ASSP Hudson River Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes

Joint Technical Meeting of ASSP Hudson River Valley and New York City Chapters

With

Hudson Valley Federal Field Safety and Health Council

January 28, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 By Matthew McDonald of Hudson River Valley Chapter of ASSP.
2. Introductions by Chapter Presidents Matthew McDonald, and LaToya Stevenson. Ms. Stevenson stated that New York City Chapter membership was now 500 members.
3. Introduction of Mr. Bill Pockels, President Elect of the Metro NY American Industrial Hygienists Association (AIHA). Mr. Ken Eck was introduced and started his presentation of Industrial Hygiene – A Basic Introduction. Ken’s presentation covered subjects of Industrial Hygiene ranging from Toxicology to Sample Collection in the field.

1. Ken ended the presentation with a Question and Answer period. This was initiated by Ken asking if Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Health were an issue in the labor force. Mixed answers were received form the group in attendance. The correct answer according to statistics is – “YES”! It is an issue because one worker dies every 11 seconds, or 327 people in one hour die from an occupational cause. A very awakening statistic that must be reduced.
2. Additional questions from the audience and the answers to them were discussed like: Does wearing a face mask or respirator all day cause any hazardous injuries to workers. The answer is that wearing a mask all day everyday can cause some irritation or a rash to appear due to moisture buildup on the skin of your face. The presentation concluded at 1:10 P.M.

1. The Hudson River Valley Chapter’s next scheduled meeting is a virtual joint technical meeting with the ASSP Connecticut Valley Chapter on February 25, 2021 with a start time of 12:00 Noon. Our speaker will be Mr. Neil A. Feldscher presenting the topic of “Liability for Construction EHS Professionals”.
2. A copy of these minutes as well as a copy of Mr. Eck’s presentation will be posted to our ASSP Hudson River Valley Chapter web page.