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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It's that time of year when the extra sunshine, and warmer temperatures make things for many of us more and more busy at our respective work places. In regards to work place safety, this can be the perfect time to begin pre-planning and pre-engineering safety into upcoming projects, or coordinating safety and health operational responsibilities within multi- employer worksites.

Speaking of planning for future endeavors, we will be voting soon for our new 2019 - 2020 Midnight Sun Executive Committee. Please take the time to cast your ballot for our chapter members who have been gracious enough to have their names put in the hat, so to speak, for the upcoming committee cycle. These individuals, whoever they might be, will be directly responsible for continuing the work that our chapter has laid the ground work for already. So again, please, please, please take some time to vote.

An update to current events. We have been trying to coordinate more training opportunities for our members and their respective employers. However, feedback from members has been limited at best. We need to hear from you! The last thing we want to do is needlessly waste resources and time on training topics that are not needed. We will be sending out a poll to our membership soon to reassess our needs. Please let us know what topics you or your organization would like to see us focus our efforts on this Spring.

#SafetyMatters

As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns. Your Executive Committee members look forward to seeing all of you at the membership meetings as we continue on our mission of positively promoting the Safety and Health industry within our Interior Alaska Communities.

Thank you, Seth Wilson, 2018/2019 ASSP Midnight Sun President



"My goal as President is to generate meaningful membership engagement through quality training and professional development"

Seth Wilson
ASSP Midnight Sun Chapter President



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Regional Vice President Visit at our March 7th Chapter Meeting

Our Chapter was pleased to welcome our Regional Vice President (RVP), James Boretti, CSP, at our Chapter meeting on March 7th. What is an RVP anyway? Did you know that ASSP members are divided among eight geographical subdivisions designated from Region I to Region VIII. The Regions' primary purpose is to assist the Society in administering programs, communicating between the Board and Regions and conducting other activities which will further the Society's objectives. The Midnight Sun Chapter belongs to Region I, which encompasses Alaska, Hawaii, California, Oregon, and Washington. The RVP is the head of the Region.

James is Regional Vice President of Region I for the American Society of Safety Professionals and a frequent speaker for them. He is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP), a Professional Member of the ASSP, and former member of the ASSP Code

of Conduct Committee. He teaches safety courses for the University of California, Irvine, in ergonomics and sustainability / social compliance. James is well versed in ISO and other non-governmental organization (NGO) voluntary and marketplace certifications for safety, environmental, and sustainable operations.

Midnight Sun Chapter members that attended the meeting were treated to a captivating presentation titled, Safety Culture and Business Case: Examples Lived. The presentation covered organizational motivations for safety, discuss "business" considerations in decision-making, and share examples of aligning organizational techniques to integrate safety without compromising safety values. We will also explore the various ways members can avail themselves of the professional development and networking opportunities ASSP provides in building toward success. We will



share what Region 1 does to support that effort, and discuss why we join as members and what we value from ASSP.

Missed the meeting? Not to worry, we've posted the PowerPoint on our website.

WISE Updates from our Chapter WISE Representative, Tina Holland



ASSP's Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) Common Interest Group advances ASSP members and the safety profession through education, mentorship, networking, collaboration, research and innovation.

Safety 2019 is coming soon!

Check out what WISE has to offer at Safety 2019:

- ◇ WISE Personal Development Retreat – Saturday, June 8. We have less than 20 spaces left for this year's personal development retreat! The theme? Speak Your Truth.
- ◇ WISE Networking Reception at Fulton Alley – Sunday, June 9. We had over 200 attendees in San Antonio! Join us at Fulton Alley! We'll be raffling off a customized pack and a 2020 WISE Retreat Registration!
- ◇ Key Issue Collaboration Session: Making Progress on Women's Summit Key Issues – Monday, June 10. Add Session S5073 and join us as we discuss the safety of women in the workplace, leadership opportunities for women safety professionals, solutions for preventing violence against women at work, and women's personal protective equipment specifically designed for women.



Upcoming Midnight Sun Chapter Officer Elections Meet the Candidates!

Elections will be open from April 14th to April 28th via electronic survey. Thank you to all candidates for accepting your nomination and your willingness to serve your Chapter!

VICE PRESIDENT/ PRESIDENT ELECT (Two Candidates)



ROB MORRIS

It is with great pleasure that I accept the nomination to serve on the executive committee as Vice President! I am a graduate of Columbia Southern University with a B.S. in Occupational Safety and Health and I currently manage the safety and security program for Everts Air Fuel at the Fairbanks International Airport. In addition to my academic degree, I have over 10 years of experience managing safety and environmental health programs. Previously, I held numerous positions as a safety and health officer during my last 7 years of a 21-year career in the military. My passion for this profession has helped me achieve great success sitting in on various advisory boards to numerous command groups in the Army, promoting safety as a top priority.

