Hawaii Chapter Newsletter, Volume 10, Issue 1: Fall 2018

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## A message from our President, Tristan Aldeguer, CSP, CHST

### Aloha,

First and foremost, I would like to thank Mary Sullivan for her guidance and leadership this past year as Chapter President. Our Chapter has made significant improvements as we increased educational opportunities, used social media to improve membership engagement and re-branded our Chapter to American Society Safety Professionals.

This year Society has created the four strategic pillars: member communities, education, standards and advocacy. Our 2018-2019 chapter operations plan was created to reflect the strategic pillars which will provide the vision of our chapter. The Chapter operations plan has been posted to the Hawaii Chapter website (hawaii.assp.org) and is available for review.



Hawaii Chapter President, Tristan Aldeguer, CSP, CHST with ASSP President, Rixio E. Medina, CSP, CPP At ASSP Safety 2018 in San Antonio, TX, June 3-6

Education and member communities are the two strategic pillars we have focused on this fall. The 15th Biennial Pacific Rim Safety & Health Conference which will be held October 9-10 along with the ASP/SMS post conference workshops held on October 11-12 were coordinated to educate our members and the community. With these events our goal is to reach out to other organizations in Hawaii that can benefit from the Safety Professional network. We encourage all ASSP Hawaii Members to attend the professional development conference or post conference workshop.

Finally, I would like to thank our newly elected EC members, Vice President Joey Garza, Treasurer Daniel Kauai, Secretary Mahea Villanueva, Delegate Adam Cotton and Zoe Williams and Member-at-large Johnnie Clark. These individuals have volunteered their time and energy to create value for our members.

- Tristan aldeguer, CSP, ASP, CHST

### **Hawaii Chapter Members:**

You are all invited to attend the October 9th Chapter Meeting:

Topic-Meet Rixio Medina ASSP President and ASSP Board Members
Location: Sheraton Waikiki- Banquet Lobby

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Food: Appetizers and No Host Cocktails



# Check out our Website!!! hawaii.assp.org

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## The Road to ASSP Safety 2018

Two of our own local safety professionals, Nathan Lutz and Nathaniel Gomera of Nordic PCL, did a presentation at ASSP Safety 2018. Here is the story on their journey...

This year's American Society of Safety Professionals Professional Development Conference (PDC) was located in San Antonio, Texas from June 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. This was our second PDC we attended and we were excited to network with other safety professionals and learn about new innovations in safety. Unlike the first PDC in Denver, this one in San Antonio was different. This year, we earned the opportunity to offer a presentation. Here is our journey on how we developed our presentation topic: "Recruiting and Growing Your Own Safety Professional from Within."

Our presentation topic was an idea we came up with at last year's PDC in Denver. We were networking with a few students who were currently enrolled in a safety management program. These students asked many questions on how to get started in safety, what certifications are needed, experience requirements and even asked about our own journey into safety.

Because of all these questions, it also made us questions organizations and if they know the different avenues to recruit, grow and retain safety professionals. Do organizations know the different avenues of recruiting? Do organizations have a clear vision of ways to grow and develop their employees? What do organizations offer to keep top performers from going to their competitors? Throughout our presentation we shared different case studies of individuals within our organization who transitioned into safety and how we, as an organization, developed them into safety professionals.

The road to the Alamo first started with the application process which includes submitting a proposal. This proposal includes the following: 1) Describe the presentation and specify expected learning outcomes for attendees 2) Describe why the topic is relevant to attendees and the profession 3) Describe (or list) the presenter's relevant speaking experience 4) Provide biographical information of applicants. One key to increase your chances of being chosen by the selection committee is applying for sponsorships by an ASSP practice specialty, common interest group or committee. We were able to apply for and receive sponsorships from the Young Professionals Group and Construction Practice Specialty.

Many hours of preparation went into this presentation once we were notified our presentation was selected. A major challenge we encountered was distance. Both of us were working in different states (Nate Gomera in California, Nathan Lutz in Hawaii). Without being physically present, we created this presentation via Skype. Every week we would dedicate time creating our presentation. We also involved our District HSE Managers, Western Regional HSE Manager, Professional Development Coordinator and Marketing Manager in helping us develop our presentation.

After months of preparation, the final version of our presentation complete. But even though we had our presentation, there was still work to be done. When we both arrived in San Antonio on Sunday, this was the first time we would be physically present amongst one another. We had two full days to practice our presentation in person with each other. Admittingly, the first couple practice runs did not go smoothly. It was completely different presenting in person rather than via Skype. Thankfully, we had two days to review our presentation together and offered a great presentation to everyone in attendance.

