

# Election Preview

# 2004

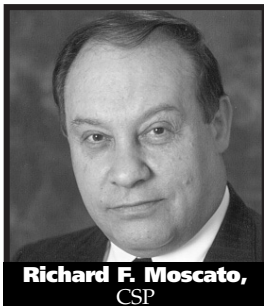


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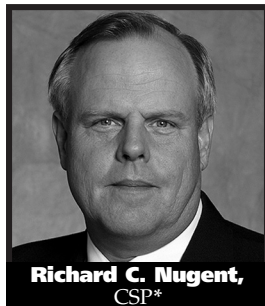


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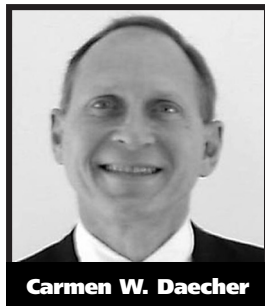
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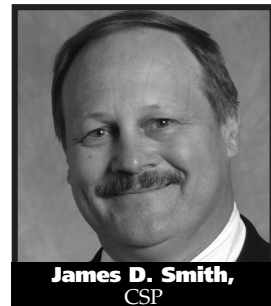
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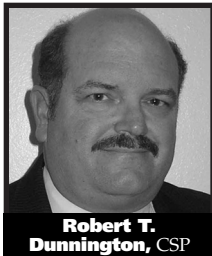
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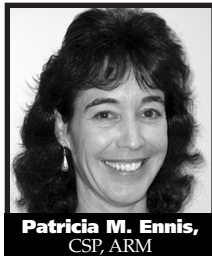
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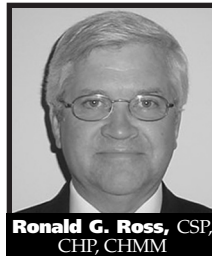
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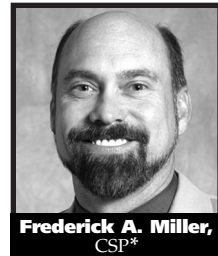
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CSP, ARM



**Ronald G. Ross, CSP,**  
CHP, CHMM

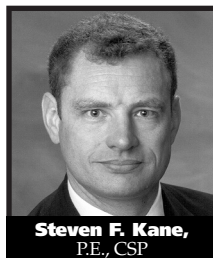


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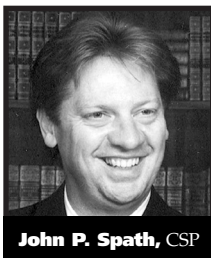
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**Steven F. Kane,**  
P.E., CSP



**John P. Spath, CSP**

Candidates for  
Vice President,  
Region VIII

*\*Incumbent*



# Candidates for **Senior Vice President**



**DONALD S. JONES SR., P.E., CSP, M.B.A.**, is a regulatory expertise leader for Dow Chemical's Global EHS Regulatory Affairs Center. Employed 30 years in the petrochemical industry, he has significant experience in personal and process safety. Jones is a special government

employee of OSHA and a safety and health instructor at Southeastern Louisiana University, where he played a key role in establishing a degree program and an ASSE student section.

Jones earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from LSU and an M.B.A. from Texas A&M University. He is a registered professional engineer and CSP who was originally certified in the management, construction, systems, engineering and comprehensive specialty areas.

He has held leadership positions with ASSE and other safety and health organizations at local, regional and national levels. Jones has held all Greater Baton Rouge (GBR) Chapter offices, chaired many chapter committees, and served on the Region IV Conference, Government Affairs and Nominating committees. He also served as assistant administrator and administrator of the Management Practice Specialty. Jones is currently Vice President of ASSE's Council on Practices and Standards and a member of the Bylaws Committee and Congress of Councils.

Jones's awards and honors include the 1996 GBR Chapter Outstanding Safety Achievement Award; 1997 OSHA VPP National Award for Safety & Health Outreach; 2000 GBR Chapter SPY; 2001 Region IV SPY; and 2001 Society Edgar Monsanto Queeny SPY Award. He also received the National Safety Council's 2000 Safety & Health Innovator Award; the GBR Chapter's 2001 Langlois-Weigand Award; and the 2002 Management Practice Specialty SPY Award. The GBR Chapter recently established a fully funded ASSE Foundation scholarship in his name.

