



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
**SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**

Alaska Chapter

## May 2026 Newsletter

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### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring so far. It may not feel like spring but at least the snow is mostly gone (in Anchorage, at least).

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our booth at the 44th Governor's Safety and Health Conference. We had a decent turnout of folks come by and get interested in the Chapter.

Carrie and I recently attended the Regional Operating Committee (ROC) in Bend, Oregon. The ROC is a meeting of all of the ASSP Chapters in our region which include Chapters from Oregon, Washington, California, and Hawaii. A couple of decisions were made during the meeting that I want to share with you.

1. The Midnight Sun Chapter, based out of Fairbanks and representing the northern area of Alaska is being sunsetted. Membership and participation in the Chapter has been dropping and though the leadership of the Chapter has

valiantly attempted to maintain the Chapter, it has become too much. Current members of the Midnight Sun Chapter may opt to join our chapter.

2. Part of your membership dues that come to our Chapter are shared with the Region. Based on increasing prices, the Region has voted to increase their dues by \$2 per member per year. As a result of this, the Chapter Executive Committee has proposed to increase our Chapter dues. This will go out to a vote for all of our members. We are proposing to increase our dues from \$20 per member per year to \$25 per member per year. It has been at least 10 years since our dues have changed. This will help us continue to maintain financial stability of the Chapter.

You have also received an email to vote on changes to our bylaws. The biggest change to the bylaws is that the term of the elected positions is extended from 1-year to 2-year terms. The President-Elect position has also been removed.

Be sure to join us for our last meeting of the year. We will be touring the Ship Creek Hatchery and having a later-afternoon picnic. We will start back up in September with our regular monthly meetings.

I have been honored to serve as the Chapter President for the past two years and I look forward to continuing to work with the Chapter leadership. I hope everyone has a great summer!

Respectfully,

Mark Strauss, CSP  
President, Alaska Chapter  
American Society of Safety Professionals

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

### **New Members**

- Emily Schubert
- Gilbert Williams

- Tem Gutierrez
- Wade Janssen

## **Long Service Recognition of Chapter Members (April, May, June, and July)**

- Michael Stoddard, 40 years!!!
- Chris Ross, 35 years!!
- Jeffrey Carlson, 35 years!!
- James Shipman, 30 years!
- Franklin Hoffman, 25 years
- Phillip Almeda, 20 years
- Lloyd Raines, 20 years
- Charles Frey, 15 years
- Brian Heaslet, 15 years
- Jonathan Johanson, 15 years
- Brian Temple, 10 years
- Brandon Moran, 5 years

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **City-wide Cleanup**

Saturday, May 9 from 11:00/11:30 - 2:00 PM

More information [HERE](#)

### **May Chapter Meeting: Tour and Picnic**

Tuesday, May 19 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Register: <https://alaska.assp.org/events/assp-alaska-chapter-may-2026-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](http://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](mailto:updates@alaska.assp.org).

**[Visit the ASSP Alaska Chapter Jobs Website Page](#)**

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