



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Region VI

Virtual ROC · September 10, 2020

Regional Operating Conference

Thursday

September 10, 2020

9:00 am – noon

9:00 am

Meeting Call to Order

Julian Mercer

- Welcome and Introductions
- Chapter Roll Call and Quorum Confirmation
 - Kim McDowell
 - Daniel Ashworth- Area Director
 - Julian Mercer- Tarheel Chapter/ Regional VP
 - Tracey Wallace- South Carolina Chapter
 - Robin Barfield- North Carolina Chapter
 - Adele Abrams- National Chapter
 - Arielle Semmel- ASSP Staff
 - Patrick Ragan- North Carolina Chapter
 - Matthew Wilcox- Area B Director
 - April Dorsey- National Chapter
 - Dan Collins- Tarheel Chapter/ ARVP Member & Chapter Affairs Committee Chair
 - Brandy Bossle- Piedmont Chapter
 - Wyatt Bradbury- National Chapter
 - Heather White- Tarheel
 - Matthew Gruber- Western Carolina Chapter
 - Jennifer Miles- Tidewater Chapter
 - Angel Bright- Western Carolina Chapter
 - Joe Bedard- Delmarva Chapter
 - Robert Heck- Low Country Chapter
 - Michael Wolf- Chesapeake Chapter
 - Ashelyn Mc Connell- North Carolina Chapter
 - Avery Cater- Colonia Virginia Chapter
 - Geri Golonka- ASSP Staff
 - Ogaga Tebehaeve- ARVP- Student Affairs
 - Carlton Davis- Star Valley Chapter
 - Mike Luffman- Triad Chapter
 - Patrick Ragan- North Carolina Chapter
 - Andrew Geisert- NOVA Chapter
 - Elizabeth Barnette- Greater Tidewater Chapter/ ARVP Professional Affairs
 - Wendy McCreary- South Carolina Chapter
 - LaQuandra Bass- Tarheel Chapter
 - E Stuart Bowman- Star Valley Chapter



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- Nelson Dunston- Triad Chapter
- Approval of Agenda
 - Bob Heck motioned to approve agenda. Nelson Dunston seconded. The group voted and the agenda was approved
- Rules of the Road and Objectives
- Purpose of the ROC and Society Mission Statement
 - Regions are chartered by the Board of Directors for the purpose of assisting the Society in administering its affairs, including guiding and mentoring Chapters, and conducting such activities as will further its objectives. These Operating Procedures shall serve to guide the functions of the Regional Operating Committee (ROC) of all Regions of the American Society of Safety Professionals.
- Recap of Spring ROC 2020 – review and approval of minutes
 - It was suggested that going forward minutes include more information
 - Wendy motioned to approve Spring ROC meeting minutes. Pat Ragan seconded. The group voted and the meeting minutes were approved
- Region 6 Goals - [ROC Team Member](#)
 - All Chapters recognized based on COMT planning strategy
 - Bylaws revision or updated review
 - Promotion of Common Interest Groups

9:25 am

Nomination and Election of Deputy RVP

Julian Mercer

Matt Wilcox was the only nominee presented before the meeting. Julian opened the floor for nominations. Chapter presidents were sent an email yesterday asking for nominations. Heather White asked for more information about the position including time commitment. Based on discussion in the group it was decided to leave the nominations open for two more weeks and we will proceed with an electronic ballot. It has been asked that we have a brief meeting for the election since not everyone may be familiar with the nominees.

Pivot by Julian Mercer – Based on Regional Operating Guidelines there is not a requirement to have nominations open for an extended period of time.

Per Article IV, 1. 2.a – The ROC shall elect one Deputy Regional Vice-President (DRVP) annually at the first ROC meeting, prior to September 30th. Email will be sent on 9-10-2020 to ROC members only & restate that if any Chapter President is interested they are to provide an update by noon 9-11-2020. Voting will open by 1pm 9-11-2020 & close 9-14-2020 at 5pm.

