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Message from the Chapter President

Dear Alaska ASSP Members,

Happy February! The February Luncheon will feature guest speaker James Boretti, CSP, the Regional Vice President for Region I of ASSP. He will be presenting on *State of the Region, ASSP, & Business Case for Safety: Examples Lived for Success*.

The [Safety 2019 Professional Development Conference and Exposition](#) will be taking place June 9-12, in New Orleans, Louisiana. If you attend, you can earn continuing education units (CEUs) and network with safety professionals from around the country. Education sessions will be available on numerous topics taught by some of the greatest minds in safety. Additional information about the conference can be found on the [ASSP website](#).

While it may seem early, consider taking a leadership role with the Alaska Chapter Executive Committee. Nomination forms for the 2019-2020 Alaska Chapter Executive Committee will be sent out very soon.

If you are interested in serving with Chapter leadership, please reach out to any Alaska Chapter Executive Committee member to gain more of an understanding on specific positions. Job descriptions that outline the time commitments and duties of the position are available for review.

Finally, I need to publicly thank a couple of the chapter members for stepping up as volunteers for the Alaska Chapter. Charity Irmen has volunteered to serve as a contributor to the monthly newsletter and Amberle Wright has volunteered as the new Membership Chair. THANK YOU to Charity and Amberle!

Jon Johanson, Alaska ASSP Chapter President





February Luncheon

Please join us on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, from 11:30am - 1pm, for our monthly Alaska Chapter ASSP luncheon meeting. Remember, we are now meeting at the **BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Boulevard, Anchorage, AK 99508.**

After networking with your peers and eating a great lunch, we will have an opportunity to listen to a presentation from our guest speaker James Boretti, CSP. James is the Regional Vice President for Region I of ASSP and he will be presenting on *State of the Region, ASSP, & Business Case for Safety: Examples Lived for Success*. Below is a summary of the presentation.

Why do organizations undertake safety efforts? And how does membership in ASSP bring value to me? This presentation will explore organizational motivations for safety, discuss “business” considerations in decision-making, and share examples of aligning organizational techniques to integrate safety without compromising your safety values. We will also explore the various ways members can avail themselves of the professional development and networking opportunities ASSP provides in building toward success. We will share what Region 1 does to support that effort and discuss why we join as members and what we value from ASSP.

The presentation will discuss:

- Motivations: for safety in our organizations: why do they do it
- Examples: Shared experiences in overcoming barriers that leads to safety integration
- Society: Importance of your membership in ASSP and how that helps you succeed

Attendees will walk away with shared examples they can build upon for continued success, a better understanding of the Region does for them, and how they can get more from their membership and volunteerism.

Cost (with meal): \$20.00 if you RSVP, \$25.00 at the door, \$10.00 for ASSP Student Members.

Date: February 19, 2019

Time: 11:30am to 1:00pm

Place: **BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Boulevard, Anchorage, AK 99508**

Send your RSVP to your Chapter President, Jon Johanson, at president@alaska.assp.org by the close of business on **February 14, 2019.**





Welcome New Chapter Members!

The Alaska Chapter continues to grow. The following individuals recently joined the AK Chapter. On behalf of the entire Membership, Welcome!

Nikolas Barnes, David Blackburn, Brendan Elliott, Julie Ellison, Johan Jarrard, Harry Leffler, Robert Merchant, Steve Rowe, Dennis Smedley, and Pete Lyford

Membership Milestones

As of February 1, 2019, the AK ASSP Chapter had 350 members. Below is the list of Chapter members that recently celebrated a membership milestone with ASSP. Congratulations!

February 2019

- Robert Carmichael: 5 years**
 - Thadius Eby: 5 years**
 - Kirk Fisher: 5 years**
 - Brian Gould: 5 years**
 - Fred McAdams: 5 years**
 - William Moulton: 5 years**
 - Nicholas Owens: 5 years**
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SAVE THE DATE

14th Annual Alaska Occupational Safety Summit



October 22 – 23, 2019
The Hotel Captain Cook





Monthly Meeting Preview

March & April 2019

We are continuing to coordinate a technical tour of industrial sites in Anchorage. Stay tuned for more details regarding dates/times and location of the tours.

May 2019

Our guest speaker for the May Luncheon will be Jerry Balistreri, M.S., M.Ed., ASTD Certified Trainer, Professional Trainer, Speaker and Author.

June 2019 Picnic!

You are all invited to attend the annual chapter picnic. More information will be available in the coming months.

Find Your Answers at the ASSP Community

As a member, you can now use the [ASSP Community](#) to connect with your fellow ASSP safety professionals. The new online community is a tool designed to help you reach the highest level of performance by connecting great resources and great people. Members are already getting answers to some questions that safety professionals encounter every day. For example, [member Margaret Smith](#) asks the ASSP Community what others have done to raise awareness on safe driving habits and how members have reduced their own vehicle incidents.

Getting answers isn't the only thing the ASSP Community offers you. Members can also participate to win prizes. For example, [ASSP](#) recently offered copies of Regina McMichael's new book, "[The Safety Training Ninja](#)," to the first 10 members who commented on the discussion thread on the subject.

Take these easy steps to start connecting with more safety professionals:

- 1) Log in with your ASSP website username and password.
- 2) Upload a photo of yourself to show other safety professionals who you are.
- 3) Check that your profile is current and update it as needed.
- 4) Start connecting with your fellow members by searching the member directory and adding friends.

