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### Save the Date for the National Conference!

Last year's national conference was one of the most enriching and productive ones yet! This year's conference promises to be even better!

#### Save the Date!

32nd Annual National VPPPA Safety & Health Conference  
August 29 - September 1, 2016  
Kissimmee, FL

Early bird registration **starts Feb. 29!**

View more information about [registration](#).



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## Connect with Us



## Last Chance to Submit Conference Workshop Proposals!

Tomorrow is your last opportunity to [submit workshop proposals!](#)

If you have guidance to help worksites deal with a crucial safety and health hazard, submit a proposal to present a workshop at the 32nd Annual National VPPPA Safety & Health Conference, Aug. 29-September 1, 2016, in Kissimmee, FL.

Workshops in the past have included some of the topics below:

- SHARP
- Best practices
- Hazard prevention & control
- Employee involvement
- Management commitment
- DOE/EPA/OSHA
- Behavior-based strategy



**Proposals are due tomorrow, Feb. 19, 2016;** chosen speakers will be notified by the end of March 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact the Conference & Education Department at (703) 761-1146 or [conference@vpppa.org](mailto:conference@vpppa.org).

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## Vote for the Winner of VPPPA's Got Talent!

There's only a little over a week left to [vote for the finalists](#) of VPPPA's Got Talent! Who will win a complimentary trip to the 32nd Annual National VPPPA Safety & Health Conference and perform the national anthem?! The winner's fate is in your hands!

Visit VPPPA's YouTube page and vote for your favorite performance of the national anthem. To vote, click the "thumbs up" icon located below the video on the right.

### 5 Finalists:

[Kerry Lefler](#)

[Carlos Cardoso](#)

[Perry Bonck](#)

[Taylor Pettit](#)

[Nancy Ivers](#)

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## Join the National Board!

Do you have progressive ideas on how to move VPPPA forward and advance its mission? This is your chance to play an even bigger role in shaping the future of VPPPA. Nominate yourself or a fellow safety leader to the VPPPA National Board of

Directors by May 27, 2016.

During each national conference elections take place for board members whose terms are ending.

There are six open positions this year:

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



Below are the required nomination materials:

- \* [Nominations Form and Management Commitment Letter \(PDF\)](#)
- \* [Election Protocols \(PDF\)](#)
- \* [Requirements, Duties, Obligations and Responsibilities \(PDF\)](#)
- \* Platform statement to be used in the *Onsite Program* (300 words or less)
- \* High quality headshot - 300 DPI or higher

View [submission information](#).

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## Write for *The Leader*!

In coordination with the theme for this year's national conference, the May issue of *The Leader* will cover security issues in the workplace. Because security is a topic that often flies under the radar, we want to bring light to crucial issues that our readers should be aware of. If you use security best practices to keep your workers safe, or have knowledge to share with our readers, contact the communications department by March 16 at [communications@vpppa.org](mailto:communications@vpppa.org).

You may view our 2016 editorial calendar [here](#) for more information on upcoming Leader topics

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**Special offer:** For a limited time, if you buy two months' worth of banner ads for "On the Level," you'll receive a **third month's banner ad for free.**

For more information, contact VPPPA's Advertising and Sponsorship Department at [advertising@vpppa.org](mailto:advertising@vpppa.org) or (703) 761-1146 (ext. 111)

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## OSHA Extends Comment Period for Updated Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines

OSHA has decided to extend the deadline to submit comments for an updated version of their voluntary Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines (OSHA-2015-0018).

Help employers be proactive and address safety and health issues at their worksites and encourage workers to get more involved in their site's safety culture. Submit your comment in the [draft document](#). What's new in the guidelines:



[Submit your comments](#) by February 22, 2016.

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