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SLIPS, TRIPS,
AND FALLS
PREVENTION
MONTH**

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Editor –

Did you get a chance to make it to the 97th Annual Maine Safety and Health Conference held on October 15-17th at the Augusta Civic Center? We were there and was it ever GREAT!

The Conference was presented by the New England Chapter of the National Safety Council and as usual, they had a great lineup of keynote speakers, professional development courses, breakout sessions, vendor booths and best of all – networking opportunities!

Your ASSP Maine Chapter sponsored a booth, and we had a steady stream of show visitors over the 2-day period the EXPO floor was open. I manned the booth along with current Chapter President Barbara Brennan and current Chapter Secretary Carl DeLong. It was a great chance to rekindle relationships with colleagues, meet new contacts, and engage in discussions related to safety and the safety profession.

We had a few chapter members stop by, and we were able to pull together an impromptu ‘live’ chapter meeting at the Brickyard Hollow brewery and pizza joint on Wednesday evening after the day’s activities.

If you couldn’t make it this year, we missed you! Perhaps you can start planning and mark your calendar for next October – we know we’ll be there!

- Kurt





Chapter President Barbara Brennan, Regional HSE Manager, Vortex Companies, and her colleague Chris Lalevee, Operating Engineer, IUOE Local 825 co-presented a Professional Development Course at the conference titled **“Life Issues in the Construction Industry”**.

Perfectly aligned with October’s Mental Health Month and Mental Illness Awareness themes, their presentation focused on having participants learn about addiction, mental health, suicide and coping with loss.

Barbara and Chris captured the attention of the participants by revealing personal stories which lent poignancy and credibility to their presentation.

At the end of the course Chris provided a wealth of take-home materials and resources for the participants to use. Overall, it was an excellent presentation!



Chapter Past President Kurt Kirkland gave a Breakout Session titled **“Shut Up! A Noise Review”** which covered OSHA’s noise standard and how the employer can stay in compliance.



WE NEED PRESENTERS...

We are scheduling the Maine Chapter Virtual Meetings every other month to provide opportunities for chapter members to learn more about their craft. We have a couple of speakers lined up but can always use more! A typical presentation lasts 20-25 minutes with time left for questions and comments. We have had speakers discuss work projects, incident investigations, and case studies but we are open to any topic that pertains to safety.

If you are interested in hosting one of these presentations, please reach out to: Kurt A. Kirkland, CSP, CIT at kakirkland1961@gmail.com or call my cell (805) 798-0257. I would love to hear from you!

Remember: YOU have the power to make the ASSP Maine Chapter what we want it to be!

MEET YOUR 2024-25 ASSP MAINE CHAPTER BOARD MEMBERS

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The Executive Committee/Board typically meets every other month; we maintain all our meeting minutes on the ASSP Maine Chapter website.

To contact your Board Members:

<https://maine.assp.org/>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 5-6th ASSP Region VIII 26th Annual New England Area PDC – Springfield, MA

<https://region8.assp.org/events/new-england-area-25th-pdc-attendee-registration/>

SafetyWorks! Classes

- Nov 5th – Lead Safety
- Nov 6th – Cold Illness Prevention
- Nov 7-8th 10-Hr Construction Standards
- Nov 13th – Incident Investigation/Injury Analysis
- Nov 14th – Scaffolding and Fall Protection
- Nov 15th – Trenching and Excavation
- Nov 18th – Lifting/Rigging Safety
- Nov 19th – Respiratory Protection
- Nov 20th – Impairment Detection Training for Employers
- Nov 21st – Automotive Lift/Jack Stand Safety and Compliance

**IS THERE ANYTHING BETTER
THAN SWAG FROM A SAFETY
SHOW?**



<https://www.safetyworksmaine.gov/>



Congratulations to James E. Ball, Occupational Safety Specialist with MaineDOT!

James won a Box of Maine Breakfast Box from the ASSP Maine Chapter booth at the show!

FREE PUBLICITY FOR YOUR SAFETY- RELATED BUSINESS!

Do you have a safety-related business you would like to promote in the monthly newsletter?

We want to promote the businesses and interests of the ASSP Maine Chapter members and are offering the chance to do so through our monthly newsletter.

Send a copy of your advertisement or promotional brochure and we can add you to the newsletter. Even a copy of your business card will do!

There is no fee to do so – we are just looking for opportunities to promote our members and add more content to the newsletter.

Interested? Reach out with your questions or promotional material to our email address: president@maine.assp.org

Do you know of a safety job that is open? We need leads on safety jobs in Maine!

Reach out and let us know so we can post it to the ASSP Maine Chapter website.



DO YOU HAVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW THIS NEWSLETTER MAY BE IMPROVED?

Please send your questions, comments, suggestions, and feedback and I will respond as soon as I am able. This Newsletter is not possible without the input from the Chapter Membership!

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