



## **MEETING MINUTES 10/10/2024**

**TIME: 09:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

### **Attendance**

Mark Strauss  
Lucas Voshell  
Michael Stoddard  
Clark Vermillion  
Paula Pepin

### **Agenda**

- ROC update
  - o Regional PDC – looking for volunteers
- By-laws review
- Finance update
- New roster access
- Nomination and Election Committee – Mike Stoddard
- Leader training
- WordPress logins; limit emails on website ([updates@alaska.assp.org](mailto:updates@alaska.assp.org))
- Survey review



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### **Minutes**

- ROC update – ROC event was last week with a good turnout from CA, WA, OR, and HI. Around 35 participants came up for the event. The chapter hosted the ROC at the Hilton and sponsored a dinner one night at Orsos. Carrie and Mark took some members to the AK Wildlife Conservation Center and Girdwood on Saturday.
  - Region 1 has never hosted a regional PDC. It was approved to move forward with planning for the Regional PDC April 2025/April 2026. Looking for 25-20 volunteers. Reach out to Mark if you are interested.
- Mark sent bylaws out to review – Did not revise much but removed President-Elect. No significant difference between President-Elect and Vice President. There's no chapter stance on this as it varies from chapter to chapter.

- Did not add extending the elected terms from 1 year to 2 years. When the review comes through, we should add this change.
- Mark will follow-up to see where the document is in review
- Once this has been reviewed, it will need to be brought to the meeting for approval.
- Finance update – Robert is not here to give an update.
- New roster access – Mark will share the new way to access the roster list where you can see active, inactive, and current membership. We currently have 234 members.
- Nomination and Election Committee – Mike Stoddard will lead this committee. Bylaws require 3-5 people to be a part of this committee. If you are interested, you can reach out to Mike. Mark is drafting the newsletter and will add looking for volunteers in the newsletter.
- Leadership Training – Next upcoming leadership training is on 10.18.24. Although this is an all-day training, the chapter is recommending leadership register even if you can only make a hour or two.
- Website – ROC recommends only listing one email address instead of listing multiple email addresses.
  - Clark will manage the inbox and check once or twice a week. He will forward to appropriate leaders.
- Survey Review
  - Hybrid/Virtual – We should add Zoom link to Outlook invite and website. Maybe this will allow members to join easily with the same link.
  - Safety Trainings – We can increase by possibly having someone offer an ASP/CSP course or connect members with resources for these types of courses.
  - We should take a deep dive look into the top 6 ways to increase meeting involvement.
    - Regulatory updates and compliance – Maybe once a quarter we can get regulatory updates.
    - Mike will connect with JJ Keller to see if they can provide compliance updates.
  - Any interest in having a legislator come in and speak on a topic? Effective January 1, 2025, under the Dunleavy legislation, emergency responders who have responded to an emergency and diagnosed with PTSD will be covered by workers' compensation up to the previous three years. Clark has a connection that can talk about suicide prevention.
  - There's always good updates on fall protection and PPE
  - Might be good to bring in insurance folks as guest speakers
  - Case studies best practices – Create different types of scenarios (i.e. major fatalities, heavy lifts, hurricanes), break into groups and talk about what failed and why.
  - Networking – How can we creatively network? Maybe twice a year rent a place like Double Shovel Cider and plan networking/social event. Maybe work with food trucks on site to offer dinner incentives.
  - Site visits. Carrie and Mike continue to work on site visits. Here are a few ideas and contacts.
  - Northern Solutions
  - Chugach Electric – Looking at dates/times
  - ML&P
  - American Marine
  - Enstar – Working with new Safety Officer, Brent
  - Amazon – Austin
  - Alaska Railroad
  - Brewery tours
  - SWS – Reached out and waiting for a call back
  - AWWU – Hard to get past front desk
  - Port? – 10 max capacity – any interest?
  - QAP
  - Mining Pits
  - Granite

- Muni Emergency Operations Center or State EOC
- Verizon Operations Center – Looking at the drones used in disaster recovery
- SCF building a new facility off of Tudor and Elmore Rd – Once construction is farther along, Mark can set up a visit. Watterson Construction is the contractor and part of the CHASE program run by AKOSH. Mark should connect with Robyn DiLorenzo who is the head of Safety at Watterson.
- Culture/Seasonal – Start by connecting with fish canneries or bigger breweries like 49th State
- Job postings – These are being posted if we are being notified. Might be worth collaborating with insurance industry, Chamber of Commerce, WISE, NAWIC. Clark mentioned in OR, the chapter received \$200 for every job posting.
- Maybe we need to look at our current demographics. Should we think about holding meetings at different locations in the valley or even Kenai? Pre-COVID, the chapter held large Christmas parties and gatherings that would bring in at least 30-40 people. How can we reach out to those members?