



ASSP – LA Chapter | January 2026 Newsletter



New Year Message from Chapter President

Dear Los Angeles ASSP Chapter Members,

As we usher in a new year, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible community we've built together. I am thrilled to announce that our chapter has achieved the highest level of recognition—Platinum Level—for this past term. This outstanding accomplishment reflects our shared commitment to advancing workplace and community safety and health.

I would also like to take a moment to celebrate some exceptional individuals whose contributions have made a tremendous impact:

- Jesse Ruiz and Cecile Felsher, recipients of the Chapter Setyawan Presidential Safety Award.
- Kaye Horton (2023), Evan Setyawan (2024), and Mariana Lever (2025) are honored as our Safety Professionals of the Year.
- Courtney Horist was recognized with the Somerfeld Award.
- Angel Romero, acknowledged for exemplary past president engagement, whose leadership continues to support us.

Let these achievements remind us of the power of collaboration and the positive change we can create together. As we look ahead, I encourage every member to stay engaged and take part in our upcoming events. Your involvement is what makes our chapter strong and vibrant. Together, let's make 2026 a year of continued growth, connection, and safety excellence!

With gratitude and optimism,
Evan Setyawan, SMP, CHST, CHSO, ASH.
President, ASSP Los Angeles Chapter

Mentorship and Emerging Professionals Programs

If you would like to be involved with the mentorship program, then please reach out to Jasmine San Nicolas at jsannicolas@uscompliance.com.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: Ben Nittayo

Ben has worked in the Biopharma Manufacturing industry for almost three years as an EHS specialist. He has worked with ISO 45001 and ISO 14001 systems. His favorite part of working in EHS is continuing to learn new facets of EHS every day.



The Los Angeles Chapter of the ASSP is dedicated to promoting the safety profession through increased public awareness and providing opportunities for networking and professional growth. To become a member or to ask any questions, please contact one of our Chapter officers (<http://la.assp.org/chapter-officers/>). Stay in the know - follow us on LinkedIn [HERE](#).

Events

2026 ASSP Region I Professional Development Conference

Date & Time: Jan. 20th, 2026, 8am–5pm

Location: DoubleTree in Pleasanton, CA

Details: This annual conference features speakers and breakout sessions focused on Safety, Health, Industrial Hygiene, and Environmental issues.

Registration: \$199 regular, sign up [here](#)

Coming in February - LA ASSP Event at Netflix!

Dodgers vs Angels: Safety & Operations Networking Series Event:

Date & Time: Sunday, March 22th 2026

Tailgate: 3:00 PM

Start of Game: 6:07 PM

Location: Angel Stadium (Anaheim, CA)

Details: Get ready for an incredible night where professional networking meets major-league action! The ASSP Los Angeles Chapter is hosting a special Safety & Operations Networking Series event at the LA Dodgers vs. the Angels game — and you're invited.

Registration: \$45, sign up [here](#)