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Chapter Executive Committee (CEC)

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The Alaska ASSE Chapter Executive Committee Members:

President: **Tim Bogowith**
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Professional Development Conference (PDC) Co-Chairs: **Lee Bauke and Ann Lindsey**
Chapter Website: **Maria Talasz**
Membership Chair: **Jon Johanson**
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Career Opportunities

All Chapter members who have current e-mail addresses on file with ASSE and have elected to receive Chapter e-mails, will receive job announcements via e-mail. If you would like the Chapter to send out your job announcement, please contact the Chapter Secretary, Jon Johanson at jjohanson@gci.com





2016 Alaska Occupational Safety Summit

Presenting
Stephen M.R. Covey
Keynote Speaker

Announcing the Eleventh Annual
Occupational Safety Summit
"Safety: Circle of Influence"
October 11 and 12th, 2016 | Captain Cook Hotel, Anchorage, AK

In case you missed it, the 11th Annual Alaska Occupational Safety Summit took place on October 11 and 12th. Mr. Stephen M.R. Covey (Author of the NY Times #1 best seller: "The Speed of Trust", co-founder of the Franklin Covey Global Speed of Trust Practice) kicked off the conference as the keynote speaker.

Conference attendees were then treated to a wide selection of informative topics on leadership and safety such as the System Theoretic Accident Model Process (STAMP) and Cast Analysis; legal considerations regarding multi-employer worksite issues; Industrial Hygiene Exposure Limits; the Regulatory Climate in Alaska; Guiding Change Within an Organization; 10 Reasons Why Your Root Cause Analysis Program May Not Work; Achieving Effective Training Through Instructional Design; Facilitating Leadership Through Influence; High Impact Mentoring for Performance; and Culture Change – Strategic Planning.

Welcome New Chapter Members!

The Alaska Chapter continues to grow. The following individuals recently joined the AK Chapter. On behalf of the entire Membership, Welcome!

Craig Edmundson and Megan Grass

Membership Milestones

As of October 1, 2016, the AK ASSE Chapter has 359 members. The following members are celebrating the anniversary of their membership in October 2016. Congratulations!

David Green: 25 years
Gordon Randall: 5 years

Rick Miles: 10 years
Ann Berke: 5 years



Meet One of Our Members



Member Profile: Ryan Schubert is the President-Elect for the Alaska Chapter of ASSE. Ryan is also the Risk and Safety Manager for Bering Straits Native Corporation and their subsidiaries. He manages their occupational safety and health programs, along with the administration of their workers' compensation and fleet safety program.

Ryan really enjoys most everything outdoors that Alaska has to offer! You might find him mountain biking, hiking, fishing, running, cross-country skiing, snowboarding, rock climbing, and most anything outdoors. Ryan promises that you'll see him with his helmet, safety glasses, and appropriate PPE.

Like many Alaskans, Ryan left the state to further his career in the construction industry. Over time, the Lower 48 didn't feel like home for Ryan. He grew up in Alaska, his family was still in Alaska and he loved fishing. But there was something about fishing in the Lower 48 that could not be compared to Alaska salmon fishing, so Ryan returned.

Ryan began in career in Environmental Health and Safety in 2004 while working on a US Army Corps of Engineers Project to build a munitions holding and transfer site. At the time, he was an electrician and heavy equipment operator. The company he worked for needed a QC/Safety Manager for an upcoming project. Ultimately, Ryan was appointed as the Site Safety and Health Officer/Quality Control Manager and finished the project with no injuries. The project received an outstanding performance evaluation from the US Army Corps of Engineers and was his company was nominated as the Contractor of the Year due to its safety record.

As Ryan grew in his health and safety career, he wanted to find ways to increase his knowledge. After being introduced to ASSE in 2009 by another HSE manager, he knew that he wanted to be part of the organization that was dedicated to protecting people, property and the environment. Being a member of ASSE has provided Ryan training opportunities, exposure to professional speakers at the Chapter luncheons, and numerous opportunities to network with other safety professionals.

Ryan believes being part of the EHS community through organizations such as ASSE is extremely important. Because of ASSE, "we can make a difference in our own workplaces, industries, and as part of a global association of occupational safety professionals, we can have a worldwide impact." ASSE provides information on governmental affairs, professional development, plus training and networking opportunities. Because of networking, we are all enabled to share our knowledge and learn best practices from others within our respective industries. Through all this, Ryan believes that being a part of ASSE helps us improve personally and professionally.

There are several memorable moments in his career, including tragic accidents while working with Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) Section. However, one humorous story Ryan wanted to share is, "Check for the Pin". As a young safety officer, Ryan was checking fire extinguishers and couldn't find the inspection tag or manufactured date on a 20BC rated fire extinguisher. Ryan knew that he had seen the date





on the bottom on smaller extinguishers before, so he flipped the extinguisher over and rested it inverted on the table. The weight of the extinguisher applied enough force to depress the squeeze lever (which was missing its protective pin) and a blast of extinguishing agent sprayed in his face! Luckily, he had safety glasses on but to his dismay, the incident happened in front of several of his coworkers and he had to walk back into his supervisor's office covered in a dusty haze of white fire extinguishing agent. Naturally, the next week's safety meeting topic was "Fire Extinguisher Inspections."

According to Ryan, "Our focus on protecting people, property, and the environment is what motivates me to remain in the EHS field." Ryan admitted that his tenure with AKOSH allowed him to see what happens to companies and families following an incident. Because of this, Ryan believes that the EHS field is where we all can truly make a difference in protecting people on the job.

In Memorial



On June 24, 2016, Kirk A. Foster was called home after a 2 year battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Kelly of 32 blessed years, 4 children, newborn granddaughter, brother (MT), and sister (IN).

His memorial service, at his home in Montana, was attended by family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. A fruit bearing tree was planted in his memory on the forested Montana property that he considered his 'forever home'.

Kirk was born in Louisiana, attended the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, and shaped his career from Sheriff's Deputy, Paramedic, EMS trainer, Project Director, to his most recent career as a Health & Safety Manager. While working with the U.S. Dept. of Health project he lived in Saudi Arabia with his family for 9 years from there he then transferred to the oil and gas industry where he worked in Africa, South Africa, and South East Asia.

Eventually settling in Alaska, he spent his time as an HSE Certified Safety Professional for an Alaska Native tribal company, and then as an HSSEQ manager for American Marine Services Group. His commitment to safety resulted in an 8 year legacy of 0 Total Recordable Incident Rate. He was presented with awards from Associated General Contractors and AK Safety Advisory Council. Kirk was active in the North Slope Training Cooperative, AK Safety Council, and the American Society for Industrial Security to name a few.

His commitment to excellence in the safety industry was unmatched, as was his dedication to learning, teaching and excelling in his chosen profession and his varied (sometimes eclectic) interests. Kirk was always up for a debate and always available to encourage, counsel, motivate and listen with an open mind and an open heart.

In remembrance of Kirk and his accomplishments, his coworkers and friends wish to establish an industry safety recognition program that rewards educational and professional achievements in the HSSEQ industry.

