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### From the Chapter President, Ryan Schubert

Dear Alaska ASSE Members;

Fall is in the air and with that, the start of our monthly chapter meetings and a new chapter year! Hopefully everyone had a safe and productive summer and is looking forward to great safety luncheons and opportunities to share and network with those in our field.

I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support of the ASSE mission to protect people, property and the environment. In support of this mission, I hope we endeavor to promote the resources and opportunities available through ASSE to every health and safety professional, including those who are not current members. From access to member-only information such as the Professional Safety Journal and the Safety Body of Knowledge, networking, professional development opportunities, scholarships, education grants, and access to ASSE's Risk Assessment Institute, membership helps safety professionals reach the next level by connecting members with resources to effectively create safer workplaces.

In support of the ASSE mission, I encourage you to bring anyone who has an interest in health and safety to a chapter meeting or to the Alaska Occupational Safety Summit to see the benefits of membership firsthand and the quality and value the chapter volunteers strive to provide.

As a chapter, your chapter officers are volunteering their time and efforts to provide a quality member experience. ASSE recognizes chapters based on their performance in several key areas from membership engagement and communications, to community outreach, professional development and leadership training. Your chapter officers and





volunteers strive to ensure you receive all the benefits of membership. For the 2016-2017 chapter year, the Alaska ASSE Chapter was awarded the Gold Level Chapter Recognition award which is demonstrative of the efforts made by the volunteers behind the scenes. Being a volunteer, I can attest to the benefits and esteem I have with working with such a great group of health and safety professionals and it is truly rewarding to be part of your chapter executive committee. I highly recommend to anyone that seeks to better themselves professionally, to volunteer and get involved with ASSE. If you get a moment, ask a volunteer why they do it. You may be surprised and inspired to find out how meaningful and gratifying their experience is as they share their knowledge and support with the chapter or student section.

One upcoming event is the Twelfth Annual Alaska Occupational Safety Summit, planned for October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Captain Cook Hotel. Save the date and I hope to see you there! Please check the Alaska ASSE website for additional details and with the theme of "Safety: Keeping the Goal in Focus", I am excited to attend as I know keeping the goal in focus is a theme we are all constantly promoting in our profession and within our organizations.

In closing, I would like to extend a special thank you to the outgoing chapter president Tim Bogowith and congratulate him on his new position with ASSE as our regions Area Director as well as extend my appreciation to the new chapter officers coming in. These folks dedicate their time to the operation and function of the chapter and are vital to our success in providing a quality member experience. I am sincerely thankful to have the opportunity to lead the chapter this coming year.

Thank you for your continued support in protecting people, property and the environment as well as the support to your local ASSE chapter.

Ryan Schubert, SMS, OHST, CHST, CCEP

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## **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](mailto:Alaska.Safety.Engineers@gmail.com) to reach any of our CEC Officers or Chairpersons.

### **The Alaska ASSE Chapter Executive Committee Members:**

President:	<b>Ryan Schubert</b>	President Elect:	<b>Chris Warner</b>
Vice President:	<b>Jon Johanson</b>	Treasurer:	<b>Sam Dick</b>
Secretary:	<b>Nathan Zdunich</b>	Delegate 1:	<b>Ann Lindsey</b>
Delegate 2:	<b>Lee Bauke</b>		





## Chairpersons and Volunteers

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

Chapter Website: **Maria Talasz**

Membership Chair: **Jon Johanson**

Newsletter: **Nathan Zdunich**

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## September Luncheon – CHANGE OF MEETING DATE AND VENUE

The Chapter typically meets on the third Tuesday of the month for, but an opportunity to have a joint event with the Alaska Chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) has come up. For our September luncheon, we will **NOT** be meeting at the Petroleum Club of Anchorage (PCA) on September 19, but you are invited to join us on **Thursday, September 28, 2017**, for our monthly AK ASSE luncheon meeting. This is a **one-time only** change of venue and meeting date. We will resume meeting on the third Tuesday of the month beginning in October 2017.

