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June Labor Summit

Thursday, June 9 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Celebrate the one year anniversary of VPPPA's Labor Summit webinar series by joining us **Thursday, June 9 at 1:00pm ET** for the June Labor Summit.

In this special one-hour webinar, speakers Jack Griffith and Benjamin Heurung will share their perspectives, discuss best practices, and facilitate conversation regarding a tool that empowers workers to take control of their own safety: *Stop Work Authority*.

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2022 Safety+ Keynote Speaker

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Keynote Speaker Spotlight

JONNA MENDEZ
RETIRED CIA INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

August 23-25, 2022
Washington, D.C.

We are excited to welcome Jonna Mendez, former CIA Intelligence Officer with 27 years of service, as a keynote speaker at this year's Safety+ Symposium in Washington, D.C.

Jonna joined the CIA's Office of Technical Service (OTS) in early 1970, an office remarkably similar to the "Q" Branch in the James Bond Movies. By 1993, she had risen to the position of CIA's Chief of Disguise, where she was responsible for a worldwide staff that created identity transformations for both CIA officers and foreign assets working with the U.S. government.

She has participated in over two dozen television documentaries on a variety of channels to include Discovery, History, and PBS. Her work has recently been featured in The Washington Post, WIRED's Masterminds YouTube series, The Wall Street Journal, and NPR among many others.

Don't miss Jonna's discussion on Operational Safety in CIA's "Q" during the Opening General Session on Tuesday, August 23. The symposium's regular registration rate ends July 15. Save \$100 by registering today!

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Association Reminders

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Members, log in to our newly launched Member Portal to update your contact information, renew your membership, browse new service offerings, and more!

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Writing Opportunities

We are currently accepting articles for our award-winning magazine and blog. OHS professionals, from all levels and industries, are welcome to submit features for consideration.

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Awards & Scholarships

The submission deadline for VPPPA Scholarships and Annual Awards is this **Friday, May 20, 2022**. Additional information can be found on our website!

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VPPPA National Board of Directors Elections

2022 Available Positions

- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Director from a Site without a Collective Bargaining Agent
- Director from a VPP Contractor/Construction Site
- Director-at-Large (3 positions)

In conjunction with the 2022 Safety+ Symposium, elections will be held for open VPPPA National Board of Directors positions. The **deadline for submission is COB June 3, 2022**. Eligible candidates will be notified by June 24, 2022.

Submit Nomination

News from OSHA

National Electrical Safety Month



May is National Electrical Safety Month (NESM). While electricity has long been recognized as a serious workplace hazard, there are several specific OSHA standards that are integral to safety and health programs and keep employees safe. In recognition of this month, review [OSHA's resources](#) on training and hazard recognition.

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Hearing Loss Regional Emphasis Program



On May 17, 2022, following their 90-day outreach period, OSHA's [Regional Emphasis Program for Noise Induced Hearing Loss](#) moved into its enforcement phase. The program targets manufacturing industries with high rates of occupational hearing loss in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

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Attention VPP Star Sites!



We are thrilled to bring you an electronic method for preparing your Annual VPP Self Evaluations. Created in partnership with [AuditSoft](#), we are able to offer this new platform that will simplify the process of completing your site's self-evaluation. Some of the benefits you'll enjoy with this new platform include:

- Collaborate with up to 20 colleagues
- Track edits as each portion of the report is completed
- Automate injury and illness calculations based on NAICS code
- Receive an automatic professionally formatted final report that can be sent to your VPP Regional Manager for review
- Have access to historical reports to review and compare for future assessments

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Safe in Sound Award

The nomination deadline for the 2023 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Award is quickly approaching! Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to have your work or organization recognized by NIOSH.

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Safety Star of the Quarter

Congratulations to VPPPA's First Ever Safety Star of the Quarter, **Brian Borowczak!**

The VPPPA Safety Star of the Quarter is a program to honor and recognize an employee's achievements in safety performance and professionalism. Help us showcase an exceptional VPPPA member by [submitting a nomination today!](#)



Learn more about Brian, [here](#).



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