

ALASKA CHAPTER



April 2015

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Chapter Executive Committee (CEC)

For information on the Chapter you can visit <http://alaska.asse.org/> or you can email Alaska.Safety.Engineers@gmail.com to reach any of our CEC Officers or Chairpersons.

The AK-ASSE Chapter Executive Committee Officers (CEC):

- President: Jeff Kolean
- President Elect: Joireen Cohen
- Vice President: Tim Bogowith
- Treasurer: Phillip Galloway, CSP, CHST, CET, ARM
- Secretary: Jill Gaylard, MS, CIH, CSP
- Delegate: David Leonard, CSP
- Delegate: Lynne Seville, CSP

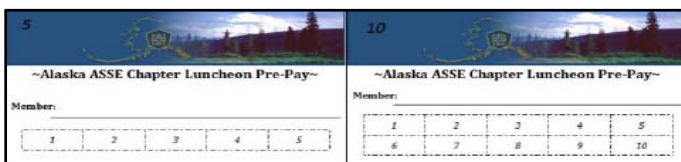
Chairpersons and Volunteers:

- ~ Membership: Jonathan Johanson
- ~ Program: Tim Bogowith
- ~ PDC Volunteers: Leischen Bauke
- ~ Public Relations: Mary Snare
- ~ Newsletter/Website: Jill Gaylard
- ~ Government Affairs: Scott Ketcham
- ~ Awards & Honors: Nick Danger

Chapter Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Payment is accepted at the door and **RSVPs are emailed to the Chapter Secretary, Jill Gaylard at jill.gaylard@gmail.com.**

Guest Speaker: Please come out and join us for our March Luncheon. Our guest speaker is **Philip Ulmer**, Sr. Manager, Safety and Workers Compensation. He will be giving a technical presentation on "*Risk Management for Safety and Health Professionals*".

Pre-Paid Luncheons! Be on the lookout! 5 and 10-lunch pre-pay cards will be available for purchase.



Member Milestones Recognized

The following Members are being recognized for their continued dedication and service to the Profession and our Chapter.

- 5 Years:** Trent Anderson Brian Walden
- 20 Years:** G. Jones

New Members Welcome

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

- ~ Maria Angel
- ~ John Boullion
- ~ Michael Jack
- ~ Sara Bergeron
- ~ Shaw Le Bryant
- ~ Nathanae Bair
- ~ Brent Ferguson
- ~ Scott Jorgensen
- ~ Michael Cooley
- ~ Nicholas Ciccarelli
- ~ Brad Briley
- ~ Thomas Strother
- ~ Dennis Ho

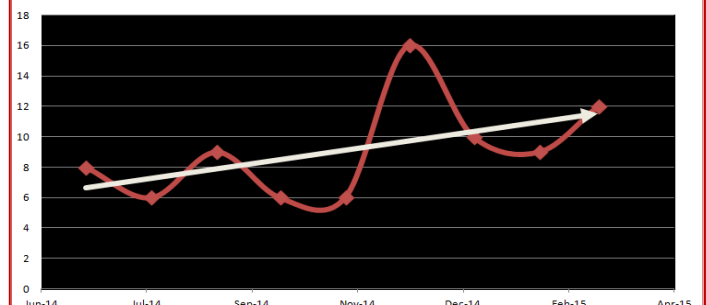


The next Chapter Meeting is being held

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April 21, 2015
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

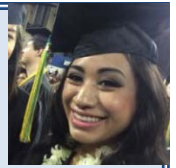
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Coast International Inn
3450 Aviation Ave
Anchorage AK 99502

New Members Joining our Chapter each Month!
Current Chapter Year 2014-2015



Meet one of Our Members

~ Britt'Nee Cisneros ~



1. Where do you work, what do you do, and what is your expertise? I currently work at the **Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)** as the **Safety Technician in the Risk Management department**. As the Safety Technician, my duties pertain to overall campus safety. I am in charge of the ice gripper program, ergonomics program, building inspections, working with workers compensation claim, injuries, OSHA logs, Emergency Action Plans, floor monitors, etc.

2. What are your hobbies, interests, family? My hobbies are anything where I can express myself artistically: baking and decorating cakes with fondant, sewing, painting, drawing and crafting. I like to run outdoors, go dip netting in the summers, play volleyball, go snowboarding, and do gymnastics. I am an army wife, and a mother to a four year old daughter named Kyree. Culture plays a big role in my life being part Inupiat Eskimo and Hawaiian. **Family is everything to me**, especially because we have an enormous family coming from 17 children on my dad's side and 7 on my mom's side. Let's just say I was the last student done writing a family tree in my biology class.

