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President's Message

For the first time, I attended the recent Region II Regional Operating Committee (also known as the Fall ROC) s held in Fort Collins, CO. Here, Chapter leaders discuss ongoing initiatives within Region II as well as information from the national Society. Chapter leaders also elaborate on various challenges their Chapters are facing and corrective actions they are currently implementing to improve the overall membership experience. As each Chapter discussed their "Big Rocks" I found it intriguing that every one of the Chapter leaders had one common goal—to provide value for their members. Whether this was in the form of training, monthly technical meetings, or even social gatherings, each leader wants to be a resource for their members. And support the enthusiasm members are willing to engage in the activities being offered.

Based on this, the New Mexico Chapter has taken several steps to improve your overall experience as a member. In August, the Executive Board conducted our Annual Strategic Planning meeting, where we discussed areas we wanted to focus on throughout the year. Surprisingly, several areas we've decided to concentrate on are like those discussed by other Chapters at the Fall ROC. These include revamping our Monthly Technical Meetings, performing a technical tour, increasing member engagement, and collaborating with other local societies for our Spring Professional Development Conference (PDC),

Hopefully by now, you have noticed we made several changes to both the time and location regarding our Monthly Technical Meetings! Our meeting is still being held the second Thursday of the month, and our new venue is La Peep Restaurant, located at 4921

Jefferson St. NE. We have also switched from a lunch meeting to breakfast. In lieu of a Monthly Technical Meeting, we are currently looking into conducting a technical tour of a facility. If you know of any large facilities within the Albuquerque Metro area that would be willing to allow a group of 15 to 20 ASSP members, please let someone on our Executive Board know.

Lastly, as we begin the planning phase of our local Spring PDC, we are considering collaboration with local societies to encompass other safety professionals who could benefit from engaging with like-minded individuals.

As you can see, we're trying to improve the overall experience for our members by trying new and fun things! Please be sure to check out our Chapter's website for more information.

Mario Hidalgo, CSP
NM ASSP President



Rio Grande AIHA Fall Technical Conference Registration is Now Open

[Register here for our FTC.](#) Register early to receive a discount price of \$165. After Oct. 11, the cost will be \$180.

Date of event: Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018

Location: [Sandia Resorts and Casino](#). Special rate of \$159/night is available for out of town attendees.

What:

- A great line-up of speakers and topics. The final agenda and chosen speakers is being finalized. Abstract submittals are due Sept. 27, 2018
- *Distinguished Lecture:* Dr. Cheri Marcham, PhD, CIH, CSP, CHMM, FAIHA will present her lecture on Hazards of Electronic Cigarettes. Dr. Marcham will also be here as an Ambassador of BCSP and will provide a presentation on credentialing.
- Other topics in the works include: BioMetrics for extreme activities/work, Latest Innovation in Real-Time IH Sampling, Ergonomics, Technologies for Anthrax Detection, Cannabis/Fitness for Duty and more.

We hope to see you soon. Please direct question to [CJ Backlund](#), 5052-844-3544

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September Technical Meeting Highlights

On September 13, 2018, at La Peep, speaker Tim Riley presented the talk, *Space Flight Mission Assurance*.

Tim has spent more than 25 years with Sandia and Lockheed Martin, and has been in his current role for 2.5 years. Before working at Sandia, Tim was a 23 year member of the Space Shuttle Launch and Landing Team and an ES&H Manager in projects for new wind farms with Siemens Energy. Tim holds CEP, CSP, and PMP certifications, as well as a BS and MS in Environmental Management, and an MBA. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Aviation Safety and Human Factors.



NM ASSP President Mario Hidalgo thanking speaker Tim Riley (SNL) at the September technical meeting.

NM ASSP Chapter Technical Meeting at La Peep, October 11, 2018

NM ASSP Chapter will hold its monthly technical meeting on October 11, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:30 am at La Peep, located at 4921 Jefferson St. NE in Albuquerque, NM. Our

President will send the speaker and talk information later. NM ASSP hosts speakers who present a variety of ES&H topics monthly on the second Thursday, except

December, June, and October. All are invited to attend. For more information or to offer a talk, contact Marc Evans at (505) 205-5762.

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Here is your chance to help the Chapter and make my life easier. By submitting a newsletter article, you can share an opinion, lessons learned, or a safety concern

and get fed for free! If you submit an article that gets approved and printed, you will be awarded a \$10 La Peep gift card. Please send me your article by the 20th

of the month December, March, June, and September. I will respond to all submissions. Thanks for your help!

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