I have been an active member of the Midnight Sun Chapter for the past two years. I have worked with current and past committee members offering my assistance to better the chapter, its members and the community. I am an authorized OSHA General Industry trainer and am always eager to share my

identification, accident investigation, incident analysis and prevention, program development and implementation, and above all, training are among some of my areas of focus.

As a member of the Midnight Sun Chapter, I understand the importance of bringing safety professionals together to create a safer future for our families and friends in the workplace. If we empower professionals and businesses to create a positive safety culture at a local level, I believe that influence has great affects globally.



KELLY LAWSON

The health and safety bug bit me back in 2006 when I worked at Kinross gold mine. I was working in the safety department as the assistant to the head of Environmental health and safety.

After leaving the mine, I continued promoting sporting events at the Carlson center while building homes for sale and coaching boxing. One day in 2011, the proverbial light switch went on and I wanted to seek out an education for the health and safety industries.

At 35 years old I stopped everything in my life enrolled full time at the University of Alaska, and after 3 years of schooling, starting from the bottom, I finally got my certificate in Health and Safety! Unable to find work, I hit the streets and started creating my own health and safety work. I went into countless businesses asking if they needed my services. The answer was what is Health and Safety?

Business started slow, but I had my first break by getting my foot in the door in the automotive industry, and then the construction industry, and have had steady work since. I was then able to provide SSSHOs to employers. After a call from a Fortune 400 company, I was excited to add another product to my growing product line. That is OSHA citation and abatement. Since then I have conducted over 10 citation abatements in Alaska.

Now American Health and Safety is an LLC and a native owned- SBA(8A) certified company looking to grow regionally. Many, many rejections later I have built a good life with employees, and made many friends that help shape me into the person I am and hopefully become. Bottom line, Environmental Health and Safety has saved me and continuously challenges me to grow and evolve.



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SECRETARY (One Candidate)

JUNE MOORE, CIH



June Moore is an Industrial Hygienist with Preventive Medicine at Fort Wainwright. She has lived in Alaska for the last 23 years, is married, and has two little boys. Originally from New Jersey, June moved up to Fairbanks in January 1996 on orders with the Army. She served 6 years Active Duty and 6 years in the Army Reserves in the field of Clinical Laboratory Science, and then as an Environmental Science Officer. She now works for the Army as a civilian. June accidentally fell into the Industrial Hygiene career field in 2009, and really got into her work. In April, 2018, June sat for and passed the Certified Industrial Hygienist exam.

June served as Secretary for the ASSE Midnight Sun Chapter for four years, took a year off, and served again this last year.

A "get-er-done" type of person, June has decided to run for Secretary again to continue enhancing communications between the Executive Committee and the membership, keep the Chapter website updated, and drive improvements to Chapter procedures. She has been a member of the Chapter since 2009. June was awarded the Chapter "Mover and Shaker Award" in 2014, the Chapter "Golden Hard Hat Award" for 2015, and the Chapter "President's Award" for 2016, and 2018.

TREASURER (One Candidate)

PATTI SELLNER, COHC



Patti moved to Fairbanks in 1974, graduated from West Valley High School, where she was involved in sports, art, band, and still plays the flute today. Patti has two grown children and enjoys outdoor activities, such as fishing, making camp fires, and picking berries with her grandson in the summer.

Patti was introduced to the safety field while achieving her degree in Process Technology at UAF in 2012. She continued her education and attained the certificate in Safety, Health and Environmental Awareness Technology. Patti's first professional safety position was at the Point Thompson Project in Prudhoe Bay. She was also a Safety Specialist for American Health and Safety, contracted by TCI for the NOx Compliance Project, working on the restart of GVEA's coal fired power plant.

Patti currently serves as Job Training & Safety Assistant for GVEA and enjoys being able to work directly with all 280 employees from Healy to Delta to insure their training, hearing tests, fit tests and safety needs are met. Patti is a Certified Occupational Hearing Conservationist and hopes to obtain her ASP in the fall. She has enjoyed being part of the Midnight Sun Chapter and would like to take a more active position.



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Meet the Candidates! Continued...

