

Topic: Melissa Schmaltz, CSP and Larry Sloan, CAE will address how each association is addressing emerging trends spanning a range of technical and business drivers. They will discuss the current mutual understanding between AIHA and ASSP and perspectives on enhanced collaboration that works toward increasing recognition of the value of occupational health and safety professions.



Morning Keynote Speaker: Lawrence D. Sloan, CAE, Chief Executive Officer American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)

Bio: Lawrence “Larry” Sloan stepped into the role of CEO at the AIHA in October 2016. Prior to this, he served as President/CEO for seven years at the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA), representing the interests of the US specialty chemical industry. Larry served as President of the Adhesive and Sealant Council from January 2005 to February 2010. Mr. Sloan joined the Council in 2001 as Director Member Services, and was promoted to Senior Director in 2004. Larry began his career as a chemical engineer at Air Products and later worked for Nalco Chemical Company in marketing, manufacturing and sales capacities. Larry graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania with a BS in Chemical Engineering. Later he returned to Northwestern University where he earned his MBA. In 2006, Larry received his Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation through the American Society of Association Executives.



Morning Keynote Speaker: Melissa Schmalz, CSP, Region II: Area A Director; Deputy RVP; and, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. At Society level she is the Chair of the Membership Development Committee.

Bio: Melissa Schmalz graduated in 2001 from Northern Arizona University with a BS, Geology and a BA, Spanish and began her career at Workplace Safety Specialists as an EHS Consultant until 2004 when she moved to Arizona State OSHA as an Industrial Hygiene Compliance Officer. She completed 99 inspections in 2.5 years before transferring into the Consultation Department as the Industrial Hygiene Trainer.

In 2008 Melissa accepted the Safety Engineer position at PING, and in 2014 was promoted to Senior Safety Engineer. Melissa worked with 850 employees in manufacturing and office areas. In 2009 Melissa achieved the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) designation, and in 2010 she received a Master's Degree in Environmental Technology Management from Arizona State University.

In 2016 Melissa became the Environmental Safety Manager for Four Peaks Brewing Company, responsible for creating all safety, security and environmental programs, including training and implementation for 300 employees in two breweries, a warehouse, and two restaurants.

In 2017 Melissa moved into the insurance world as a Senior Loss Control Specialist with Berkshire Hathaway, where she is currently. Melissa is a past Arizona Chapter of ASSE President, and current WISE Chair.