Date: September 28, 2017

Location: BP Energy Center (900 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99508)

Guest Speaker: Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) Emergency Management Team

Topic: Emergency Preparedness

Meal: Pizza, chips, and a drink

Cost to attend with lunch: \$15

Cost to attend without lunch: \$0

Details on registration and event time to be announced soon.





## 2017 Alaska Occupational Safety Summit

Keynote Speaker:  
Keith Abraham, CSP



The Twelfth Annual  
**Occupational Safety Summit**  
"Safety: Keeping the Goal in Focus"

October 24 - 25, 2017 | Captain Cook Hotel, Anchorage, AK

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WHAT COULD  
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*Keith Abraham*

The Alaska Chapter of ASSE is again proud to present a strong and full program agenda this year, featuring the latest updates from around the industry and the country. Each of the selected presentations will address the array of health, safety and environmental concerns industries have to contend with, and provide essential training and information right here in Alaska!

The conference committee is very excited to present a world renowned and certified presenter in the art of leadership and motivation; Keith Abraham, Certified Speaking Professional (CSP). Industries across the globe turn to Keith for inspiration, insights and ideas on how to bring the best out of their people, their leaders and their customers. Clients often describe Keith as a highly interactive and entertaining, inspiring and humorous speaker.

In addition, there will be a wide array of informative topics on leadership and safety such as strategic planning for behavioral culture change.

You can find more details on the Summit here: <http://alaska.asse.org/2017-safety-summit/>





## AK ASSE Student Section

The Alaska ASSE Student Section is gearing up for another school year and the start of student section ASSE meetings! If you know a student in the occupational health and safety degree program, please let them know about the benefits available to them for being a student member with ASSE. Students receive the same benefits as regular members, but at a fraction of the cost – from training and networking opportunities to grants and scholarships, please let any student interested in health and safety know about the Alaska ASSE Chapter UAA Student Section. The student section is actively searching for luncheon speakers or workplace tours, volunteers or mentors. If you have an interest in supporting the student section, please contact one of the chapter officers who can connect you with the student section.

The Student Section Officers are:

President: **Ruthanna Carr**

Vice President: **Jennifer Hernandez**

Secretary: **Neil Young**

Treasurer: Vacant

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## Membership Milestones

As of September 1, 2017, the AK ASSE Chapter had 346 members. Below is the list of Chapter members that recently celebrated a membership milestone with ASSE. Congratulations!

### June 2017

Edith Repp: 5 years

### August 2017

Timothy Bundy: 30 years  
Renee Huntman: 20 years  
Randall Pittman: 15 years  
James Jensen: 10 years  
Peter Bush: 10 years  
Ann Lindsey: 10 years  
Carl Jones: 10 years  
Darin Bertolini: 10 years  
Gordon Swieter: 10 years

### July 2017

Mark Flake: 5 years

### September 2017

Ronald Rogalsky: 25 years  
Mike Peters: 5 years  
Mark Laplume: 5 years  
Tim Bogowith: 5 years





## 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!

**Joseph Adami, Benjamin Bowden, Ashleigh Oliver, Jim Rogers, and Shannon Sessing**

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## ASSE Foundation's Scholarship, Grant Program Accepting Applications

ASSE Foundation is accepting applications online for its 2018 scholarship and grant program. More than \$350,000 is available to safety students and professionals this year thanks to hundreds of generous donors. More than 120 awards are available, including several scholarships of \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Funding is available to students who are seeking a degree in Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) or a related field, as well as working professionals looking to advance their career through certification, conferences, seminars, workshops and college credits. Every ASSE member can benefit from this program, which helps members set their career on a path for greater success. To learn about how Foundation scholarships have enabled past recipients to advance the knowledge, skills and abilities needed for a successful OSH career, visit the [ASSEF website](#).

Interested ASSE members can [apply online](#). Applications must be completed online and submitted before 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017. Applicants will be notified about April 1, 2018, as to whether they were selected for an award.

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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-mail, will receive job announcements via e-mail. If you would like the Chapter to send out your job announcement, please contact the Chapter Secretary, Nathan Zdunich at [NZdunich@pricegregory.com](mailto:NZdunich@pricegregory.com).

