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President's Message:

Happy New Year!! Now that we are settling back into our routines after the hustle and bustle of the new year, new decade, and upcoming leap year, we want to remind you of a few key dates coming up on the NM ASSP calendar.

Our annual PDC will be held April 8th & 9th at the Sandia Resort & Casino (planning is ongoing & registration is now live). Information and registration for upcoming events is always current on

the Events Page of the NM ASSP website, located at: (<https://nm.assp.org/event/>).

In 2020, we will continue to hold monthly Technical Meetings at rotating times/locations to help accommodate the varied and dynamic schedules of our members. If you are interested in presenting a topic, please touch base with a member of the executive committee.

As in previous years, the Chapter will help support the

Central New Mexico Science and Engineering Research Challenge (formerly the "Science Fair"). Contact Robert Dunnington (rdunning@unm.edu) if you are interested in volunteering.

Your involvement and contributions to our events helps us better serve you as members. Thank you for your commitment throughout the years.



Hierarchy of Controls: An Approach to Safety

Throughout my career, I've been fortunate enough to have worked in several different industries: government, research & development, construction, and private industry. Each project itself has been vastly different from one another, whether it be the size of company, organizational structure, involvement from management, overall culture (site-wide or within a company), and even the geographical location; however, from my perspective, I've noticed safety is consistently evolving from one industry to the next. Perhaps because I find there are overlapping methodologies

when it comes to workplace safety. Of course, each industry varies in how safety is implemented, although similar in nature.

One particular safety fundamental (although there are many to elaborate upon) involves the *Hierarchy of Controls*. Now the level in which this control method is utilized will vary from one industry to the next, even from company to company. Interestingly enough, I've noticed more personnel within the workforce are using this concept as they approach their daily work activities. This is encouraging simply

because, as a safety professional, you're not able to be everywhere at all times.

One thing stands true for any safety professional, regardless of years of experience: always be engaged and be a continuous learner from those who are performing the work. You'll find those workers will teach you along the way as you promote a positive safety culture, in whichever industry you find yourself in.

Be Safe!

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Science Fair Participation

On March 26th, the NM ASSP Chapter will help support the Central New Mexico Science and Engineering Research Challenge (formerly the "Science Fair") as we do every year. We do this in two ways: (1) because these science projects are viewed by the public, we assist in providing display and safety inspections as part of the setup by the students, (2) the Chapter awards 2 students and their

teachers for an outstanding safety-related project.

This fun and educational experience is a great opportunity for you to volunteer and meet some wonderful young students. We are in need of inspectors to help out. The more inspectors we have, the more enjoyable the event.

Please contact Robert Dunnington at rdunning@unm.edu if you

are not currently on the Display and Safety email list and are interested in volunteering at this fun and exciting event.

The event will take place on March 26th, from 3-7pm. This year, the event will be held at the State Fairgrounds in the Manuel Lujan Building, as it was last year. More information, including directions, will be supplied in e-mails and on the New Mexico ASSP website.

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.

- 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.

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