**MICHAEL W. THOMPSON, CSP**, is HSE Advisor, Learning and Development, BP America Onshore U.S. Business Unit in Houston. He has 18 years' SH&E and five years' manufacturing and general management experience. Thompson holds a B.S. in Safety Engineering (1980) from Texas A&M University. He is a professional member of ASSE, a CSP (comprehensive) and a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

An ASSE member for 13 years, Thompson is a member of the Engineering, Management and International practice specialties. His past chapter positions, committee and task force appointments include chair, professional development (1995-96); vice president (1997); and president, Gulf Coast Chapter (1998). During his presidency, the chapter received a Chapter Achievement Award. Service to Region III includes deputy regional vice president (1998-99) and region vice president (1999-2003). Thompson has served on the Society's Board of Directors (1999-2003), Council on Member and Region Affairs (1999-2003), Finance Committee (2000-03) and Government Affairs Committee (1999-2003).

In 1998, Thompson was named the Gulf Coast Chapter Safety Professional of the Year. He currently serves as Chair, Information Systems (Finance), is a member of the Business of Safety Symposium Task Force (CoPD), and a member of the Chapter Insurance and Liabilities Task Force (CoMRA).

Thompson is an active contributor to several youth-oriented organizations including the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) as assistant scoutmaster, BSA Council Risk Management and Strategic Planning committees, Junior Achievement and elementary school science enrichment programs. He is collaborating with the University of Houston, Clear Lake, on development of an online course discussing SH&E aspects for human resources.



A critical position on the Society's Board of Directors, the senior vice president serves a one-year term, advancing to successive one-year terms as ASSE president-elect and president, respectively.

The senior vice president is responsible for regional functions, chairs the Council on Member and Region Affairs, and oversees chapters and sections outside the U.S. and its territories.

The president-elect oversees and monitors the activities of the council vice presidents for professional affairs, professional development, and practices and standards.

As chief elected officer, the president is primarily concerned with promoting the advancement of the Society and the safety profession, and representing ASSE before members, other relevant professional societies nationally and internationally, and various governmental agencies. This year's candidates for senior vice president are Donald S. Jones Sr., P.E., CSP, M.B.A., and Michael W. Thompson, CSP. Their biographical information appears at left.

The vice president of finance serves as treasurer of the Society and as a member of the Executive Committee. S/he recommends and oversees implementation of the Society's financial policies. This VP is responsible for recommending a budget to the Society's Board of Directors, with oversight of adopted budgets and investments, and for recommending accounting controls. This is an elected position with a two-year term. The candidates are Richard F. Moscato, CSP, and Richard C. Nugent, CSP. Their biographical information appears at right.

### Candidates for

# Vice President, Finance



**RICHARD F. MOSCATO, CSP**, is president of The Rimco Group, a safety consulting company. He was senior manager, corporate safety, at Sara Lee Corp.—which has 154,000 employees worldwide—where he guided the corporation's global safety programs. He managed

the president's international safety training budget, and annually developed and managed the safety department's budget of more than \$500,000 for safety consultants and services for North and Central America, and the Caribbean.

Moscato was corporate safety manager for the Chicago Tribune, International Harvester and Crane Co., and a safety engineer for Liberty Mutual. He graduated from the City College of New York, U.S. Army Engineer School and U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Moscato has held ASSE offices at the local, regional and national levels, including past president, Greater Chicago Chapter; Executive Committee, Metropolitan Chapter; and many national committees (e.g., Long-Range Strategic Planning). He is a member of the Management (past administrator), Consultants and International practice specialties. In addition, Moscato is Chair of ASSE's Council on Professional Affairs United Nations Task Force, and Chair of ASSE's 2004 Safety Management Symposium. He received both the Greater Chicago Chapter and Region V Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) awards, and received the Society's distinguished Edgar Monsanto Queeny SPY Award in 2003.

Moscato served on the National Safety Council's Board of Trustees and as general chair (and treasurer for more than 10 years) of its Food and Beverage Section. He received the Council's highest honor, the Distinguished Service to Safety Award. Moscato is also a member of the Safety Executives of New York.

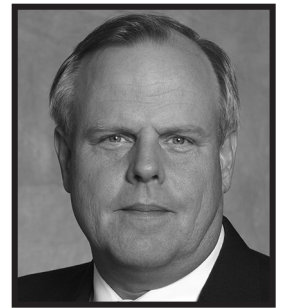
**RICHARD C. NUGENT, CSP\***, is general manager, environmental, safety, health and quality assurance for Bechtel-BWXT, which operates the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. He has 33 years' experience in the safety, environmental and quality areas. Nugent holds degrees

from J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College, Bluefield College and Virginia State University, and an M.S. in Industrial Technology and Education from the University of Idaho.

