



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Northern Ohio Chapter

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Get to Know NOASSP

We introduce newly elected NOASSP President **Jim Chambers**, and find out what safety means to him. *(Page 3.)*

Safety Professional of the Year

We are proud to announce that the winner of the 2020 NOASSP chapter SPY award is **Pete Shelling**. Pete is well deserving of this honor. He will cherish his plaque. Pete humbly accepted this award and commented "I left something for the next person in leadership to continue with." *(Pete pictured with Current Vice President Jim Chambers to the right)*

Schedule of Upcoming Events

June 10 Lunch and Learn: Noon – 1:15 pm

- Webinar Mark Eitzman of Integrated Mills Systems presenting Part 5 on Machine Safety – Register by Contacting Valerie.Baker@Howmet.com



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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 5/19

This month's EC Meeting was held at Lager & Vine in Hudson, Ohio at 6pm.

Attendees include: Valerie Baker, Iris McCon, Jim Chambers, Connor Lynch, Matt Baker, Pete Shelling, Pat McCon and Bob Gates. Pat Ard (was virtually connected).

The meeting covered the following topics:

WISE wherein there was feedback about the last event regarding start time and COVID-19 Protocols. If interested in future WISE events, please contact Kristi M.

Social Media Presence

Danny Wynn sent out his social media summary update comparing the number of followers on Facebook and LinkedIn through the first third of 2021. The suggestion of creating an Instagram Profile was discussed to be developed. The comment was made that more of the younger generation use this media to stay connect than the other two. Matt B and Connor L will work with Danny W to develop this.

Other discussions on social media included the possible investment of a "Canva Pro" subscription. As well as potential content for posts. Such as upcoming events, noteworthy safety news, Q & A for EOC members, EOC member bio's, member's birthday "shout-outs" (month & day only).

Membership

Pat Ard reported that there are 329 active members with 11 in Grace Status. Scott Cole emailed that if you know one of these members to reach out to them. Pat Ard will send EOC members the contact information for these members for EOC members to contact them. Pat Ard will send snail mail to home addresses with a copy of the newsletter, upcoming events and hopefully soon, the next face-to-face event.

Financial

Andrew Johnson emailed the financial report with the books balanced. It was brought up by Valerie B to donate \$5,000. To the ASSP Scholarship Foundation. There is a \$1,000. Scholarship that will be available again from the NOASSP.

Training

The DOT class will be offered again in September at TSI downtown class size 8-10 participants. This is a great class for anyone who has to deal with D.O.T. Pete Shelling volunteered to handle this and verify with TSI about holding it again.

Chapter Nominations

The nominations are Jim Chambers – President, Bob Gates – Vice President, Andrew Johnson – will stay as Treasurer, ***Secretary – is open for you to fill this spot and make a great contribution to your career as well as our chapter. Contact any member of the EOC.***



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What is your safety origin story?

I was a hazmat specialist for a large transportation company, and they needed a safety coordinator for the location. The safety culture was not great, and I fought it tooth and nail. (I learned about safety culture much later, but I realized something wasn't right). Somehow, I saw the impact I was able to make was something positive, and I enjoyed it. I went back to school and eventually earned an Associates in Environmental Health and Safety Technology at Tri-C and finished my Bachelors in Occupational Safety and Health at Eastern Kentucky University. I have been a Site Safety Manager with Aramark at the GM Stamping plant since 2017.

Why ASSP?

ASSP has given me access to one heck of a pool of great mentors on my journey. With such an active chapter, you're bound to meet someone that will have an answer to any problem you will encounter. And if you haven't, someone will know the right person to reach out to. (Don't tell anyone I said this, but the food is usually pretty good too 😊).

What would you do if you couldn't be in safety?

Probably a video game tester. It requires a similar skillset- observe problems, solve the problems, and write a report that may or may not be read. Honestly, I can't think of anything that brings the same fulfillment of working for others like a safety professional.

What gets you out of bed in the morning?

The satisfaction that comes with doing something that matters. I spent 20 years doing a job that was super stable but was not fulfilling beyond a regular paycheck. Now, even on my most insane days, I feel good at the end of the day.

What super-power would you want, and why?

Definitely not flying. Three inches off the ground and I'd need a diaper. Invisibility would be pretty cool though. I wouldn't use it to go "gotcha" to my team, that would be a waste. You know how you get nervous doing something when someone is watching, no matter how good you are at it? I could gain better data on how they are working and help them.