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Monthly Luncheon

Please join us on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, from 11:30am – 1pm, for our monthly ASSE luncheon meeting. Remember, we are now meeting at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage, which is located at 3301 C Street, Suite 120, Anchorage, AK 99503.

After networking with your peers and eating a great lunch, we will have an opportunity to learn from an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding active shooter safety.

In addition to the Petroleum Club’s Caesar Salad, you have two choices for an entrée. Both entrées will be served with two chef selected sides.

- a. **Option 1:** Grilled 8oz New York Strip Steak, topped with mushrooms and glazed onions
- b. **Option 2:** Zatomoto Chicken, teriyaki pepper marinated chicken breast and a shrimp pasta

Please RSVP via email to jjohanson@gci.com by the close of business on Friday, November 11th. **Please include your menu choice.** If you have an allergy to an item in the above listed menu, please identify the allergy with your menu choice. The PCA will strive to meet your dietary requirements.

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC)

For information on the Chapter, you can visit <http://alaska.asse.org/> or you can email Alaska.Safety.Engineers@gmail.com to reach any of our CEC Officers or Chairpersons.

The Alaska ASSE Chapter Executive Committee Members:

President:	Tim Bogowith	President Elect:	Ryan Schubert
Vice President:	Chris Warner	Treasurer:	Sam Dick
Secretary:	Jon Johanson	Delegate 1:	Ann Lindsey
Delegate 2:	Lee Bauke		





Chairpersons and Volunteers

Professional Development Conference (PDC) Co-Chairs: **Lee Bauke and Ann Lindsey**

Chapter Website: **Maria Talasz**

Membership Chair: **Jon Johanson**

Newsletter: **Jon Johanson**

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!

Talia Champion, Jose Owens, Aaron Steiner, Neal Vangorder, Charles Wheat, and Neil Young.

Membership Milestones

As of November 1, 2016, the AK ASSE Chapter has 367 members. The following members are celebrating the anniversary of their membership in November 2016. Congratulations!

Katherine Queen: 10 years

Bryan Vincent: 5 years

Randal Petersen: 5 years

Meet One of Our Members

Member Profile: **Chris Warner** is the Vice President of the Alaska Chapter of ASSE. Chris is also the Health, Safety, and Environmental Director for multiple subsidiaries of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC), including Little Red Services, an oil and gas support services company and ASRC Construction Holding Company.

Chris was raised in a small town in eastern Washington. Then in the 1980's, he lived in Sitka and Hoonah briefly, but relocated to Washington, Colorado and Texas. Eventually, Chris returned to Alaska to start his own family because he believes that Southcentral Alaska has the same feel of a close-knit community and similar temperament that he was raised in, even if the winters are a touch more extreme!

Regarding his hobbies, Chris enjoys the luxury of having a wide array of hobbies and wishes there was more time to enjoy them all! During the summer, you can find Chris and his family enjoying Alaska in their camper, whether on the Homer Spit, Seward, or just relaxing at Johnson Lake with their friends and relatives. Last





winter, Chris was able to take his daughter on her first snowmachine trip. Because of the trip, it looks like there is a new hobby on Chris' list.

Chris has been in the EH&S field for 18 years. He got his start in safety when he was approached to assist with the implementation of a behavior-based safety process with his employer at that time. He found it rewarding to talk with other employees to help identify at-risk behaviors that they may not even be aware of and work together to help find safer ways of doing their work.

Chris joined ASSE 7 years ago because of the networking and learning opportunities, at both the local and national levels. Chris initially joined when he was pursuing his certifications and he needed to access the group's vast amount of information. According to Chris, the knowledge and experience of other ASSE members was, and continues to be, invaluable. Having a strong and engaged local chapter has also played a large part in his ongoing membership and association. Simply put, it was an easy decision for Chris to join ASSE.

Chris' most memorable safety event includes getting a late evening phone call at home notifying him that there had been a very serious accident and that it was unknown if there were any fatalities. He spent the next several hours working his way to the incident site and gathering information on the condition of people he had worked with and known for years. According to Chris, those hours of travel "were some of the longest of my life." While it was extremely fortunate that there were no major injuries or worse, it was a catalyst for him to personally re-assess his role in the string of events that led to the incident. Chris is reminded of *I Could Have Saved a Life That Day* by Don Merrell and how close that could have been to being even more personal than it had before.

After spending 18 years in the safety profession, Chris admits that his team members in the offices and the field, as well as the amazing EH&S peer group in Alaska, motivate him to remain in the EH&S field. According to Chris, "Working with our team members as we all grow in our skills and abilities to work safely and go home to our families is worth every effort made. My ongoing goal is to help create an environment where our teams have the tools, training, support and knowledge to own and manage their personal and group safety and each of them to become the 'safety guy' for themselves, their team mates, and at home." Chris will tell you that the best feeling is when someone shares a story of how they were doing something outside of their workplace; they stopped and made a change because of the safety training they have picked up along the way; that makes it all worth the effort!

Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award

Are you aware of a safety professional that has made important contributions to the safety profession? Why not nominate him/her for the Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award. The ASSE Chapter SPY award is an honor acknowledging the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to a specific Chapter. To be eligible nominees must:

1. Be a Professional Member or Member in good standing of their Chapter and the Society.
2. Not have received this award within the past five (5) years.
3. Be engaged in full-time employment in the profession of protecting people, property and the





environment.

For more information on how to nominate someone for the Chapter SPY Award, visit this site: <http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/awards/spy-winners/>

Outstanding Safety Educator Award

Do you have an outstanding safety educator who excels in OSH teaching, scholarship, and professional service as part of ASSE? Nominate that person for the Outstanding Safety Educator of the Year award. Detailed information can be found at [asse.org/professionalaaffairs/awards/educator](http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/awards/educator). Nominations are due by January 1, 2017 by mail and January 7, 2017 electronically.

ASP Now Qualifies for Professional Membership

Did you know that ASSE now accepts the Associate Safety Professional (ASP) credential along with a bachelor's degree and five years of OSH experience for Professional Membership?

Professional Membership is the highest membership category in ASSE. Many volunteer opportunities at the Society, Region, and Chapter levels require Professional Membership status.

This change helps members earn professional recognition and participate more in ASSE in their areas of interest.

This change also helps you, as leaders:

- Have access to a wider range of leadership opportunities in the areas of your interest.
- Work with a larger pool of candidates for leadership positions in your succession planning.

It's free for members to reclassify to Professional status by submitting the Reclassification of Membership form online. More information can be found here: <http://chapterservices.asse.org/2016/11/asp-now-qualifies-for-professional-membership/>