An ASSE member since 1982, he has held many offices, including Management Division administrator. Nugent has served on ASSE's Board of Directors as vice president, divisions (1995-96); Vice President, Finance (2002-04); and chair, PDC Planning Committee (1997-99). During his term as PDC Planning Committee chair, the PDC set records for attendance and provided expanded offerings to attendees. He has served on many Society committees and is responsible for leading the task force that developed the first diversity improvement plan for ASSE.

Nugent was named Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) of the Management Division in 1992. In 1998, he received the Society's Edgar Monsanto Queeny SPY Award and the President's Award for his work in diversity. Nugent is a contributing author to the book *Essentials of Safety and Health Management* and has been a speaker at local, state, regional and national events.

He is active in the community, serving on various boards, including being appointed to the Virginia Governor's Advisory Board and serving as a Boy Scout leader.



\*Incumbent



# Candidates for **Council** **Vice President**

## Practices & Standards



**CARMEN W. DAECHER** is president of The Daecher Consulting Group Inc. with offices in Camp Hill, PA. He is a transportation specialist with more than 32 years' experience in the transportation field. Daecher holds a B.A. in Economics from Franklin & Marshall College and

an M.S. in Transportation Engineering from Villanova University, where he was inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society. Throughout his career, he has been involved in multiple aspects of transportation safety.

Daecher currently consults with public and private clients, including municipalities, attorneys, insurance companies, commercial motor carriers, national organizations and other professional groups in all aspects of transportation safety.

He has served as assistant administrator and is currently Administrator of the Transportation Practice Specialty. Daecher is also Vice Chair of the Council on Practices and Standards. He has been a spokesperson on behalf of ASSE for many transportation safety issues and has contributed to the development of ASSE positions concerning transportation and worker safety, as well as ASSE's white paper on driver distraction. Daecher has also prepared white papers on bus and truck security, both of which are used and distributed by ASSE. He has made many presentations at ASSE professional development conferences and regional conferences, and has prepared and presented various seminars for the Society.

**JAMES D. SMITH, M.S., CSP**, is director, risk control services, for Arthur J. Gallagher, Boca Raton/Miami, FL. Before joining Arthur J. Gallagher, he was corporate safety/claims manager for 18 years with a major organization. Smith has served on ASSE's Board of Directors as vice president, Council of Professional Affairs (CoPA). In this position, he oversaw the Governmental Affairs, Educational Standards, Professional Recognition and Intersociety Relations committees. CoPA was instrumental in OSHA/ASSE ergonomic and MSHA/ASSE partnerships, as well as benchmarking Z590 safety professionals.

Smith holds a B.S. and an M.S. in Industrial Safety from Central Missouri State University. He is a CSP with specialties in comprehensive and management practices. He has received the Charles V. Culbertson Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to ASSE.

Smith has served ASSE in various positions that have prepared him for this position: vice president, CoPA, two years; Finance Committee member, two years; chair, Standards Development Committee, six years; Council on Practices and Standards, two years; PDC Planning Committee member, one year; and Public Relations Task Force.

He has also served on the NIOSH/NORA Research Task Force, as a representative on ANSI standards committees (Z590, Z10, A14, A1264.2, A10.33) and as an expert reviewer for *Professional Safety*. Smith served two terms as president of the Gold Coast Chapter, and received the chapter's Safety Professional of the Year Award two times. In addition, he has contributed significantly to policies, procedures and processes that have made ASSE a viable and successful SH&E organization.



The Society has four councils: Member & Region Affairs, Practices & Standards, Professional Affairs and Professional Development. The Member & Region Affairs Council is chaired by the senior vice president. The other three councils are chaired by an elected vice president.

The vice president, council on practices and standards, chairs the Council on Practices and Standards, supervises practice specialty administrators and oversees the operation of the Standards Development Committee. This vice president serves a two-year term and is elected in even-numbered years. This year's candidates are Carmen W. Daecher and James D. Smith, M.S., CSP. Their biographical information appears at left.

Region vice presidential candidates are selected by their respective nominating committees. Members of ASSE's four even-numbered regions will vote for vice presidents to represent them on the Council on Member & Region Affairs and the Board of Directors for two-year terms beginning July 1, 2004.

ASSE's eight regions provide administrative coordination for 150 chapters. International chapters are outside the boundaries of all regions and are represented by the senior vice president. Names of candidates will be printed only on the ballots of those members within the regions they represent. No candidates will appear on the ballots of those members with international membership. Biographical information for the eight candidates begins at right.

