



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
**SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**

Greater Chicago Chapter

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Chicago Safety Pros-

We have been promoting and a handful of webinars from ASSP Region V and affiliated chapters, but yesterday I am excited to say we successfully hosted our first webinar. With COVID-19 impacting so much of our social and professional lives, it felt good to discuss another significant and novel safety concern: legal marijuana use and the Illinois workplace. This presentation covered drug screening and symptoms, workplace policy, and insight into workplace challenges from US states with long established permissible recreational/medicinal marijuana use laws among others. My biggest takeaway was the importance of proper risk management and setting a reasonable policy between willing ignorance and zero tolerance to marijuana use.

Thank you Carlos Galindo who donated his time and expertise to speak with us and a big thanks to attendees; we are able to donate \$45 to the Greater Chicago Food Depository on your behalf! If you missed it we expect to offer a copy of Mr. Galindo's presentation on our website for a limited time. Alternatively, you may contact him directly at [cgalindo@uscompliance.com](mailto:cgalindo@uscompliance.com).

We are confident that virtual meetings can work for us at least in the short-term, and would like to offer something for you again soon. If there is a safety or environmental topic you would like learn about or present, please visit our website and leave us a comment on our new "Contact Us" tab. Also, our annual member needs and planning survey should be entering your mailbox in 2-3 weeks. In the last two years we've conducted these, we have randomly chosen gift card winners from a very small pool of survey takers. Be one of those lucky few by taking <10 minutes to tell us what you expect from your chapter!

Lastly, by now you should have received your unique, official ballot from acting Nominations and Elections Chair, John McDermott Jr., QSSP, MBA. The election is open until next Wednesday, but please take a few seconds (literally) to open the e-mail and vote by e-ballot for your next Chapter board as soon as possible. Thanks!

stay safe,

Eric Dangoy, MPH, ASP

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

### 2020-2021 Nominations Slate

Nominees for Chapter President:  
**Carmen Julia Castellon**

Nominees for 1st Vice President:  
**Josh Asiedu**

Nominees for 2nd Vice President:  
**Esmail Alqadhi**

Nominees for Secretary:  
**Angela Chiappone**

Nominees for Treasurer:  
**Dan Minnich, Jr**

**Mark Schakowsky**

Nominees for (2) Delegates to the ASSP House of Delegates:

**Dennis Terpin**

**Julius Rhodes**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Chicagoland Safety, Health, and Environmental Conference (tentative)

September 14-17

NIU-Naperville Campus

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Hiring? Send job information to [updates@chicago.assp.org](mailto:updates@chicago.assp.org)

[Visit the ASSP Greater Chicago Chapter Jobs Website Page](#)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BRIEFS

### [Working Together for Safety: Our Changing Role](#)

May 13, 2020

ASSP President Diana Stegall, CSP, CFPS, ARM, highlights the lasting impact the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the occupational safety and health profession.



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