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## FOUR CORNERS CHAPTER

## 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER NEWSLETTER

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## ASSP MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Randy Lydic

Randy has been a member of The American Society Safety Professionals since November 2000 but recalls helping Charlie pass out flyers even before that. He is currently employed with Henry Production/Pumps & Service as an HSE Supervisor.

What do you love most about safety?

Sharing my experience with others and teaching people how to do things the right way. I have had to experience a fatality in the workplace, and I want to keep that from happening again.

What's something about you that not many people know?

I grew up on a homestead in the wilds of Alaska (Don't confuse me with the Alaska Bush People)

What's the last book you read?

Jack London's "Call of the Wild"

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1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER GUEST SPEAKERS

## New members:

Tyson Foutz from Durango, Colorado is with Foutz Consulting LLC

Jolynn Guiterrez from Albuquerque, NM is a **Student Member.**



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### ASSP CHAPTER NEWS

#### Previous MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING

*The month of June, our speaker was DR. MARTHA ACOSTA who is an expert in Human and Organizational Learning. Martha helps high-reliability organizations navigate the complexity of human systems in their operations. This session will discuss why safety in complex environments is not about prevention of accidents but creating capacity for volatility, uncertainty and ambiguity. It will introduce the concept of psychological capacity and explain why it is fundamental to adaptive practices. It will also describe how safety leaders can build psychological capacity by cultivating psychological safety, emotional resilience and complex thinking in the teams they serve.*

If you would like to add an article to the Four Corners ASSP News-Letter or invite a guest speaker to our monthly chapter meeting, please contact the President-Charlie Casey

#### CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

Four Corners ASSP:  
<https://fourcorners.assp.org/>

Linked In:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6719370/>

Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/fourcornersASSP/>

Twitter:  
<https://twitter.com/asspfour>

#### How Often Do You Check the ASSP website?

There are many tools and educational topics on the ASSP website. Safety Professionals and students have the advantage to use the materials. The network of members who are passionate about safety relate their experiences about safety that we all can relate to and educate ourselves. Resources on the website for members are free of charge, from webinars to Industry standards and the ability to access resources to help you perform at the highest level within your industry.

This year's Safety Focus event will be held virtual February 8-19, 2021. Registration is now open for members. An educational online experience to get involved with networking and much knowledge to gain. The early bird registration has passed, and registration is still open at the following link:  
<https://safetyfocus.assp.org/registration/>

#### Hardship Membership Program

Hardship membership program. If you (or a colleague) have lost your job because of COVID-19, please contact the ASSP customer Service team at [customerservice@assp.org](mailto:customerservice@assp.org) or call (847) 699-2929. Our hardship program can help you maintain your ASSP Membership for up to 1 year while you seek a new opportunity.



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**Women's History in a workplace is a legally declared international celebration honoring the contributions of women to history, culture, and society. Since 1987, it has been observed annually in March in the United States. This article is recognizing the women who are employed as Safety Professionals and their dedication in reflecting the numerous but often-overlooked contributions. The women in the Occupational Safety Industry have overcome obstacles and recognized in their efforts to become leaders in the safety field. There have been accomplishments that have made women successful through ASSP in helping women advance into leadership positions in the occupational safety and health profession. It is just one outcome of ASSP's ongoing initiative to improve diversity and inclusion throughout the safety industry while ultimately better protecting workers everywhere.**

### WOMEN IN SAFETY

ASSP leadership with women has expanded tremendously. I sat down and decided to write a small article on an individual I met while attending a student leadership in Chicago. The impact ASSP has made to individual members who attend conferences through ASSP. I met Carmen Castellon at a student leadership conference in Chicago. The leadership role as a minority portrayed caught my attention. Carmen is a Bilingual professional with 10+ years of experience with a broad background in Environmental Compliance and Health and Safety Management Programs. She has committed to incorporate sustainability into all aspects of work, with a career focus on visionary and collaborative leadership. I had a conversation with Carmen and questioned Carmen how much ASSP has helped in her growth as a safety professional. A few questions I asked Carmen:

**QUESTION:** When did you get involved with ASSP?

**ANSWER:** I got involved with ASSP while attending a leadership conference.

**QUESTION:** Did you benefit from a mentor you had met through ASSP and what connections were made?

**ANSWER:** I got involved and engaged in the mentoring lounge while attending a conference with ASSP in 2014. I Did not know anybody at the event and was introduced to an ASSP network named "WISE" and where I also joined a minority group.