3. Do you believe it's important to belong to a professional organization such as ASSE? Why? I believe it's important to be part of a professional organization. **There are so many opportunities for professional growth and development, networking, and exposure in the safety field.** Being involved for nearly 4 yrs I have gained so much safety knowledge and became involved with a variety of professionals networking with other members of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). **My leadership skills have improved, as well as my resume and interviewing skills.** Being a part of ASSE helped me set my educational goals to get my CHST and ASP credentials, and to pursue a bachelor degree in Occupational Safety and Health in the future.

4. What is your most memorable safety event? A lesson-learned, funny story, near miss, tragic event? The most memorable safety event was when I received a **Special Achievement Award from the Alaska Safety Advisory Council** for helping out with the Governor's Safety and Health Conference in March of 2013. I was pretty new to the conference, and I did as much as I could to stay actively involved. I would encourage students to attend the planning committee meetings, especially because majority our OSH teachers were present. **I volunteered to help submit over 40 NAOSH Kid safety posters and moderated sessions.** **A near miss story helped me win a safety reporting contest.** I was in the company parking lot and was nearly hit by another vehicle going 10mph. It doesn't sound too tragic but it was a near miss that got my heart racing that morning. I observed the round-about and noticed that the yield sign was taken down. I reported my story with a solution to post the yield sign back up to avoid a collision in the parking lot. In the end I won a prize during the contest, but knowing I made a small difference toward everyone's safety was the best prize of all.

\$\$\$1000.00 AK Chapter Scholarship Awarded to Joseph Meloche !!!

Congratulations Joseph!!! The second annual Alaska Chapter Student Scholarship was awarded in April 2015! Joseph Meloche, is an undergraduate at Kenai Peninsula College, in the Occupational Safety and Health Program. In June of 2013, The Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers fully funded a Visionary Scholarship (\$1,000 to be awarded annually.) Deadline for applicants is December with Award Recipients announced around April.

ALASKA CHAPTER NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nominations for new officers are now underway and we would like to encourage you to think about volunteering for a position and submitting a nomination ballot. Ballots are due to the Nominations & Elections Committee Chair, David Leonard, at dleonard@beaconohss.com by **APRIL 30th** and elections will take place thereafter. Only ASSE members can be nominated.

THE PRESIDENT SHALL:

- A) Preside at regular and special meetings of the Chapter Executive Committee and the membership.
- B) Represent the Chapter at meetings of other organizations where official representation of the Chapter is desirable.
- C) Be a representative of the Chapter to the Regional Operating Committee.
- D) Provide leadership for programs and activities for the Chapter during the term of office.
- E) Appoint such committees as are necessary to implement the objectives of the Chapter.
- F) Submit the required Annual Chapter Stars report to the Regional Vice President and Society Headquarters by **August 15**.
- G) Submit the names of Chapter officers elected for the ensuing year annually by **May 31** to the Regional Vice President and Society Headquarters.
- H) Transfer all Chapter administration materials to incoming Chapter President by **June 30**.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT SHALL:

- A) Succeed to the office of the President and carry out its duties if the President is unable to serve.
- B) The President-Elect shall be involved in all activities of the chapter as directed by the President.

THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL:

- A) Succeed to the office of the President-Elect and carry out its duties if the President-Elect is unable to serve.
- B) Assume responsibilities for the work of Committees as assigned by the President.
- C) Assume the duties of the Secretary and/or Treasurer as necessary.

THE TREASURER SHALL:

- A) Succeed to the Office of Vice President and carry out its duties if the Vice President is unable to serve.
- B) Maintain all financial records of the Chapter.
- C) Supervise the receipt and disbursement of funds as directed by the Chapter Executive Committee.
- D) Maintain Chapter funds in a depository approved by the Chapter Executive Committee.
- E) Submit a completed Chapter Dues Report by **March 1** to Society Headquarters.
- F) Complete the Chapter's audited income & expense statement and any IRS tax documents for the fiscal year ending March 31. Transmit fiscal report to Society Headquarters on or before **May 31**. Transmit tax documents on or before **August 15** to IRS with a copy to Society Headquarters.

THE SECRETARY SHALL:

- A) Succeed to the Office of Treasurer and carry out its duties if the Treasurer is unable to serve. The Secretary shall assume duties of the Treasurer as necessary.
- B) Maintain Chapter records and correspondence.
- C) Record and distribute minutes of Chapter meetings and Chapter Executive Committee meetings.
- D) Be responsible for notifying Chapter members of meetings, maintaining RSVPs, and coordinating facilities.
- E) Retain custody of the Chapter Charter.

THE DELEGATE SHALL:

- A) Operate IAW House of Delegates Operating Procedures & Society Bylaws.
- B) Keep Chapter informed of House of Delegates actions and proposed actions.
- C) Act on House of Delegates mail ballots on behalf of the Chapter.