



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
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Alaska Chapter

October Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello everyone,

Termination dust is moving down the mountains around Anchorage, leaves are falling, and the air is definitely crisper in the morning. Sadly, winter is upon us.

Thanks to all who attended our welcome back mixer at Guido's in August. It was great networking and a perfect start to our new Chapter year. During the event, we asked those in attendance what tips and wisdom they wish they knew when they were starting out in safety. Below are those tips:

- Don't underestimate the value of networking.
- Learn and practice the value of selling your value as a safety person. Know how to show your employer their return on investment so they continue to invest in you and support HSE.
- Be confident, you know what you are doing.
- Don't take accidents personally.
- Say no to long term projects out of town - family first.

- If you don't know the answer, admit it and then research the question and get back to those asking.
- Recognize that upper management knows who the "jerks" are. Don't be upset if you think they do not.
- Get it in writing!

We recently added a Consultants page to our website. If you are a member of ASSP in good standing, email your contact information to updates@alaska.assp.org and we can get your business listed.

Speaking of consultants, Chris Ross from the Engagement Effect is looking for a new home for his expansive library of safety books. It is a large collection (probably 40 boxes of books) that must be taken as a batch. If you are interested, please contact Chris at chris@rosspg.com.

The application period for our Chapter and Regional level Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award is now active. The application for the Chapter SPY Award can be found [here](#). Information for the Regional SPY Award, which is due by February 1, 2026, can be found [here](#).

Region 1 is hosting its first ever Professional Development Conference (PDC) in January 2026. The 1-day PDC will be followed by a couple of exam prep courses for the ASP and CSP certifications. You can register for the event [here](#).

I look forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting at Learn to Return!

Respectfully,

Mark Strauss, CSP
President, Alaska Chapter
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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

- Amanda Doney

Long Service Recognition of Chapter Members

- Scott Eddy, 15 years
- Steven Kolb, 15 years
- Tom Tompkins, 15 years
- Trevor Fairbanks, 10 years
- Bryan Horner, 10 years

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, October 21 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch will be provided

Register below so we know how many to expect.

<https://alaska.assp.org/events/october-chapter-meeting/>

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We are always looking to network and find out if there are job openings. The jobs must be in an Environment, Health and Safety function. For example: Fleet Safety Manager, Director of Environmental, Health and Safety, Risk Manager, etc.

We will post the jobs to our website at southtexas.asse.org. This is done currently at no charge, but the chapter is always accepting donations to help establish our scholarship fund. Your contribution is appreciated.

Please e-mail the job information to updates@alaska.assp.org.

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