



MEMBER MEETING MINUTES 4/21/2026

TIME: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Attendance

Mark Strauss
Bud Bennett
Amanda Doney
Dave Leonard
Paula Pepin
Tem Gutierrez
Bob Wood
Don Maynor
Talia Champion
Cole Cummins - online
Al Grant - online
Michael Stoddard
Trace Savage
Jodie Van Splunder
Jon Spezialette – presenter online

Minutes

Alaska Governor's Safety and Health Conference:

- Congratulations on our recent award recipients at the 44th Alaska Governor's Safety and Health Conference
 - Bud Bennett – Life Saving Award
 - Al Grant and Nick Danger both receiving the Lifetime Achievement awards
 - Mike Stoddard a 2024 Lifetime Achievement award

Officer Elections:

- At the last chapter meeting on March 17, 2026, an in-person vote was conducted to elect officers for the 2026-2028 elections. There was only one candidate for each position. The following officers were elected:
 - President: Carrie Parashar
 - Vice-President: John Spezialetti
 - Treasurer: Rober Wood
 - Secretary: Paula Pepin
- We neglected to nominate and vote for the Advisory Council position

- Mike Stoddard was the only nomination for this elected position
- Motion to elect Mike Stoddard to this position was made and seconded.
- Members present voted unanimously to keep Mike Stoddard as the Advisory Council member

Trash Pickup:

- On May 3, 2026, the chapter is planning a trash clean-up event. Stay tuned for more information.

Next Meeting:

- On May 19, 2026 we will be touring the fish hatchery and having a BBQ picnic afterwards. This will be the last ASSP meeting before we break for summer and resume meetings in September.

Regional Operating Committee Report:

- Both Mark and Carrie attended the ROC last week in Bend, OR. Usually, the ROC meets twice a year in October and April.
 - A vote was passed at the ROC and the next spring 2027 ROC will be held in San Diego.
 - SBUG – Society is creating a workgroup regarding standards-based prevention
 - Looking for practitioners and SMEs in fall protection and LOTO to provide feedback
 - Please reach out if interested. There are no fee groups
 - <https://www.assp.org/standards-based-user-groups>
 - There is no longer a fee for signing up for practice specialties. You can select them through my.assp.org
 - Midnight Sun Chapter – Established in 1996
 - Currently there are 26 members in this chapter with four with an address in Anchorage
 - Bobbi Perkins (President) and Patti Sellner (Treasurer) for the past 3 years
 - A vote was passed at the ROC to sunset the Midnight Sun Chapter. Next vote will have to go to the Council on Regional Affairs and then ASSP BOD
 - The Midnight Sun members may choose to join our chapter.
 - The bylaws will need to be updated to include these new members once approved by the ASSP BOD.
 - Mark will work with Bob Wood and Talia Champion regarding the new treasurer for the upcoming year
 - A vote was passed at the ROC to increase region dues to \$5/person/year. This is an increase of \$2/person/year.
 - A vote was passed to allow \$1000 for funding a regional networking event at the Safety 2026 conference.
 - Meeting topic ideas that other chapters did – self-defense demonstration, crafting event, district attorney