



August 2022 Newsletter

Hello Everyone Welcome to a New Niagara Frontier Chapter ASSP Program year!

As you may know the ASSP Chapter Year runs from June 30 to July 1 each year. The NFASSP now has new Chapter Leaders and a new year planned.

Tom Marino, CSP, ARM is now Chapter President

Tony Buttino, CRM, is now Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

We look forward to working with everyone in the Chapter and are thankful for the guidance of our past Presidents and Executive Committee.

Our first meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter year is now set. It will be in person:

OSHA Update by Nick Donofrio, Buffalo Area OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist

Date: September 12, 2022

Time: 5:00 PM start; 5:20 PM Chapter Business and Introductions; Presentation, 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Location: JW Danforth Training Center

200 Colvin Woods Parkway

Tonawanda, NY

Sign Up at: president.nfassp@gmail.com by September 8, 2022. Then plan on attending!

Food will be served! \$15.00/head; Pizza, Wings, Salad, drink will be offered.

Nick does an awesome job of explaining the OSHA agenda; current initiatives, emphasis programs; proposed actions and what's up with the Buffalo office. It's well worth your time to attend. If someone in your organization may be interested; invite them to attend with you! We like having new people come to our meetings!



A quick note regarding our chapter finances and meeting fees. Of the National ASSP membership dues you pay, The Niagara Frontier Chapter is given for each member \$15/head of these annual dues. The NFASSP Chapter is part of Region VIII of the ASSP. Region VIII takes \$5 of the \$15 from each members dues given to our chapter for the Regional Treasury, so we end up with \$10 per member per year. In August each chapter in the region had the opportunity to vote on the regional officer's proposals on how to spend some of the money in the regional treasury. All the proposals passed. The funding went mostly to encourage college age student participation in ASSP Student Sections, with some going to regional operating expenses. A few chapters without Student Sections got the Regional VP to agree to give some funds on request to provide a shirt or some type of ASSP branded material to any students that decide to join our chapter. So, if you know of any interested college students encourage them. If you'd like, let me know and we can send them an invitation to join also.

Getting back to the Chapters Treasury – it has suffered over the past two years as we tried to reign in expenses (which include website hosting fees, SPY Awards, etc.) with the absence of meeting income. In years gone by, we charged \$20/head on plated meals where we made about \$2/head. In the past, we also had somewhere around 35-50 members per meeting. So, we made about \$70 – 100 per meeting that went directly to the Treasury. Today, to try and keep the cost of the meal down, we have a meal of pizza, wings and salad or subs and wraps (which is much easier to coordinate); and the chapter makes much less income per meeting. We greatly appreciate JW Danforth's generosity in letting us use their Training Center which reduces room rental fees. Overall, when our income is down, it impacts what the Niagara Frontier Chapter can do in terms of delivering member value. We would like to do things like sponsor a 1or 2 day Professional Development Conference or be a co-sponsor of a presenter on a current topic of Safety/Risk Management. **So - please remember if you make a reservation, order food and don't show, it impacts what we can do as we lose not only the minor profit we make, but the expense of the food as well.**

By the way, if you hear or know of a potential employment opportunity, please let us know; we like to post jobs to our NFC website. People are looking and some employers in the area are hiring. Let's try to network regarding opportunities to further your Safety/Risk Management Career!