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## ROC Leadership Conference Experience from Two New ASSP Officers — Selena & Hannah

The bi-annual ASSP Region II Operating Committee (ROC) meeting was held in Reno, Nevada on October 18 and 19, 2024. As new chapter officers, Selina Santiago (Vice President) and Hannah Duquemin (Secretary and Treasurer) were able to join virtually and learn more about how ASSP operates at the regional level.

As a new member, as well as a long-standing, but less active members of ASSP, Hannah and Selina learned quite a lot about what ASSP has to offer, including education resources (e.g., Safety FOCUS), best practices for the Chapter

Operations Management Tool (COMT), as well as leadership growth opportunities.

One very beneficial, soft skill building, discussion centered around becoming a *trusted advisor* within our community and how ASSP can help its members become a trusted advisor. Another valuable discussion included the Chapter leader updates.

Region II has 11 Chapters throughout the Southwest, and each Chapter provided a quick summary of their member headcount, member industries, technical meeting specif-

ics, as well as what each Chapter is doing well and what is something new and/or different the Chapter is going to try this year. Learning more about the other Chapters and hearing from other Chapter leaders was one of the most interesting aspects of the conference. This especially energized Hannah and Selina about how they may contribute to their own local Chapter.

Selina Santiago, MS, CSP  
Vice President

Hannah Duquemin, MS, GSP  
Treasurer & Secretary

## Planning for the 2025 Professional Development Conference (PDC) is Underway:

Planning for the 2025 Professional Development Conference (PDC) is in full effect. If

you would like to participate on the planning committee, volunteer, or present, please

get in touch with Selina Santiago at [spsanti@sandia.gov](mailto:spsanti@sandia.gov).



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## Safety and Quality Assurance in the Air Force — November ASSP Technical Meeting:

**Date:** 11/14/24

**Time:** 5-7pm

**Location:** The 377 Brewery, 2027 Yale Blvd SE

**Bio:** Staff Sergeant David Hickey is Quality Assurance Inspector for 58th Maintenance Group, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM. He inspects over 804 Airmen across 12 Air Force Specialty Codes. He ensures his team's effective work/life balance while accomplishing repairs and inspections to deliver safe and reliable C-130J, AC-130J, CV-22, UH-1N, and HH-60 aircraft to Air Education and Training Command's and the 58th Maintenance Groups \$2.46B Flying Hour Program

Sergeant Hickey grew up as an Air Force brat but claims Michigan where he was born and Boston Mass where he attended High School and went to the University of Massachusetts for Track and field as a Decathlete. He entered the Air Force in December of 2014 and graduated as an Airlift/Special Mission Aircraft Maintenance Specialist Apprentice in June 2015. He has experience performing and managing flightline and Isochronal maintenance activities for C-130J aircraft. He has been stationed at several state-side bases. Prior to his current position, SSgt Hickey was the Designated Crew Chief of C-130J 5706,

58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM.

**Talk title:** Safety and Quality Assurance in the Air Force

**Short Summary:** As a Quality Assurance Inspector, SSgt Hickey's primary responsibility is to ensure that maintenance practices meet strict safety and quality standards. The mission of his unit relies heavily on the performance and reliability of the aircraft they maintain. The safety of their service members and the success of the mission depends on their ability to identify potential hazards before they lead to accidents.

## Save the Dates — ASSP Technical Meetings

- ◆ December 12, 2024 — TBD
- ◆ January 9, 2025 — TBD
- ◆ February 13, 2025 — TBD
- ◆ March 13, 2025 — TBD
- ◆ April 10, 2025 — TBD
- ◆ May — Tentative PDC
- ◆ June 12, 2025 — TBD

## Save the Date — 2024 Membership Appreciation Event:

December 12 | 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm ■ Canvas Artistry (1 Central Ave NW, Suite 3A)

Join friends, colleagues, and guests of NM ASSP & NMSHMM members for a casual, social time at Canvas Artistry, starting at 5:30pm with hosted appetizers and a no-host bar. Catch up with friends, introduce spouses, adult children, and friends who may be in town to our fantastic group of diverse environment, health, and safety professionals.

In addition to the membership appreciation festivities, we are organizing a fundraiser for The Storehouse of New Mexico. The Storehouse of New Mexico is a foodbank located in Albuquerque, New Mexico that became a nonprofit organization in 1976 and has continued to help New Mexicans solve their food insecurities ever since.

The Storehouse can turn every \$1 donated into five meals for people in need. Donations can be made using this link. [https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/5929356?is\\_new=true](https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/5929356?is_new=true)

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