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The Leader Magazine is an Award Finalist

The VPPPA quarterly magazine, The Leader, was announced as a finalist in Association Media & Publishing's Annual EXCEL Awards, which recognizes the best, and the brightest in association media and publishing. The Leader was recognized for the Winter 2017 issue, in the Feature Article category, for the article "Tech Tools for the Safety Professional" by Rob Brauch. We are so proud to be honored among others in association media and publishing. The Leader was selected as a finalist from 841 entries.

The award winners will be announced and celebrated at the 38th EXCEL Awards Gala, on June 25, 2018. Award winning entries will be displayed at the EXCEL Awards Gala and featured in the August/September issue of Signature.

For more information about The Leader magazine, or to purchase a subscription to receive future issues, click here. You can also read the award-nominated article here on page 18 of the magazine.

New Webinar: Perception Surveys at Major Construction Projects

Discover the benefits of developing and implementing safety perception studies to better understand the views and needs of both workers and management at construction sites and firms. Using research from a year-long study conducted by
Rutgers School of Public Health-OSHA Training Institute, see for yourself the importance of properly reviewing and evaluating your safety and health policies. This webinar will offer recommendations for analyzing the results of your perception survey, streamlining procedures and processes, as well as tips to avoid potential pitfalls that could otherwise impede or prejudice your collection of data.

**Presenters:** Koshy Koshy, Rutgers School of Public Health and Michael Presutti, Rutgers OTI Education Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 13th  
**Time:** 11:00AM Eastern Time  
**Price:** $65 Member/ $85 Non-member

**REGISTER HERE**

*Registration will be open until 10:00AM Eastern Time on June 13*

-Safety+ Hotel Information-

Have you booked your hotel for the 2018 Safety+ Symposium yet? Our event takes place at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN, and you won't want to miss it. Located less than 10 miles from the Nashville International Airport, the Gaylord Opryland houses shopping and dining options, multiple swimming pools and bars, a golf course and the Relache Spa. The resort is also conveniently close to attractions like the Grand Ole Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame. When you aren't networking, walking the exhibit hall or attending one of our many workshops, you can explore the resort and all that Nashville has to offer.

You can find more information about the Gaylord Opryland and **book your room here.**

-OSHA Safe + Sound Campaign: May & June Events-

VPPPA is a proud partner of OSHA's 2018 Safe + Sound Campaign. The official Safe + Sound Week doesn't take place until **August 13-19**, but there are webinars and other resources available leading up to the main event. You can check out the full calendar of events [here](#). During the month of May, you can access the on-demand webinar: **Selling Safety to the Front Line Employee.** In addition, the **Building a Culture of Safety from the Ground Up webinar** will take place **June 19 at 2:00PM ET**. Be sure to regularly check the [calendar](#) for the newest updates and webinar opportunities!
Last Chance! Upcoming VPPPA Deadlines

**National Board of Directors Nominations:**
There is still time to nominate yourself, or a colleague, to join the VPPPA National Board of Directors. In conjunction with the 2018 Safety+ Symposium, elections are scheduled to be held for VPPPA National Board of Directors’ positions. This year there are several open positions. Each position has a term of two years, beginning at the end of the 2018 Safety+ Symposium and terminating at the 2020 Safety+ Symposium.

Please refer to the [2018 Requirements, Duties, Obligations and Responsibilities](https://vpppa.org) (PDF) and the [VPPPA Bylaws](https://vpppa.org) for further details regarding serving on the Board. Then fill out the [2018 Nominations Form](https://vpppa.org), which includes the Management Letter of Commitment, as well as the [2018 Election Protocols form](https://vpppa.org).

Nominations for the National Board will be due on **May 25, 2018**. For any questions, please contact Kerri Carpenter, Nominating Committee Staff Liaison, at [kcarpenter@vpppa.org](mailto:kcarpenter@vpppa.org).

**Awards & Scholarships:**
VPPPA offers a number of programs to recognize the extraordinary efforts of member sites and individuals who go above and beyond in their efforts to improve safety and health for the American workforce. VPPPA also provides scholarships to employees and their children who are pursuing degrees in the safety, health and environmental fields. You can find more information about the specific awards, scholarships and [download application forms here](https://vpppa.org).

Applications for awards and scholarships must be submitted by **June 1**. Send your applications to the national office via email, mail or fax.

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**Roster Contest:**
There is no easier way to win a gift card than the VPPPA Roster Contest. Please update the roster that was included in our membership mailing with all of your current employees. After we receive your faxed (703-761-1148) or emailed roster, we will randomly select one prime contact to win a gift card! Send your updated roster to [membership@vpppa.org](mailto:membership@vpppa.org) by **July 2**, for a chance to win. If you need another copy of your site’s roster, please contact the Membership Department via the email address above or call 703-761-1146. If you have already submitted your site’s roster, you are already entered into our random drawing.
Association Announcements

Registration for the 2018 Safety+ Symposium is now open. You can find more information, including the preliminary agenda, workshop descriptions, pre-symposium workshops, FAQs and more on our website.

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Register for Safety+ Here

Write for a VPPPA Publication

Have you checked out the VPPPA Blog? Send us an article regarding any safety or health topic, and we might add you to our blog schedule for 2018.

If you would like to write for a VPPPA publication, or know of someone who is interested, please email communications@vpppa.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Leader Magazine

The Summer 2018 issue will focus on English as a second language, and how this can impact the safety and health of workers. Feature articles will be due on June 8.

Membership News

If you have any news or pictures from your site that you would like to share (an award, a VPP approval, a member who went above and beyond, etc.), please send it to communications@vpppa.org. We would love to add your updates to the next On The Level newsletter or post it on our social media pages.