

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Date Change for 2021 PPSA Conference**

Mark your calendars for October 17 – 20, 2021

After much thought and deliberation, the Pulp & Paper Safety Association (PPSA) is announcing a date change for its 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety and Health Conference. Previously scheduled for June 13 – 16, 2021, the Conference will now take place October 17 – 20, 2021. The location remains the same at *The Vinoy® Renaissance* in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Due to continued concerns over COVID-19, and as a reflection of our commitment to "Bringing the *Industry* Home Safe," PPSA leadership made the decision to reschedule the event into the fall. With many companies currently under travel restrictions, the ongoing vaccine rollout, and many people still hesitant to travel due to health and safety concerns, PPSA felt rescheduling was in the best interests of our members, exhibitors and attendees.

As you probably know, each year more than 300 safety professionals throughout the forest products supply chain attend this event. Though the date has changed, this year's two-and-a-half-day conference will still offer a variety of premier educational sessions, safety strategies, new technologies, and critical industry safety updates.

As in the past, attendees will have direct access to top industry suppliers and consultants, as well as networking opportunities with key safety experts. Also returning will be the popular *New Technology Showcase*, and the anticipated recognition program honoring 2021 recipients of the *Executive Eagle Award*, *Safety Innovator Award*, and *Industry Safety Committee/Team Award*.

It is never an easy decision to change dates for an event like this because of the ripple effects that ensue, but safety is always PPSA's first priority. And, with that in mind, and out of an abundance of caution, we chose what is believed to be the securest path forward.

So while the event has been delayed a few months, the plans to make it the must-attend event of 2021 continue. Mark your calendars now for **October 17 – 20, 2021**. And, for more information or to ask any questions, please visit the Conference website, or contact PPSA Member Relations Manager Emma Ragauskas at eragauskas@ppsa.org, 770-209-7300.