At the beginning of Carmen journey with ASSP, the mentoring program has helped pave the leadership skills she has. Carmen is currently the Chicago Chapter President and part of the social media chair.

If you have any questions regarding becoming a part of the ASSP WISE network, go to the ASSP webpage.

**Join Women in Safety Excellence member community to connect with like-minded safety professionals and support the inclusion and advancement of women within the safety industry. The group is an ASSP common interest group where members can add 'WISE' to their membership. ASSP's Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) helps to advance ASSP members and the safety profession through education, mentorship, networking, collaboration, research, and innovation. WISE recognize members' professional achievements, career advancement and work in particular industries through a Member of the Month recognition program.**



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### Previous Guest Speakers

**Cody Stovall** with 4C Inspire presented “Inspiring the Next Generation”. Cody presentation discussed they’re in school mentoring program. The program is set up with local municipal school where high school students attend the program and are mentored on various topics to become future leaders. The program is a 45-minute program. School systems getting more focus on behavior instead of teaching only and a decision to do something about a program about student behavior issues. Cody Started volunteering at local schools with young children and noticed that the children were wanting attention. Cody was introduced to an individual about the inspire program where he started mentoring students at local schools and grew in 2 years to over 200 students. Some schools, Cody has built a 3-year relationship with students including the community. There is ongoing meeting with students through zoom at Farmington High School. Before covid had 100 mentors involved and has dropped since then and always looking for volunteers. If any members are interested in volunteering, they must attend training and get a background check. You can contact Cody through email- 4cinspire@gmail.com

**Scott Margolin** from Tyndale USA has over 30 years of experience in FR Clothing. Scott work experience as a firefighter and work experience with Dupont along with other companies relating to lab testing with flash fires/arc flash. Scott discussed the informative look into FR and Arc Flash materials selection and care.

Arc-related vs. Flame resistant for protection in burn related incidents. Flame Resistance vs. Flame-(FR) Flame resistance is the quality or resistance of not supporting combustion or air. Flame Retardant is a chemical or series of chemicals to apply to flammables or combustion making it Flame Resistance (FR).

How can we be sure laundering does not harm my FR Clothing? All quality (but NOT all sold) are FR for the life of the garment and the majority of AR/FR globally is home laundered regardless how many times it is laundered. Starch on clothing is flammable. Laundering recommendations today are virtually the same as for regular non-AR/FR clothing unless the fabric is exposed to lead. Laundering at home is the best option to prevent cross contamination from other companies that is being laundered with your clothing.

Which standards address the proper laundering methods for FR clothing? Neither OSHA or any other major AR/FR standard requires or prefers any specific laundering process. OSHA states that the responsibility for maintaining PPE rests on the employer. Garments must be free of flammable contaminants and in good repair. Yes, OSHA does require AR/FR clothing due to the General Duty Clause protecting employees from hazards and the AR/FR clothing is identified as PPE.

What to look for in AR/FR garment labels? Depends on the hazards you are working around.

When does AR/FR need to be replaced? The clothing does not have a shelf life. Quality AR/FR clothing in common use in the USA today is FR for the life of the garment. Replace when it is too damaged or torn to be repaired properly or too dirty to be used. There are lower quality products whose FR can wear out despite meeting standards.

**James McDaniel** discussed changes in the methane and gas rule in the oil and gas industry. NMOCD natural gas waste rules soon to be in effect. One of the waste rules is already finalized and ready to be applied to registry and the other is still being completed, with a completion applied by mid-year 2021. The waste rules will be affecting oil and gas users, gathering station and trucking companies. The listed following operation and changes are affected by the waste rules is posted on the Four Corners ASSP webpage for information.

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