MEMBER AT LARGE (Two Candidates)

GREG BARKER



Greg Barker began his career in construction in 1986. He gravitated toward the safety aspect of the field, working as a Safety Manager for a concrete cutting and underground utility contractor for 11 years. He has extensively traveled the lower 48 as the Safety Manager for General Electric's Wind Division. Greg's philosophy is to ensure all employees go home to their families the way they came in to work, and don't ask someone to do something you won't do. He enjoys the daily challenges of unpredictability and the rush of the busy summer construction seasons.

Greg spent many summers on the Kenai river when he was growing up. His Grandparents owned a home on the river, ultimately moving to Fairbanks in 2010. He enjoys his family's summer cabin, snow machining, fishing, and golfing, but most importantly, his time with his family. He was a member of Local 1243 Carpenters Union, working for Kiewit Building Group at the University and Fort Wainwright. Greg became the Safety Manager for HC Contractors in February 2014, quickly adding Environmental compliance and concrete cutting to his duties. He now manages the Environmental Health and Safety department, and Storm Water for all projects, and loves to help out in any way he can with all aspects of the business. He lives in downtown Fairbanks with his wife and daughter and their three year old Portuguese water dog, Tuxie.

"Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions." - Oliver Wendell Holmes, US author & physician (1809 - 1894)

JOHN MARQUART Jr.



Hi, my name is W. John Marquart Jr. My friends call me John. I have been in the safety field since 1992.

I started as a Behavior Base Safety Facilitator and moved quickly into construction safety. I got my CHST Construction Health and Safety Certificate in 2001. I moved from construction into the oil industry by working for ASRC Arctic Slope Regional Corporation on the North Slope for about 5 years. I then worked for HESS corporation in North Dakota on Oil Rigs as a site safety officer for 5 years. That was a fun job!

Over all the years, I have enjoyed being a safety professional, I feel I have made a difference in every job I have had. I have been a

member of ASSP (ASSE) since 2000; I have never had an opportunity to be a board member and would like too. I feel I have the drive and some ideas that may help.

Thanks for giving me this opportunity.

Safety John



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DELEGATE (One Candidate)

JOHN CLENDENIN



I have been in the safety profession for 30 years, working in medical, education, and transportation. For me, the most satisfying parts of safety are educating others, helping to make them safe and successful leaders, and protecting the employer from potential liability of accidents, injuries, citations, and penalties. I find flexibility, willingness to change priorities at a moments notice, and lots of patience very useful qualities to possess.

I have been an ASSP member since 2006, a Midnight Sun Chapter Officer from 2013-2018. As your chapter Delegate, I will keep our chapter informed on House of Delegate proposed actions and represent our chapters views and opinions back to the House of Delegates.

John Clendenin



Safety 2019 Professional Development Conference & Exposition.

Sunday, June 9 thru Wednesday, June 12 | Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Convention Center | New Orleans, LA

Registration Still Open for ASSP's Safety 2019 in New Orleans, June 7th - 15th, 2019

Safety 2019 showcases the latest innovations, practices and ideas in the OSH industry. Through more than 300 engaging educational events, made available in a wide variety of learning formats and session types, you will experience a wealth of educational opportunities that provide practical information you can immediately put into practice. Plus, with more than 5,000 safety professionals attending each year, Safety 2019 is the richest networking experience in the industry.

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American Society of Safety Professionals is your source for insights on trends in the safety profession, including developments in safety management, worker safety, government and regulatory affairs and standards.

Connecting With Your ASSP Community

Jan 23, 2019

Imagine a digital space where ASSP members can all come together, connect with each other, share resources and expand their professional networks. Well imagine no more, the ASSP Community has made such an online space a reality. The launch of this new platform offers an exclusive space where ASSP members can become thought leaders and engage with other members around the globe.

If you have a best practice to share or you're looking for help with a safety problem, the ASSP Community offers the opportunity to provide your expertise and ask questions of other safety professionals who may have encountered a similar problem in their workplace.

"I joined the virtual ASSP Community to leverage the knowledge from others in similar industries as me," says Bradford Burns, P.E. "I understand we all face challenges seeking resolutions to safety issues. Pulling from the experiences of everyone helps us all succeed in our ultimate goal of providing a safe working environment."

Interested in learning more about a practice specialty or common interest group? Whether you're looking to join a particular group or are already a member, the community offers a direct connection to engage with members and leaders of the respective groups, find out the latest news and events, hear what other members are talking about and expand your knowledge.

Through the Community, members can engage in discussion threads with categories such as "safety technical talk," "community chatter" and "customer service" to connect and engage with

both Society staff, as well as members outside of their chapter or region.

"I love the Virtual ASSP Community because it places practice specialties/CIGs in a central location for collaborative and informational exchanges, and I can connect to any member through one portal," says Herbert Bell, CSP. "This powerful tool will change the way we communicate in our volunteer organization."

