



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Utah Chapter

April 2019 Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Observations from April UOSH Advisory Council Meeting

ASSP was well represented at the 2019 2nd quarter UOSH Advisory Council meeting. Cameron Ruppe, UOSH Director, reviewed fatality data and UOSHA inspection numbers through the 2nd quarter of the 2019 fiscal year.

In addition, Mr. Ruppe went over the recent OSHSPA meeting that occurred in Salt Lake City, where all the state plan OSHA states get together to talk about trends/topics that may affect them. The hottest topic at this meeting was related to ongoing pressure from Federal OSHA for state plan states to raise penalties to meet the same federal penalty levels. However, since penalty changes must be legislated in most state plan states, including Utah, it is unlikely that penalties for non-compliance with UOSH regulations will be raised unless federal OSHA comes up with a way to pressure or penalize the state plan states.

Finally, the UOSH Director discussed upcoming events including: The stand down to prevent falls in construction from May 6-10; Trenching Stand Down from June 17-22; and the Utah Workplace Safety Week from June 17-21. Also, Mr. Ruppe discussed the upcoming meetings of industry specific workgroups and encouraged safety leaders to attend these. The next UOSH Advisory Council Meeting will be held on July 2nd.

Contributed by the Utah Chapter's Member At Large for Governmental Affairs and Outreach, Patrick Salandi. Thanks Pat!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Name: Leon Paskett

Where do you work? Triumph Geared Solutions Park City

How many years in Safety & Health? 11 years

Education Bachelor's Business Management

Certification(s) NSC Advanced Safety Certificate

Why did you become a safety professional?

I volunteered for an employee committee that led me to a position in the Human Resources department. After being in the department for a short time I was asked to be a safety technician. I attended many trainings at the Utah safety council, OSHA school and other trainings when I could. I really enjoyed the profession. I was away from it for a while but was able to get back into it about 4 years ago and still enjoy the challenges.

What do you like most about your profession?

I believe that the most important thing we can do as safety professionals is to build good relationships with all employees. By doing so we can gain a trust through our organizations to help us achieve the safety. What I like about my job the most is the interaction with the people.

What are you most proud of in your career?

When I see employees using their training and skill to identify unsafe conditions and taking the initiative to have them corrected.

If you could be anything other than a safety professional what would you be?

A farmer or retired.

What do you like to do when you're not working?

I enjoy getting out doors and off roading in the mountains. I have a small shop in my garage where I enjoy wood work, stained glass, and other craft type things. Most recently I have spent a lot of time making birdhouses, baskets, feeders and other items out of lariat ropes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Chapter Meeting

Thursday, April 18 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Dannon Yogurt

Our host will take us through the facility looking at their work practices, equipment and associated safety systems. Please bring a pair of safety glasses and clean safety boots or shoes. We look forward to seeing you there as we review Dannon's automated production process.

Location: 6165 Dannon Way, West Jordan, Utah 84081

PPE: Please bring safety glasses and clean safety boots or shoes

Lunch: Lunch is provided but please plan on donating to the student scholarship fund.

Register: <https://utah.assp.org/events/chapter-meeting-april-2019/>

May Utah Chapter Family Picnic

This is our first family social event, and will feature food as well as games for both kids and adults as we get to know other members of our chapter and their families. There is no cost to families, but donations to our scholarship fund are welcome.

Saturday, May 18, 4:30pm to 7pm

Bicentennial Park, 530 E 8680 S Sandy, UT

Register: <https://utah.assp.org/events/chapter-meeting-may-2019/>

FINANCIAL REPORT

January – March 2019

Beginning Balance	\$16,501.90
	Cash Receipts
Chapter Dues	\$2490
Member Scholarship Donations	\$3464.03
Savings Account Interest	\$.06
	Cash Disbursements
Chapter Meetings (Food)	\$875.92
Ritchey Science Fair Award Recipients	\$350
Chapter Officer Travel	\$102.04

Administrative Expenses (square hardware, thank you letters, pavilion reservations, awards)	\$84.76
Ending Balance	\$21043.27

Trevor Hinckley – Treasurer



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