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SEASON'S
GREETINGS!

NEWSLETTER

Note from the editor...

Greetings Maine Chapter members!

This is the first of what I hope to be an ongoing series of monthly newsletters that will keep you informed of the activities and events concerning our chapter.

To my knowledge, our chapter hasn't published a regular newsletter before so this will be a trial run that I hope pans out. I'll try and make sure each issue contains items of interest to our group.

One thing you can do is provide feedback; let me know what you'd like to see included in future issues - Kurt

National Safety Council New England Chapter holds its 97th Annual Maine Safety and Health Conference at the Augusta Civic Center

Where were you this past October 15th - 17th? Hopefully you had a chance to attend the Maine Safety and Health Conference in Augusta - if you didn't get a chance to be there you missed a heck of a conference!

Our Maine Chapter had a table where we were able to meet and educate attendees on the benefits and advantages of ASSP membership. We had several people stop by and browse the educational brochures and promotional materials we had available.

In addition, our chapter joined corporate sponsors MEMIC, Clark Insurance, CIANBRO, L. L. Bean, sappi, CCB Health & Safety Services, General Dynamics BIW, Versant Power, Vortex Companies, and Cherry Optical Labs in sponsoring the many keynote speakers and breakout sessions.

Our chapter was well-represented among the speakers and presenters including past president Tim Mccarty of Clark Insurance, current Vice President Barbara Brennan of Vortex Companies, and Member-at-Large Nathan Boutwell of Powerline Training Consultants.

It was a great opportunity to view the many vendor displays, try out the latest in safety gear and gadgetry, and network with safety professionals from all over Maine and New England.



Chapter President Kurt Kirkland manning the ASSP table at the 97th Annual Maine Safety and Health Conference in October.

Welcome new members! These members joined the Maine Chapter in 2023:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Joined</u>
Curtis Faucher	9/1/2023
Shane Clark	8/1/2023
Christopher Bouvier	6/1/2023
Jeffrey McCabe	6/1/2023
Christina Maynard	6/1/2023
Madeline Badger	3/1/2023
Michael Thomas	1/1/2023

Please send your questions, comments, suggestions, and feedback and I will respond as soon as I am able:
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The Board typically meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month; we maintain all our meeting minutes on the ASSP Maine Chapter website.

To contact your Board Members, go to: <https://maine.assp.org/>

QUESTION:

What would you like to see from the Maine Chapter?
What would bring value to you as a member?
If we had a public meeting, would you attend?

Do you listen to podcasts? Have you ever checked out ASSP's "[The Case for Safety](#)" podcast series? The Case for Safety Podcast features conversations with safety experts sharing their ideas and insights you can use to help your organization improve worker safety and health.

Debuting in 2018, the series now includes 123 episodes. The podcast series is FREE to access on the ASSP website and listeners can also subscribe to "The Case for Safety Podcast" on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

Access it on the ASSP website: <https://www.assp.org/resources/the-case-for-safety-podcasts>

ASSP News

[ASSP's Safety Podcast Tops 300,000 Downloads Over Five Years](#)

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[Z244 Committee Seeks Clarity From OSHA on Control of Hazardous Energy](#)

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[How to Reduce Injuries and Illnesses With an Ergonomic Risk Assessment](#)

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[Want to Mitigate Risk Through Design? Learn to Talk to Engineers](#)

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[Safety Success Stories: Integrating OSH Information Management Systems](#)

ASSP Safety Podcasts

[Steps You Can Take to Help Keep Workers Safe in Winter Weather](#)

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[Fixing the Fit of Personal Protective Equipment to Improve Women's Safety](#)

November 26, 2023

[Marketing Safety Improvements: How to Get Buy-in from Your Organization](#)

November 13, 2023

[Encore Presentation: The Z16 Standard – A Balanced Approach to Safety and Health Metrics](#)

October 29, 2023

[The Role of Culture and Climate in Improving Worker Safety and Health](#)

October 16, 2023

[Honoring the Workers Lost in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire](#)

October 9, 2023

[Talking Safety: How to Improve Communication with Your Workforce](#)

October 2, 2023