And that is what recruiting and growing your own safety professionals from within is about. Reaching out to mentors or reaching out to your past mentees might seem like a challenge to some. But these individuals in the organization you are surrounded by are all mentors that are willing to help you succeed in your profession. You never know, next time you present with the person next to you, they might not only be a mentor, they could be your best friend!

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## Honolulu Community College OESM Student Section

#### **Message from the Student President**:

"All the leaves are brown, and the sky is gray..."

Welcome back to the fall semester! For the students, that is. I hope everyone has had a great Summer! We have some great things coming up in the months ahead. We plan on recruiting more students into the ASSP student section, and will be sharing why it's so important to become part of an organization. We are preparing a meeting so everyone can be heard on what they want for our chapter and what to expect for the semester.

Michelle Perez, Student Section '18-19 President



HCC OESM Family Potluck at Sand Island, July 29, 2018

2018-2019 Student Section Officers

President: Michelle Perez Vice President: Gina Kanekoa Treasurer: Kelsey Grogan Secretary: Hyurn Chu

## Calling for Pacific Rim Safety 2018 Sponsorship

The ASSE Hawaii Chapter will be holding their 15th Biennial Pacific Rim Safety and Health Conference at the 2018 Sheraton Waikiki in Honolulu from October 9-10, 2018. This biennial event brings together business owners, workers and safety professionals from Hawaii, US mainland, and the Pacific region. We would like to invite your organization to partner with us in supporting safety and health advancements in Hawaii and to become a vital part of this renowned conference. We expect more than 300 seminar participants representing construction, general industry, labor, government and the insurance industry. There will also be up to 70 exhibitors displaying all the latest in safety and health material and equipment.

We need your help and kokua to maintain this high standard and continue to bring leading safety and health speakers to Hawaii. As a result of your sponsorship, you will be given valuable national and international recognition for your company. Your organization will also be recognized at the conference through literature and signage. Please show your aloha and we thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions, please contact Adam Cotton at (808) 212-6385 or email assesponsor@gmail.com.

-Adam Cotton, CSP, Pacrim Sponsorship Chairperson

# Hawaii Chapter was awarded Platinum Level for the 2016-2017 year









As any active member of the ASSP Hawaii Chapter knows, networking is one of the foundations upon which our society thrives. This networking and the friendships it creates, goes beyond the regular chapter here in Hawaii. As Student Section President for the 2017-2018 school year for the Hawaii Chapter, I have had the privilege of helping build and bridge these connections among our professional and student members.

With significant support of the Hawaii Chapter members, the student section participated in a professional development night during the Spring semester with many of our local professionals. The session included resume writing tips, board certification guidance, and even mock interviews. The evening was a major success and all students expressed just how valuable the information was along with the hope that this type of event will be an annual exercise.

As the student section navigates the climb to compliance and the methods of managing safety through the formal instruction of the OESM program, we were grateful to have a session on effective communication presented by Joey Shibata. This skill helped the student participants understand how to better communicate with the many people we will need to interface with on our career journey. Joey's ability to explain, give examples, and engage the students is another reason why the students feel lucky and thankful to welcome her as the newest addition to the OESM instructors.

As my term as president concludes, I'm also nearing the end of my time as an OESM student. I've had the unique opportunity to be a part of this program for nearly 5 years. Some of the friends I made back when I began, are successful safety professionals today. I am proud to know them and I'm proud of the OESM program and the support that the Hawaii ASSP Chapter has provided to the students.

I would like to wish my successor, Michelle Perez, the best in her own journey as student section president for the 2018-2019 school year. On behalf of myself and the entire student section of the ASSP Hawaii Chapter, we thank the members for their support, belief, and the guidance you all provide.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Jason J. Collins, CHST





15th Biennial Pacific Rim Safety & Health Conference October 9 & 10, 2018 Sheraton Waikiki Hotel



Ho'okele i ka Maluhia
"Navigating to Safety"

#### Bruce Blankenfeld

Keynote Speaker
PWO Master Navigator - "Hokule'a"
Safety Guided by Values

Tim Page-Bottroff CSP, CET
Keynote Speaker
2018 ASSP Safety Professional of the Year
Humor in Safety 2.0

We will have 6 tracks and over 34 speakers discussing a wide range of the latest in safety related issues

Some of the topics:



Ten Feet Tall and Bulletproof Financial Aspects of Safety Fleet Risk Management Strategies Opioids Crisis

High Impact Mentoring for Performance

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