



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
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Permian Basin Chapter

May 2021 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Permian Basin ASSP Members:

It is that time of the year again when we are voting on officers to lead the Permian Basin Chapter of the ASSP. Every year the nominating committee submits names for officers to lead the chapter in the coming year. We need at least 20 members of the Chapter to cast ballots for the election to be certified. We have well over 100 members in the chapter and I am asking that you vote and support the officers for 2021-2022.

We have one of the largest chapter areas, since we go all the way to El Paso and into New Mexico. Working with and involving the membership who is not local is one of my goals. I want to see opportunities for all our members to be able to be involved and be a contributor. If you are a remote member, please send your suggestions on what we can do for you to be more involved in the Chapter.

As the incoming President, I have a large set of shoes to fill as Keitha has been an outstanding President for the past two years. The Permian Basin Chapter President's term is for two years and I am asking for your help for the next two years to continue the good work this Chapter has started and then achieved for the past two years. We need your ideas, support, suggestions,

and most of all your involvement. If you have a topic of interest that you would like to see presented at a meeting, please let your officers know so we can arrange to have someone speak on that topic. If you have a topic you would like to present at a meeting, let us know so that we can get you on the schedule.

We need your help in volunteering for open positions that are appointed and in volunteering for positions that are elected. If we work together, we can continue to keep the Permian Basin Chapter as a Platinum Chapter. Please come together and support each other as we move forward in 2021-2022. Hopefully, we can begin to have blended in-person meetings this fall along with online meetings for those who cannot attend the in-person meetings. Our online meetings have allowed us to reach out to all our members who are not local to the Midland – Odessa area and even have a joint meeting with the Inland LA Chapter. We will continue to record our meetings and put them on our Web Page for those who cannot attend at the normal time.

I would like for the Chapter to start thinking about having a Professional Development Conference in February or March of 2022. We were making plans for one in 2020 before COVID interrupted our plans, and I would like to see us succeed in putting on a PDC next year. I would also like to see our younger members start to take a more active role in the Chapter. We need to build our succession plan for the younger members to take over as those of us who are older start to retire. Our chapter depends on our members to be involved so that we can be successful.

Please become involved and please cast your vote in the May election. Together we will continue to have a successful chapter.

Respectfully,

Lynn Richardson

President-Elect Permian Basin ASSP Chapter



ELECTION BALLOT

Vote Now!

Please take 4 minutes to cast your vote using this [digital ballot](#).
Deadline to vote is Monday, May 31st. Get engaged in the Chapter by putting your name in one of the Appointed positions on the ballot!

NOMINEES' BIOS

President-Elect: Lynn Richardson, MS, CSS, CSM, CSP

Lynn Richardson has spent over 40 years in the chemical, refining, and petrochemical industry with more than 38 years being in HSE. He holds an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from Auburn University and a Master of Science in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management from Eastern Kentucky University. He has numerous certifications including Certified Safety Specialist, Certified Safety Manager, and Certified Safety Professional along with being a Senior or Professional Member in a number of organizations including ASSP and the World Safety Organization. Lynn has served on local, regional, and national Boards of Directors for various organizations along with serving as an officer for multiple ASSE/ASSP chapters during his career. Lynn is one of the Region III ASSP Assistant

Vice-Presidents (Committee on Member Affairs). He has spoken at National and Regional safety conferences for professional trade organizations such as the American Fuels and Petrochemical Manufacturers Association along with serving as Chairman of the Central States Regional Process Safety Network for AFPM. Lynn is currently the Regional HSE Manager for Solvay in Midland and the President - elect of the Permian Basin Chapter of ASSP.

Vice President 1: Elaine Seifert, MS, CSP

Elaine has over 18 years of Health, Environment and Safety (HES) and leadership experience in the oil and gas industry. She started her career at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California in the HES department as the Environmental and Safety Specialist. She joined Chevron in 2005 as a Safety and Occupational Hygiene Specialist in the Downstream and Chemicals Organization at the Chevron El Segundo Refinery in El Segundo, California. During her career, Elaine has held numerous HES positions of increasing responsibility, including Field Safety and Occupational Hygiene Team Lead. In 2014, she joined the Chevron Upstream organization and moved to Houston, Texas where she was the Drilling & Completions HES Technical Team Lead responsible for Health, Environment and Safety compliance by providing technical HES support. In 2016, she moved to Midland, Texas to support Chevron's MidContinent Business Unit (MCBU) base business operations. In her current role, she is responsible for the workforce occupational hygiene and health programs as a Sr. HSE Advisor.

She has a Master of Science in Environmental & Occupational Health from the California State University, Northridge in Northridge, CA. She served as the Social Media Coordinator and is currently on the Executive Board as the Chapter Secretary / Communications Chair.



Vice President 2: Jason Sanchez

Jason is the EHS Coordinator at US Silica. He's been married to his beautiful wife for 13 years and have 2 beautiful daughters. He recently graduated with his Bachelors degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Columbia

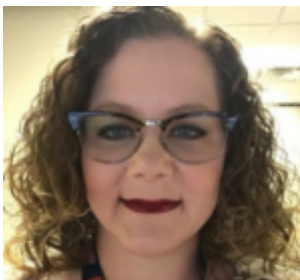
Southern University and have received my (GSP) Graduate Safety Practitioner. His ultimate goal is to obtain his (CSP) Certified Safety Practitioner by the end of 2021. He has been a member of ASSP for 3 years and served on the Executive Board as a member at large for the Permian Basin Chapter.



Secretary: Heather Ferrell

After graduating college in 2008 from the University of Central Oklahoma, Heather worked for Farmers Insurance as a Total Loss Adjuster, handling claims in OK, TX and NM. After 3 ½ years, she accepted the position in Quality Assurance (QA) for Total Loss claims.

In 2012, she and her husband moved to Midland. At the same time she finished her second degree with the University of Central Oklahoma in Industrial Safety. She was with Target from December 2012-December 2013. In December 2013, she left Target and went to work for Warren Equipment Company as their Compliance Analyst. My main functions in this position were identifying compliance problems that call for formal attention, develop risk management strategies to avoid non-compliance and file reports with regulatory bodies, and record retention. In August of 2014, she was made the Interim Risk Manager and then the Risk Manager in 2018. She worked for Callon Petroleum in 2018 as EHS Specialist and was recently promoted to EHS Coordinator. As EHS Specialist, she has been the administrator to all Callon's EHS systems (ACTs, Cority, Blackline, Trakopolis, SafetySkills, etc.), the focal point for regulatory agencies, and all recordkeeping.



Treasurer: Ketha Molina

Ketha has 19 years' experience as a safety professional that include experience in oil and gas, civil construction, heavy equipment, and transportation. It also shines a light on the work that she has done within the ASSP WISE Community of Practice.

In 2019, Ketha led the session Delivering Member Value through Chapters at the ASSP Leadership Conference.

Closer to home, Ketha has overseen the Permian Basin Chapter achieve Platinum level for three years and currently serves as the outgoing Chapter President and the Communication Chair for Region III.



Student Outreach Chair: Nathan Ferrell

Nathan graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in May 2009 with a Bachelor's of Science in Industrial Safety. Soon after graduation, he began working with Keen Energy Services as a Field Safety Specialist. He left Keen to work with Savanna Energy Services as an HSE Advisor before becoming the HSE Team Lead, U.S. Drilling. After working at Savanna, he went to work as an HSE Advisor with Independence Contract Drilling before being promoted to his current role as HSE Manager. He has enjoyed his career in Safety and is currently studying to take the ASP examination in the next few months.





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