



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

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Dear ASSP member,

As a member of the [Hawai'i] Chapter of ASSP, you are entitled to vote for your elected officers for the next chapter year. Due to the current COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC and government officials the ASSP Hawaii Chapter will not be able to meet in person to vote at our May Chapter meeting. We will be utilizing e-voting as indicated in our Chapter By-laws, Article VI, section 6. Keep an eye on your e-mail. On May 26, 2020 you will receive an e-mail with a link to place your votes. Voting will close on June 9, 2020. If you have any questions please contact Tristan Aldeguer, Past President/Nomination & Election Chair at Alderguersafety@gmail.com. Please take a moment review our nominees for 2020.

Nominee for President: Rob McCarthy, CSP, SMS, OHST, CSMP



Position Statement: The foundation of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) is its members, who work diligently to promote safety and education in the interests of safety. With the expansion of current and future technologies, the numbers and types of workplace hazards continue to grow significantly. Because Safety professionals work in such diverse areas today, I feel that ASSP must continue to offer occupational safety and health tools that enable Safety professionals to successfully mitigate hazards, both today and tomorrow. I want to help members grow professionally and be better at what we do. I personally will strive to become more involved in ASSP's vision and mission. I am excited about our Chapter's future. I am honored to receive your consideration for the position of President. Thank you.

Background: A native of Newport, Kentucky, Rob McCarthy began a diverse Naval career spanning 30 years. With hard work Rob went from E-1 to O-4 where he

served in a variety of assignments to include aircraft Squadron Ground Safety Officer. Rob holds a B.S in Professional Aeronautics and M.S in Occupational Safety Management from Embry-Riddle University. Currently, Rob serves as the Safety Director at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Safety Directorate. He is the current Vice President for the ASSP Hawaii Chapter and served on as President of the local AIHA.

Nominee for Vice President: Jeremy Nixon, CSP



Position Statement: I am excited to have the opportunity to serve as the ASSP Hawaii Chapter Vice President. I believe safety professions are extremely important to the success of organizations. At the most basic level, they provide the means for workers to accomplish required operations and make it home unharmed to their loved ones. Safety methods are force multipliers by retaining healthy and experienced workers and promoting continuous process improvement. Safety professionals need the opportunity to develop and build leadership skills that inspire personnel and management abilities to run core programs ensuring success. My goals and the chapter's goals align with the common purpose to promote safety and facilitate the advancement of safety professionals throughout Hawaii. I became a local chapter member in 2017 and met many wonderful people through the organization. In 2019, I joined the executive council as the chapter Secretary. This role gave me the experience and knowledge needed to perform as the Vice President. If elected as the Vice President, I will listen to the professional concerns of the community to identify the most important priorities. These priorities will be my focus when coordinating future events with the executive council and ASSP's partners. Thank you for your time and for considering me as your ASSP Hawaii Chapter Vice President.



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Background: Jeremy has been a member of ASSP and the National Safety Council since 2015. He earned his Associate and Certified Safety Professional certifications from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals in 2018. Additionally, he holds an associate degree in Occupational Safety and Health and is enrolled in his final course to complete a Bachelor of Science in Management Studies with the University of Maryland Global Campus. Furthermore, he earned the National Safety Council's 2019 Rising Star of Safety.

Nominee for Secretary: Cesar Contreras, ASP, CHST



Position Statement: The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Hawai'i Chapter has provided me with guidance, support, and various networking opportunities. The future of our profession will be driven by our

ability to understand and incorporate technology that enhances risk identification and risk mitigation. This past year my role as Social Media/Newsletter Chair I had the distinct opportunity to help our Chapter. I'm honored to receive your consideration as Chapter Secretary and will support our Chapter Vision to the best of my abilities. Mahalo.

Background: Cesar currently holds Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety and Health Management from Columbia Southern University. He is former US Marine and currently is a Safety Engineer with Hensel Phelps Construction. As a member of the Aloha Shriners and the Honolulu Freemason, Cesar enjoys giving back to the community thru philanthropy. Cesar's greatest moments are spending time with his Son Ezikiel in the great outdoors.

Nominee for Treasurer: Joe Albinio, CHST, STSC



Position Statement: The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Hawai'i Chapter has provided our community with Professional development opportunities and support for local Safety and Health efforts. This past year as the Chapter Treasurer, it was my responsibility to

provide financial transparency for our Chapter to ensure

we can continue our mission. I am honored to receive your support and consideration for Chapter Treasurer.

Background: Joe is a graduate of the Occupational Environmental Safety Management (OESM) program at Honolulu Community College. He is currently the Director of Safety & Loss at King & Neel. During his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and supporting the community.

Nominee for Delegate: Terri Watkins, CSP, SMS, OHST, CSMP



Position Statement: The members of our Hawaii Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) very work diligently to educate others on the importance and value of safety, and to promote safety as an integral investment in everything we do. Because today's Safety Professionals

work in such diverse areas through a myriad of occupational safety and health challenges, I truly feel that our ASSP Chapter must continue to offer occupational safety and health tools that enable Safety Professionals to successfully mitigate hazards, both today and tomorrow. My goal is to help all our members grow professionally and to be more proficient at what we do in Safety, as well as in how we do it. I continue to be excited about our Chapter's bright future, and I am honored to receive your consideration for the position of Delegate. Thank you.

Background: Terri Watkins currently serves as the Occupational Safety and Health Division Head for Pearl Harbor holds a Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership and Development from the University of Southern California.

Nominee for Member At Large: Adam Cotton, CSP, CHST



Position Statement: The strength of the ASSP Hawaii Chapter resides in the 286 members that create value in providing safer and healthier working conditions for the Employers and Employees of our beautiful State. The past two years as a member of the ASSP Hawaii Chapter Executive

Committee has been an amazing opportunity, and it is my privilege to continue to serve and be a sound voice for our



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Members. We have an opportunity this year to help guide our Community during these challenging times. I am grateful to receive your consideration for the position of Member At-Large. Mahalo.

Background: Adam graduated with a B.S in Occupational Safety & Health from Montana Tech University and has worked for Hensel Phelps Construction since 2008. Currently he is the Director of Safety & Health covering the Pacific Region.

Nominee for Past President/Delegate: Joey Garza, CSP



Position Statement: It has been rewarding time with ASSP Hawaii Chapter. I am excited to continue to support the chapter in the Past President position. We were able to accomplish much this year even with the adversity of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is my priority to continue supporting our safety and health community by creating growing opportunities, sharing innovations, and providing the value of membership that I have enjoyed.

Background: I am a Safety Manager for Kelikai, Inc, supporting multiple projects focusing on foundation work, concrete spalling repair and residential foundation repairs. I graduated from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles with my Bachelor of Science degree in Safety and Health. I have been active in the safety field for 14 years in various industries, including health care, university education, mining, and construction. I am a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and am a lecturer at Honolulu Community College, teaching for the Occupational and Environmental Safety Management program. I have served on the boards of both AIHA and ASSE. I also serve on the board for the SHA Band Boosters, having supported both my daughters. I volunteer to coordinate a children's leadership class held twice a year. My passion is figuring out how to bridge operations and the safety regulations to ensure safe production and maintaining an incident free jobsite, educating and supporting our workers and new safety professionals through training and mentorship, and caring for everyone I deal with so they know they make a difference and they matter.

That completes our list of nominees. Keep an eye on your e-mail for the link to the ballot. On May 26, 2020 you will

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