial Truck Standards Development Foundation would be included in the proposed rule, according to a Department of Labor [news release](#).

This would only update references to design and construction requirements, so provisions that don't relate to design and construction wouldn't change.

[1926.602\(c\)\(1\)\(vi\)](#) includes operator requirements on stability, inspection, testing, maintenance and operation, which wouldn't be amended in this proposal to reference more current ANSI standards.

The original standard took effect in 1971 and is based on industry consensus standards from 1969, while the national consensus standards have been updated several times since that time.

These requirements would apply to the design and construction of future powered industrial trucks as well as address equipment manufactured before the effective date of the final rule. OSHA is seeking comment on the proposed rule, which can be submitted [here](#).

Despite being commonly underreported, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicates that—between 2011 and 2019—environmental heat cases still accounted for an average of 38 fatalities per year and 2,700 incidents resulting in missed workdays.

This, coupled with alarming upward trends in global temperature, has triggered an intensified effort among occupational safety leaders such as the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) members and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) to urge protection of workers from heat exposure through prevention programs and products. These include water, rest, shade and supplemental body cooling personal protective equipment (PPE).

“Considering the past 7 years were far and away the hottest on record, OSHA's advanced notice of proposed rulemaking is a critical step in beginning to address this serious and growing workplace issue,” said Tom Votel, Ergodyne President & CEO and Board Chair of ISEA. ISEA is a recognized leader in the development of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and other globally accredited safety equipment standards, as well as a key stakeholder in occupational safety rule making.

In parallel with state-led regulations and broad-scale public service campaigns such as OSHA's Water.Rest.Shade program, ISEA members including safety work gear manufacturer Ergodyne have long worked to fill the absence of a federal heat stress standard with [grassroots efforts](#) to draw awareness, develop prevention programs and provide portable work shelters, hydration solutions and cooling PPE such as evaporative cooling vests, hats and towels for curbing heat-related illnesses and fatalities. Those initiatives continue in full as momentum for OSHA to implement a federal heat stress standard builds. Last fall, the agency announced their intent to [start work on a federal standard](#) in concert with enhanced enforcement efforts—including a National Emphasis Program (NEP) that leverages the agency's General Duty Clause to prioritize heat-related inspections at indoor facilities and outdoor worksites.

According to a memorandum released by OSHA in September 2021 ([Heat Initiative: Inspection Guidance](#)), compliance officers will emphasize the availability of training to assist in recognition of heat stress symptoms (such as [toolbox talks](#)) as well as the importance of administrative controls like acclimatization, work/rest protocols and accessibility to water and shade. In addition, officers will be guided to make recommendations on appropriate PPE, including evaporative and phase change cooling gear and sun-blocking garments to help supplement programs when other controls are insufficient in reducing heat exposure to a safe level.

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2022 Region IV ASSP Professional Development Conference (PDC) - April 6-7, 2022

The 2022 Region IV PDC will be held on Wednesday, April 6th and Thursday April 7th, 2022 at the Hilton Capitol Center in Downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana, located at 201 Lafayette Street.

In terms of logistics, all 2020 PDC registrations have been rolled over to the 2022 PDC in Baton Rouge.

CEUs - Attendees will receive 1.1* CEU Credits for attending both days of the conference (*pending approval).

This Annual PDC provides one of the most sought after events for attendees to learn the profession's best practices focusing on Safety, Health, Industrial Hygiene & Environmental Issues. The PDC is attended by over 200+ attendees annually and features an Exhibition of over 30+ Sponsors and Exhibitors. The event features four keynote speakers and 28 breakout sessions with four concurrent tracks running throughout the two-day event. You do not need to be an ASSP member to attend.

Register for the event [here](#).

Quote of the Month

“Our bodies are tools that come with no spare parts. See that yours last a lifetime!” – Various Sources