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Membership

As of 7/27/2022, we have **340 members**.

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Announcements:

While ASSP works hard to help us develop the knowledge and skills we need to achieve our career goals, we can't do it without you. If you are interested in helping in the Chapter, please talk to one of the officers after any meeting.

ASP/CSP Development

If you wish to borrow our chapter's study guides for either the ASP or CSP exam preparation, please contact Tony Prospero, CSP at: tony.prospero@marshmma.com or 262-797-6284. For more information on the exams and the certification process, please contact BSCP's web site at www.bcsp.org. Also, please look at the ASSP Foundation site. They have funds that you may qualify for to help defer the costs of the exams and prep course. Please refer to page 3 for more information.

2022 Risk, Health, And Safety For All Conference

Please join us for the Second Annual Risk, Health, And Safety For All Conference held at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, WI on Sep. 29th - Sep 30th, 2022. The conference is a collaboration of multiple local, state, and national groups led by the ASSP Wisconsin Chapter. We will have great speakers with a range of topics and up to 30 vendors. I attached the speaker schedule, invite, and presentation descriptions. Please see the link below to register and sign up. Thursday evening we plan to have a reception with free food, drinks, and entertainment. We look forward to seeing you all there!

You can register at: <https://wisconsin.assp.org/>



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2021-2022 WI Chapter Officers:

Vice President:
Matt Schmidt



Treasurer:
Karen Jandora



Secretary:
Clint Kerkman



Chapter President's Message:

Greetings,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your 2022-2023 ASSP Wisconsin Chapter President.

I am a proud safety graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and this is my 20th year working as a safety professional. I have been blessed to have been given the opportunity to practice safety professionally in a wide range of industries including insurance, construction, transportation, logistics and manufacturing. Currently, I am the Director of EHS for the largest milk and dairy manufacturer in the United States.

I personally have been an active member of the ASSP Wisconsin Chapter for many of years now. Being an active member of the ASSP Wisconsin Chapter has benefited me professionally in many different ways. Specifically, I have gained extensive safety knowledge by routinely attending technical meetings and networking with other safety professionals all while having some fun along the way.

I am very excited about the upcoming year serving as your chapter president. The ASSP Wisconsin chapter board has already started to work on putting together a full schedule of technical meetings and networking events. Please feel free to contact me or any other board member if you are interested in hosting a technical meeting at your company. We're always looking for interesting places to hold technical meetings lead by dynamic safety presenters.

In closing, I strongly encourage all of you to be active members and take full advantage of your chapter membership. Be sure to attend upcoming chapter events whenever you can. As always, we encourage you to provide us feedback on how the ASSP Wisconsin Chapter board can better serve its members.

WI Chapter President for 2022-2023:



Joel Dickinson EHS Director





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The four Past-Presidents still actively serving on the board (left to right):

Elier Aguilera, Rebecca Severson, Bruce Morton and Jared Owen





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Chapter Officers

Wisconsin Chapter 2021-2022 Officer Elections Results

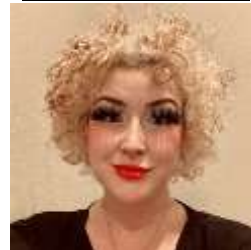
I want to thank all who put their name out there for the elected officer position. I know it takes some gumption to put yourself out there on a limb. This was a close race! Your top vote getter was:

Clint Kerkman



We will also like to extend a hearty welcome to Gabriella Schwartz who will have accepted the Social Media Chair Position

Gabriella Schwartz





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Wisconsin Chapter Safety Professional of the Year Award

The ASSP Chapter Safety Professional of the Year Award acknowledges the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to our ASSP chapter. This year's winner was :

Elizabeth Polheber





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Member Spotlight



Congratulations to Chapter Member Bruce Morton, recently honored with the annual Harvey Peterson Safety Award from the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Greater Milwaukee. While Bruce has been a safety professional for over 20 years, over the last several years he has focused specifically on how #mentalhealth concerns affect overall #safetyculture in the construction industry. Bruce says of this award, “By promoting training and resources around mental health in #construction, we are seeing positive outcomes and the stigma is being broken down”.



