

Kara J. Van Blarcum, President

Kara Van Blarcum is a Senior Project Manager with more than fifteen years of environmental compliance experience. She graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Policy, Institutions, and Behavior and a minor in Economics. Early in her career, she completed visual and biological assessments to determine water quality of streams, facilitated environmental education presentations regarding watersheds and stormwater runoff, and completed erosion control/stormwater inspections of residential and commercial construction in NC, NJ, NY, AZ, and FL. More recently, Kara has been engaged in various environmental projects. Her professional work has included air permitting, hazardous waste management compliance, environmental due diligence assessments, stormwater and erosion control inspections, spill prevention plans, stormwater pollution prevention plans, EPCRA reporting, greenhouse gas reporting, and environmental compliance audits. Within the Tarheel Chapter of ASSP, Kara has served as the Membership Committee Chair, Secretary, and is currently the President-Elect/Vice-President.

Peter Boccardo, Vice President/President-elect

I thrive on building relationships with people that help solve their corporate related risks/concerns. My sales experience has provided me the opportunity to get know so many great companies. I aspire to partner with customers to solve their biggest concerns putting their company and careers in the right direction. I am a service oriented person and consultative sales is where I feel I do my best work, which in turn will be what is best for your company and employees. I have spent a lot of my corporate experience helping companies become better version of themselves. I'm passionate about creating an environment that is healthier and more productive for employees of companies.

My current career is with Chubb Global Risk Advisors (CGRA), and we provide flexible, innovative, and effective solutions to protect clients, safeguard our environment and create opportunities to manage your company's risk. CGRA and our 550 world-wide employees will work with you to develop and execute custom solutions that align with your organization's vision and values and enable you to streamline your overall risk, compliance, and sustainability objectives. I hope my passion for working with companies to solve their biggest risks will allow CGRA and myself to provide custom Health, Safety and Environmental solutions to make your company better for tomorrow.

Michelle Hyatt, Secretary

Michelle Hyatt, COSS (Certified Occupational Safety Specialist) is a Safety Specialist for Wheel Pros LLC and has worked in the Safety Industry for over 9 years. She specializes in working with the manufacturing facilities in their ISO Management Systems for both ISO 45001 and ISO 14001 and is responsible for document control of the written environmental, health and safety programs and processes within those management systems. Michelle has an extensive history of volunteer service to her community and to her church and is hoping to extend her volunteer spirit to the support of the members and leadership of the Tarheel ASSP Chapter.

David Consider, Treasurer

Mr. Consider is currently a Senior Safety Consultant for the National Safety Council. He has over 30 years of experience cultivating occupational safety, health and environmental cultures of continuous improvement for companies in various industries to include materials handling, construction equipment dealerships, manufacturing, automotive, mining, steel, abatement, construction and demolition. David is a result-oriented leader and consultant who has recommended, developed and implemented safety management systems and a best practice approach in all types of industries. Mr. Consider is a Certified Safety Professional, MSHA Instructor, OSHA Authorized Outreach Instructor, and earned his M.S. degree in Safety Management and B.S. in Business Management from West Virginia University.