



Speaker Bios



Chris Trahan Cain

Executive Director at CPWR and Safety and Health Director for North America's Building Trades Unions

Chris Trahan Cain serves as Director of Safety and Health for North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), the umbrella organization also known as the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO — comprised of 14 national and international unions collectively representing over three million construction workers. She also serves as Executive Director of CPWR – The Center for Construction Research and Training, where she leads construction research, training, and service programs funded by federal agreements, grants, and contracts. She manages relationships with CPWR's external partners in government, Building Trades Unions, and the larger safety and health construction community.

Chris is a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and is a nationally recognized voice on construction worker health, workforce sustainability, aging workers, mental health in the trades, and the impact of emerging technology on the construction workforce.



**Rob McCafferty, CIH, CSP
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Rob is a results-oriented strategic thinker with exceptional technical and executive leadership experience. He has successfully led cross-functional teams to develop innovative programs, create a culture of safety & sustainability that meet Environmental Health, Safety & Sustainability requirements and achieve world class results. Rob has a dynamic growth mindset, coupling strong management & people skills with technical expertise and integrity.

Throughout his career, which spans organizations of various sizes & maturity levels in the pharmaceutical and energy/battery electric vehicle industries, he has demonstrated the ability to build and retain exceptional teams, drive change and innovation, resulting in improved outcomes for EHS and the business.

He is currently an Environmental Health, Safety and Sustainability leader for distributed operations and occupational health and safety at Baxter International. In his previous role as Senior Director of Environmental Health and Safety at Tesla, he spearheaded the implementation of innovative metrics, programs and initiatives, developed a high performing team, reduced critical safety and exposure risks, created a more collaborative culture with the most widely used application in Tesla which reduced injuries, and provided additional operational benefits in other functions, including significant cost savings. Rob's held increasing levels of responsibility in his previous roles which were in the pharmaceutical industry at Allergan (now part of Abbvie), Barr/Teva Pharmaceuticals and Merck.

His educational background complements his extensive professional experience.

Rob is a Certified Industrial Hygienist, a Certified Safety Professional with a Master's degree in Occupational Health and Safety Engineering and a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.

Rob and his colleagues at Tesla and Allergan have been recognized for their creation and implementation of innovative programs, such as the National Safety Council's second most innovative EHS program in 2022, the most innovative EHS program in 2018 (this program was also highlighted in Harvard Business Review on March 21, 2018 and in MIT Sloan Management Review on May 28 2024 by Dr. David Michaels the former head of US OSHA) as well the most sustainable company by Newsweek, one of the most sustainable by Forbes & Corporate Knights, EPA Energy Star Partner of the Year several times, inclusion in prestigious indices such as the Financial Times Stock Exchange 4 Good and the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices.

As an innovative and accomplished Environmental Health, Safety and Sustainability executive, Rob is dedicated to driving positive change and delivering exceptional results.



Doug Parker
Former Assistant Secretary of Labor

Doug Parker served as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health during the Biden Administration. Before leading OSHA, he was chief of California's Division of Occupational Safety and Health and served in the Obama Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Mr. Parker was first exposed to occupational health and safety issues as a rank-and-file employee in the manufacturing and warehousing sectors. Those experiences deeply informed his professional path. He became an attorney representing workers in coal mining, transportation, warehousing, and health care. Mr. Parker also served as Executive Director of WorkSafe, an Oakland, California-based legal aid organization committed to protecting low-wage workers from injury, illness, and exploitation. Prior to law school, he worked in political communications and on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Parker is currently a consultant, assisting clients in health and safety and related policy areas, and is a senior research fellow at the Center for Labor and a Just Economy at Harvard Law School. He lives in the Washington, DC area with his family.