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INTRODUCING THE WISCONSIN CONSTRUCTION WELLNESS COMMUNITY (WCWC)

[MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, Jun 8, 2022] - Announcing the creation of an industry-focused, mental health support organization for Wisconsin construction companies and their associates.

The Wisconsin Construction Wellness Community (WCWC) is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status designed to provide mental health education to individuals specifically in the construction industry. In recent years, mental health has become a much more important topic as over 15 suicides a day are reported for employees in this field, which is five times higher than any other industry. To make matters worse, 80 percent of workers with a mental health condition attribute their non-treatment to shame and stigma, areas that we believe we can impact with education and community outreach. Discussing these statistics and the impact of mental health on the construction industry is ultimately what led to the creation of WCWC.

This group is focused on breaking the stigmas of mental health within the industry by providing in-person seminars and training, as well as support materials for the worksite. In order to fulfill its purposes, WCWC has created the following objectives to guide our processes and increase our visibility:

- To promote mental health in cooperation with local, regional, state, and national organizations that have similar objectives.
- To focus on providing mental health education to our members as a key component to reducing stigma and increasing participation.
- To grow membership in an effort to bring mental health, training, and education of employee practices to the local business community.

We will begin communications with a kick-off meeting in October 2022, with a number of public events to follow. For additional information, please find us on LinkedIn or visit our website, www.wisconwel.com, to access videos, resources, and articles about mental health. You can also donate here to support continued education focused on serving those affected by mental health issues in the construction industry.



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Leadership in this organization is composed of prominent figures represented by several of the largest firms in the Wisconsin construction trades:

- President, Bruce Morton, Marsh McLennan Agency
- Vice President, Kevin Sandkulher, Hunzinger
- Treasurer, Elizabeth Polheber, VJS Construction Services
- Secretary, Jared Owen, Grunau Company.

Other active members include: Dan Bukeiwick, Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council; Mike Del Fava, Walbec Group/Payne & Dolan; Ryan Ogrizovich, Stevens Construction; Josh Schmitz, CG Schmidt Construction; Mike Steinborn, Team Rehab PT; Angela Zausch, SWORD Health.

About Wisconsin Construction Wellness Community (WCWC)

The WCWC is a resource that helps individuals working in the construction industry find the right resources that allow them to talk about mental health issues

Learn more about us at www.wisconwel.com



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Hunger Task Force Food Sort Networking/Volunteering Event



Brewer Outing





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Golfing Outing





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Registration Open!

Sep. 29th - Sep 30th, 2022

Live, In-Person Conference!!!!!!

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There will be a little bit of everything from each category of risk, health, and safety. Topics covered will range for an intended audience of seasoned professionals to intended audiences of non-safety employees. **New this year is a specialized Construction/Trades focused track of speakers.**

Prior Conference topics have included: **Every Step You Take: "Walking and Working Surfaces"**, Addressing the "Next Frontier" of Workplace Safety Risk -3 Steps to Mental Health Safety, **Work Comp 101**, Why Does My Organization Need a Disaster Plan?, **OSHA Update General Industry**, Proactive vs Reactive Strategies for a Healthy Aging Workforce, and more.

This is a 1.5 day conference with a schedule of September 29th 8:00 AM-5:00 PM and September 30th 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Back by popular demand will be the evening event on September 29th at 5:00 PM that will include food, drinks, and a live DJ.

Where

Ingleside Hotel & Conference Center
2810 Golf Rd, Pewaukee, WI 53072

Who Should Attend

Anyone who has an interest in the topics of risk, health, and safety in the workplace.

Cost of Attendance

Attendees: \$200 Undergrad Students: \$25

Hotel Accommodations

[Ingleside Hotel](#)
[2810 Golf Rd, Pewaukee, WI 53072](#)
[Phone 262-547-0201](#)

Room block is nights of 9/28 and 9/29 for \$99 a night, book rooms by 8/29/22 to get the rate. [Click Here to Book](#) or call to reserve and mention the ASSP Wisconsin event.

Registration/More Info

Further information will be coming shortly in regard to conference agenda and speaker lineup. To register please visit: www.wisconsin.assp.org

Questions

For any additional questions please email: rhsforall@gmail.com