Looking to connect with a particular ASSP member? The ASSP Community features an ASSP member directory where users can search members by name, credentials, job title or company name, thereby streamlining the process for connecting with like-minded safety professionals around the world.

Beyond the professional networking and resource sharing, there's also the chance to have some fun in the ASSP Community, wherein members earn badges based on their level of involvement in different aspects of the Society. If you're a chapter leader, CIG leader, practice specialty

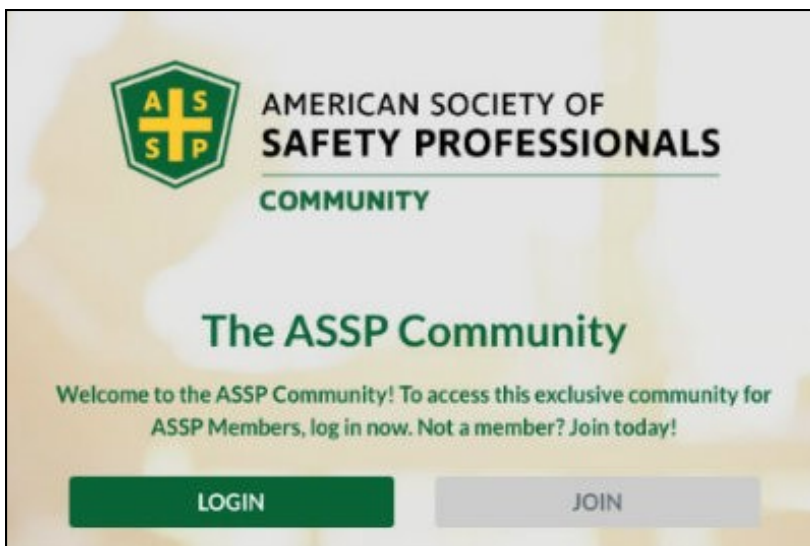
leader, ASSP Foundation donor or a member of the Board of Directors, a corresponding badge appears on your profile, letting the entire ASSP Community know that you are a safety leader.

"It's the member that makes the Community," says Ashleigh Brookshaw, manager, community engagement with ASSP. "Members should utilize this space to make the most of their membership, share their knowledge, become more visible to the Society as a whole and engage with fellow ASSP members on a deeper level."

If you haven't yet joined ASSP Community, log in today, upload a profile picture and start a conversation with your 38,000 fellow ASSP members.

Login to be able to comment

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1. The purpose of the Midnight Sun Chapter is to promote the advancement of the safety profession and safety professionals in the geographical area served.

2. In fulfilling its purposes, the Chapter shall have the following objectives within the geographical area:

- To develop and/or promote educational programs for obtaining the knowledge required to perform the functions of a safety professional.
- To develop and/or disseminate locally, information and materials that will carry out the purposes of the Chapter, the Society, and serve the public.
- To provide and/or support forums for the interchange and acquisition of professional knowledge among its members.
- To foster liaison with local organizations of related disciplines.
- To inaugurate and implement such other programs and projects that are consistent with the purposes of the Charter and the Society.
- To conduct its affairs in a manner that will reflect the standards, purposes and objectives of the society.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

The Midnight Sun Chapter meets on the first Thursday of the month at 11:45am to 1:00pm. All meetings take place at the [Westmark Hotel](#), located at 813 Noble Street #1, Fairbanks, AK 99701

- ♦ Thursday, April 4th, 2019
- ♦ Thursday, May 2nd, 2019
- ♦ Thursday, June 6th, 2019

Member Milestones

The following Members are being recognized for their continued dedication and service to the Profession and our Chapter as we recognize membership anniversaries (member years as calculated by Society) this quarter:

George Pierce - 20 Years	Tracey Martinson - 8 Years	Ken Paison - 5 Years	Nicholas Giordano - 2 years
Bruce Kenyon - 15 Years	Scott MacDonald - 7 Years	Kelly Lawson - 4 Years	Justin Boggs - 2 years
David Kennedy - 9 Years	John Marquart - 7 Years	Jeff Howe - 4 Years	Bill Bailey - 2 years
Tom Richardson - 8 Years	Kimberly Davis - 6 Years	Seth Wilson - 3 Years	Gregory Barker - 1 year
	Michael Repasky - 3 Years		

New Members Welcome

The Midnight Sun Chapter continues to grow! The following individuals recently joined our Chapter this quarter. On behalf of our Membership, Welcome!

Jeremy Williams Stephen Snider Justin Boggs Gregory Hoffman Travis Scott Gregg Smith