9:30 am

“Leading in Uncertain Times”

Pam Walaski

Board of Directors Presentation

- Pam provided an update from the Board of Directors including financials.

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- Safety 2020 was successful as a virtual event. Revenue goal was met.
 - The Board of Directors releases a Board Update document after each meeting for transparency. It is posted on the ASSP Community page monthly.
 - FY 2021 Outlook
 - o Pandemic has caused a significant shift to our budgeted plans
 - o Focus Remains- Cash Flow over next 6-12 months
 - o Significant uncertainty beyond the next 12 months- large events have long lead times
- 10:00 am Southern Area Director Comments Matt Wilcox
Chapter Presidents Self Introduction Chapter Presidents
(90 second elevator speech)
- Low Country, North Carolina, Piedmont, South Carolina, Tarheel, Triad and Western Carolina
 - Matt encouraged the chapters to recognize a Safety Professional of the year and submit a nominee for the regional level. You get points on the COMPT for the nomination.
 - Each chapter representative provided a brief introduction
- 10:15 am Northern Area Director Comments Daniel Ashworth
Chapter Presidents Self Introduction Chapter Presidents
(90 second elevator speech)
- Daniel provide a brief info of myself
 - Chesapeake, Colonia Virginia, Delmarva, Greater Tidewater, National Chapter, NOVA, Star Valley
 - He encouraged people to utilize the ASSP Foundation grants. He wants members to thrive
- 10:30 am Chapter Communications Wyatt Bradburry
- Everyone is encouraged to register for the Leadership Conference
 - All communications should lead back to your website
 - Region 6 has a GoTo Meeting account for chapters to use
 - o Add a 30 meeting buffer to the beginning and end of the meeting time
 - o Do not overlap meetings
 - Review communication report in Magnet Mail. It shows click rate, open rate, best day and times to send communications. Link social account to Magnet Mail
 - Chapter Rosters are available on the national website. My Account> My Groups, rosters are listed at the bottom of the page
- 11:00 am Council on Region Affairs (CoRA) update Kim McDowell



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- Leadership Conference is Oct. 1-2. There is no cap on attendees. Kim is encouraging all members of EC to attend.
- Future Safety Leaders Conference- evolved into programming from Nov- March
- Student Section Value work group- working on a simplified version on the COMPT. Will begin testing this year. Looking to roll out next school year.
- Supporting the Board of Directors and ASSP- Prepared to support chapters. No meetings face-to-face

11:15 am

Regional Vice President Comments

Julian Mercer

- Chapter Operation Management Tool
 - o Use to plan annual activities and track performance
 - o Aligns with National guidelines
 - o Early activities to report
 - Upload 2020- 2021 Operational Plan by 8/15
 - July- September web updates
 - Attend Fall ROC meeting
 - Leader training & transition activities
- Important Dates
 - o Regional Plan was due 8/15
 - o ROC 9/10
 - o Leadership Conference 10/1- 10/2
 - o https://www.assp.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/keydates_2019-2020_chapters.pdf?sfvrsn=fd0db47_6
- Chapters presidents should review their bylaws

11:30 am

Committee Planning

Julian Mercer

- Spring ROC Committee – Northern Area
 - o Possibly virtual as most people have not budgeted for travel
After meeting edit – Julian to request AD's to check with their Chapters & recommend funds be budgeted for travel – “just in case”
 - o May take place in April
 - o If you would like to help plan the Spring ROC reach out to Daniel. They will look at both in-person and virtual options
- Region Strategic Planning Committee
 - o Membership engagement, retention and growth
- Consider joining a Common Interest Group (CIG)
 - o BISE, EP, HSP, WISE
 - o Every chapter should have a liaison for each CIG
 - o Last column of chapter roster lists CIGs
- There is support for out of work members
 - o Hardship membership program



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- [ASSP Career Center](#)

11:40 am

Open Discussion
[No discussion items](#)

All

Noon

Adjourn Virtual ROC Meeting
[Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm](#)