



MEETING MINUTES 4/2/2026

TIME: 09:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Attendance

Mark Strauss
Paula Pepin
Mike Stoddard
Carrie Parashar

Agenda

- Tablecloths – Carrie/Mark
- End of Year BBQ – Carrie
- Elections – Mike
- Dues – Mark
- Bylaws – Mark
- Next ROC

Minutes

- Tablecloth (6ft.)/Banner – They have arrived and ready for the conference next week!
 - After several attempts, Carrie received some ASSP swag! We have some post-it note pads, a few stickers, PSJ, fliers, and some printed membership forms.
 - Mark recommended printing out the QR code for new members to sign up online – Carrie will get these printed.
 - Mike recommended handing out a medallion to new members who sign up at the booth
 - Is it worth selling the medallions at the conference?
 - May not want to deal with cash and change
 - Card reader is not set-up, and we currently do not have a way to take any payments – Mark will email Rob for an update
- End of the year BBQ
 - Carrie proposed an idea to incorporate a tour at the downtown fish hatchery, pick up trash nearby and maybe a BBQ/picnic
 - City-wide trash clean up is May 2nd/3rd. Carrie plans on picking up dump vouchers
 - Might be a lot to incorporate the tour, trash clean-up and picnic
 - Mark will send out a survey proposing the 2 options

- Pick a day around May 2nd/3rd to do a tour at the fish hatchery, trash clean-up and picnic afterwards
- Do the fish hatchery tour and trash clean-up early May and do the picnic during our regular ASSP meeting on 5.9.16
- Elections for the upcoming 2026-2027 year
 - Elections did pass at the last meeting in March
 - The following nominations were approved at the last meeting.
 - Carrie Parashar elected as President
 - Jon Spezialetti elected as Vice President
 - Talia Champion elected as Treasurer
 - Paula Pepin elected as Secretary
 - Mark forgot to ask about advisory positions
 - Mark will help as past president and is willing to help with meeting lunches or wherever needed
 - Lucas did say he would continue as communications chair – These positions are not elected positions
 - Carrie will double-check with Brian G. to see if he is still good with being chair of the student section
- Dues
 - Mark will check with Tracy on how to raise the dues to \$25
 - This might be done through society
- Bylaws
 - Waiting for regional to approve
- ROC – The next ROC will be in a couple weeks
 - Mark is working on a slide to present and will send to the group for feedback
- Carrie shared some feedback from the January regional PDC
 - Although the conference was successful in many ways, some participants did not appreciate the conference putting too much focus on a certain group.
 - As a goal for the next year, it would be great for the AK Chapter to work hard to set up a PDC conference. We've been talking about it forever and now we have feedback on what not to do. It would be super helpful even if it's for a half-day.
- Did we ever advertise on our webpage about the Governor's Health and Safety Conference?
 - It was added to last month's newsletter, but Mark will add it to our webpage