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# Candidates for **Region** **Vice Presidents**

## Region II



**ROBERT T. DUNNINGTON, CSP,** is manager of campus safety for the University of New Mexico. Before this, he was supervisor of safety and environmental with Cooper Oil Tool Div. in Houston. Dunnington is a CSP with more than 25 years' experience in the safety field. He has experience in environmental affairs, and safety and risk management in heavy and light manufacturing facilities. In these positions, Dunnington has developed and implemented safety programs and provided oversight for his company's safety, workers' compensation, medical and environmental programs. He has a B.S. in Physics from Angelo State University.

Dunnington has been a member of ASSE for 13 years (11 as a professional member). Currently, he is a member of the New Mexico Chapter and was named the chapter's Safety Professional of the Year in 2002. He has held the position of vice president, membership services, for ASSE's Gulf Coast Chapter, as well as the positions of treasurer, vice president, president-elect, delegate and president for the New Mexico Chapter.

In addition, Dunnington has served as treasurer of the New Mexico Safety Assn. He is a member of the Boy Scouts of America and currently serves as a district volunteer for the Great Southwest Council.

**PATRICIA M. ENNIS, CSP, ARM,** has 15 years' experience in safety and loss control. Her employment includes work as a safety manager for a multi-state utility contractor and loss control specialist for an insurance carrier. She is currently vice president, safety and loss control manager, for HRH of Colorado.

Ennis is a professional member of ASSE. As an active member of the Construction Practice Specialty, she authored a chapter of the construction safety textbook scheduled for publication in early 2004. Ennis served on the 2003 ASSE PDC Planning Committee as a host chapter representative. The 2003 Denver PDC was such a success that ASSE has invited her to continue to serve on the committee for the next two years. She is currently serving on the 2004 PDC Speaker Selection Subcommittee.

Ennis is a past president of the Colorado Chapter and has served as secretary, treasurer, newsletter chair and program chair, and in various other capacities, including serving as a member of the ASSE/AIHA Joint Technical Conference Planning Committee. She received the Colorado Chapter's Safety Professional of the Year Award for 2002-03.

Ennis is a frequent guest trainer for the Denver Associated Builders and Contractors, Associated General Contractors (AGC), Colorado Safety Assn. and Denver Metro Home Builders Assn. She is an active member on the AGC Safety Committee. Ennis is a CSP and holds the associate in risk management designation. She has a B.A. from Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA.



## Region IV



**RONALD G. ROSS, CSP, CHP, CHMM,** an ASSE professional member, is senior emergency specialist for ChevronTexaco, Pascagoula, MS. He has been employed with Chevron for 23 years and has served in many capacities, including safety, environmental, and paraxylene and ethylbenzene projects health coordinator. Ross holds a bachelor's degree from William

Carey College in Hattiesburg, MS, and serves as president of the local Jackson County Fire Commissioners. He is a HazMat Control Board member, a National Instructors Assn. member, and has served as an instructor for Texas A&M and Lamar universities. Ross has been a keynote speaker for many state and national meetings, such as TCC/ACIT Safety Seminar, Best Practices and Contractor National Convention. He serves as national ASIS

membership chair; is an LEPC member and a Crime Stoppers board member; and sits on the Certification of Homeland Security board. Ross is involved in all training aspects of the emergency refinery team. He has also been involved in implementing a new security system for the Chevron facility, interfacing with local, state and national homeland offices.

Ross's ASSE service includes professional member since 1996; ASSE Foundation donor; Mississippi/Alabama Area Director for the past four years; current Region IV Deputy Regional Vice President; Delegate; and Region IV PDC Chair for the last two years.

His leadership and communications skills have been recognized and honored by the Bechtel Corp., State of Mississippi for certified instructors, and Chevron's paraxylene and ethylbenzene expansion project for safety. Ross continues to be a true leader with a proven ability to balance work, family and community activities.

# Region VI



**FREDERICK A. MILLER, CSP\***, is director of OS&EH for Guilford Pharmaceuticals Inc., Baltimore, where he has managed the company's occupational safety and environmental health programs since November 1994.

Miller has 18 years' experience in safety and environmental affairs, including radiation safety, hazardous materials and waste management, emergency response, workers' compensation, biosafety, contractor safety, fleet safety, medical surveillance and ergonomics. As an active member of the Chesapeake Chapter, he served as awards chair and librarian from 1995 through the officer positions, and as president in 2000.

Miller has served as Region VI Vice President since 2002 and

is a past ARVP of Finance. He has been active within the region, visiting chapters and holding three operational meetings each year. Miller coordinated efforts to have the region support student leadership conferences in conjunction with regions VII and VIII, as well as leading support for the ASSE Foundation.

