

Happy New Year, Georgia Chapter!

Wow...2020.

A new year.

A new decade.

A fresh start.

A new opportunity to achieve goals.

A chance to accomplish **anything**.

I hope you all had a relaxing, enjoying holiday season, and are as excited as I am to start 2020 off strong! The new year always has that "thrill" to it that seems to get everyone moving on all cylinders. Whether is personal (changing the diet, working out more, reading more, relaxing more) or professional (getting a certification, earning that promotion, exceeding the performance goals), there's always something that we all can look to achieve this year. Allow me to be the first to wish you all the best in your endeavors!

We're entering the 2nd half of our ASSP Chapter Year, and good things are yet to come! We have a great meeting planned for this month (please check your email for the meeting details and RSVP link), and are getting ready for our annual "Speed Networking" meeting in February! This is a fun spin on speed-dating that always brings a great crowd and is an incredible way to meet your fellow GA safety pros. Be on the look out for details in late January. We're also looking ahead to our annual one-day PDC, scheduled for May 11 (this is our normal meeting day and takes the place of a usual Chapter meeting). Save the date now and plan to join us for a day of learning and networking!

We've seen and heard that this is "award season" in Hollywood for movies and TV, but it's also ASSP Award Season! We're looking for nominations for our Georgia Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY). The ASSP Chapter SPY award is an honor acknowledging the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to our Chapter. To be eligible nominees must:

1. Be a Professional Member, Member or International Member in good standing of our Chapter and the Society.
2. Not have received this award within the past five (5) years.
3. Be engaged in full-time employment in the profession of protecting people, property and the environment.

I'm attaching the nomination packet [here](#), so please review and submit a nomination for yourself or someone else. And yes, you can absolutely nominate yourself...who else can stand up and promote you better than YOU! Be proud of your accomplishments and reach out for recognition you feel you deserve. :) ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1!! Please submit the nomination packet electronically to president@georgia.assp.org

Finally, PLEASE don't forget we are still looking for volunteers for our 2020-2021 Chapter Executive Officers. We need to have our slate of officers announced at our February meeting, so the time is NOW if you feel ready to step up and take a more active role in our chapter and ASSP. If you are interested in learning more about or are willing to serve in **any** of the Executive Officer positions, please reach out to our Nominations and Elections Committee

Chair, Past-President Rick Gruca, at pastpresident@georgia.assp.org. You can also contact me at president@georgia.assp.org. We would be happy to provide you the position description/information and answer any questions you may have.

That's all I have for this month. Thank you all for what you do for our profession and for your company or clients. It's not an easy job, but it can be so incredibly rewarding! Hope to see you all next week at our January Meeting!

Respectfully,

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