

***The American Society of Safety Professionals***

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# President’s Message:



Winter is coming…rather, it has definitely arrived. As we reflect over the past year and prepare for the upcoming year (which also marks a new decade), we would like to thank you for your membership and continued involvement with our Chapter. It is because of you as members and volunteers that we are able to continue to offer technical meetings, professional development conferences, tours, and membership events.

At our December membership appreciation event, we recognized Dennis Roberts for 40 years of membership and John Franchere for 25 years of membership. Thank you for your commitment throughout the years!

Additionally, ASSP donated approximately 30-pounds of food along with an $800 monetary donation to be presented to the New Mexico Roadrunner Food Bank.

Thank you for all of your donations to the Food Bank and your time commitment to the NM ASSP Chapter!

What is it? Let’s start with the definition of *je ne sais quoi*: something (such as an appealing quality) that cannot be adequately described and expressed. I found that the Leadership Conference had it. I will take a shot though to describe it.

Friday’s session was very enjoyable and informative. I especially enjoyed the fact that leadership is learned from others. You need to lead by example. You need to have a vision. In order to hit a target, you must know what you are aiming at. Inspire people to take action and be a trustworthy coach. Vince Lombardi said “If you aren’t fired with enthusiasm you will be fired with enthusiasm”. We can’t change other people. We can only motivate. You can only change yourself.

Saturday’s session was focused on Leading Safety with Influence. Be passionate about what you do. Be happy about a stop work order. It is not always about us. Put others’ needs first, and your needs will be covered. Build a connection with people. Leadership for Impact. People are rowing forward, rowing backward, or just showing up. Each of us is unique. You must have self-awareness. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

What tools do you use to gain a great safety culture? You need engagement before tools. A lot of work is involved. Deliver something different other than just lectures.

**Virtual Communities:**

The value is shared in virtual communities. Continuing progress in build the community.

**Communicating Effectively to Leverage Conflict's Creative Potential:**

Relationships are at the heart of conflict. How do we want to advance the relationship? People’s emotions become involved. Try to listen without judgment. Others have their positions and own interests. You may need to say, “Let me make sure I'm hearing you well.”. Then, summarize the conversation.

A lot was learned, and I enjoyed it immensely!

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Newsletter Editor

Hello ASSP members! As a Chapter Delegate, I have a responsibility to oversee nominations for new officers and chairpersons to serve on the NMASSP Executive Committee. Thus, I would like to request that you consider nominating members that have an interest or are capable of being an officer or chairperson for NMASSP. If you personally are interested, nominate yourself! Officer nominees must be active ASSP members for at least one year and start a 1-year term on July 1, 2020. Participation includes about 5 hours monthly and attending a monthly meeting (Skype is doable!).

There are many professional advantages and rewards to participating, such as: Improving your leadership skills, broadening your professional network, team building, and forging friendships.

For more information, talk to any current officer or contact me:

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Save The Date – NM Chapter PDC

Save the date for the upcoming ASSP NM Chapter PDC. We are back at the Sandia Resort and Casino, April 8 & 9, 2020.

In addition to marking your calendars, consider participating in the planning committee and contributing to the technical presentation.

Be on the lookout for a call for speakers, and reach out to Marc Evans @ (505) 205-5762 to get involved.

2020 Technical Meeting Schedule

As we enter this new year and decade, we will continue to offer a rotating technical meeting schedule to help accommodate our members’ dynamic and changing schedule needs. Mark your calendars for the upcoming technical meeting dates & locations.

* January 9, 2020 - Lunch @ Furr’s Fresh Buffet (2004 Wyoming Blvd NE)
* February 6, 2020 - Happy Hour @ Rio Bravo Brewing Co. Barrel Room (1912 2nd St NW)
* March 12, 2020 - Breakfast @ Mimi's Bistro (4316 The 25 Way NE)
* April 9, 2020 - PDC in lieu of Technical Meeting
* May 14, 2020 - Lunch @ Furr’s Fresh Buffet (2004 Wyoming Blvd NE)
* June 11, 2020 - Happy Hour @ Rio Bravo Brewing Co. Barrel Room (1912 2nd St NW)
* July Officer Induction Meeting – Date / Location TBD

Stay tuned for more information on technical speakers.

We’re on the Web!

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[**https://nm.assp.org/**](https://nm.assp.org/)

for job postings and more!



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