On the national level, Miller is the Council on Member & Region Affairs (CoMRA) representative on the Finance Committee and chairs CoMRA's newly formed Diversity Committee. He modified the model chapter and section bylaws and was influential on the modifications to the new Chapter Star Awards Program.

Miller earned an associate degree in occupational safety and health technologies from Catonsville Community College in 1994 and earned his CSP in March 2001. He has completed several radiation safety courses and hazardous materials management courses, has attended courses at Towson State University and is pursuing his B.S. degree.

# Region VIII



**STEVEN F. KANE, P.E., CSP**, is a project engineer at the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) for the U.S. contribution to the ATLAS Detector Project, a European physics research facility. He also serves as a safety engineer on the Laboratory Cryogenic Safety Committee and as chair of the Laboratory Lifting Safety Committee.

Previously, he was the systems safety engineer for the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider Project at BNL, a U.S. Dept. of Energy research facility, and the system safety group leader for the F-14 program at Grumman Aircraft Systems Div.

Kane is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, holds an M.S. in Engineering Mechanics from the Rolla School of Mines, and has completed Ph.D. coursework in fracture mechanics. He is a professional member of ASSE and served on the Board of Directors as the Society's first vice president, Council on Professional Development.

Other ASSE leadership roles include all elected offices in the Engineering Division (now practice specialty), including administrator in 1993-95, and the Long Island Chapter, culminating in chapter president in 1992-93. Awards include region Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) and national (1995) Edgar Monsanto Queeny SPY.

Currently, Kane is Chair of the ANSI Z490 Committee and a member of the American Welding Society Safety & Health Committee. He is a CSP in system safety aspects, a licensed professional engineer in the state of New York and a licensed professional safety engineer in the state of California.

**JOHN P. SPATH, CSP**, is manager, occupational health and safety, for Clayton Group Services in Boston. He manages the OHS consulting practice for Clayton in New England and is responsible for Clayton's Boston regional office. Spath has more than 30 years' environmental health and safety (EHS) experience with more than 12 years as a consultant. He has managed division-level EHS departments for Fortune 500 companies such as ARCO, Pullman Standard, Lockheed Sanders and Martin Marietta. The nationally recognized author of *Building a Better Safety & Health Committee* (ASSE, 1998), Spath is a frequent lecturer on safety subjects. He is a board-certified safety professional in comprehensive practice and management aspects.

Spath earned a B.S. in Environmental Safety & Safety Management from Indiana State University in 1974. He is a professional member of ASSE and has been a member for 26 years. Spath has served two terms as the New England Area Director; is currently a member of the ASSE Council on Professional Development; and serves on the Society's Public Relations Task Force. He has held numerous offices—up through chapter president—in the Greater Boston Chapter. In 2001, Spath was named the Region VIII Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) and the Greater Boston Chapter's SPY in 2000. He also received awards from the ASSE Foundation and NIOSH in a 2002 national competition for developing a study of machine guarding concepts.



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Each regional operating committee has the option of establishing areas within its region. Areas are groups of chapters within a region organized for the purpose of assisting in chapter administration, mentoring chapter officers and providing guidance and oversight for chapter operations. Each area is administered by an elected area director, who chairs the area operating committee. Names of candidates will appear only on the ballots of members within the area they represent.

Platform statements for all national candidates will be available March 1 on ASSE's website ([www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org)); or by calling Customer Service at (847) 699-2929. More details will be included with the ballot, which will be mailed or sent electronically to all voting members by March 1, as required by Society Bylaws. Ballots must be received by April 1 to be counted. Election results will be published in the May issue of *Professional Safety*. The new Board of Directors will be sworn in during the annual member meeting on Monday, June 7 in Las Vegas, NV.

# Candidates for Area Directors

## Region II

### Area A

James D. Gallup, P.E., CSP

### Area B

William H. Piispanen, CSP, CIH, CEA\*

## Region IV

### Louisiana Area

Barry J. Abshire

### Mississippi/Alabama Area

Janice M. Bequette, CSP  
Frank J. Lakotich, CSP

### North Florida/Georgia Area

Michael Belcher, CSP\*

### South Florida Area

James T. Barratt, CSP\*

## Region VIII

### Empire State Area

William Brandt, CSP, ARM

### Keystone/Liberty Area

James T. Derr, CSP, ARM\*  
Robert E. McClay, CSP

### Metropolitan Area

Joseph M. Schwed, CSP\*

### New England Area

Bernard J. Silkowski, CSP

\*Incumbent