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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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While attending a recent safety conference, I noticed that several of the break-out sessions were talks dedicated toward a Safety Professional's role when dealing with "leadership", or how to communicate effectively either as one or to one. The context of leadership changed depending upon the speaker but most times they would be referring to a CEO/COO, but sometimes they would also be referring to a line supervisor position, or even a production level employee who is exhibiting "leadership" among their peers.

The main commonality I noticed between them was that it all involves us, the safety professional, being able to be communicate effectively between the stake holders within the organization. It may even require us to change our tone, style, or overall message depending upon the audience. It got me thinking though. Many of the basic "tools" we use professionally, like safety meetings or pre-job briefings, are centered around fundamental communication. Commonly used regulations to address basic communication requirements (e.g. hazard communication, hazard analysis, etc...), is really a core aspect of a safety and health program. I think it can be one of the more complex aspects of being a safety professional as well. We can easily be put into the role of an arbiter; communicating between working groups about work priorities, funding allocation, and determining if a concern requires immediate action or maybe a more prolonged corrective action. All of those examples require us to tailor our communication style when ultimately working toward improving worksite conditions.

My challenge to myself, and even our members, in the coming year is to consider the amount of communication that goes on at our own places of work. Consider if it could be improved and try to make a plan if possible. What steps will need to be taken to improve the overall safety message or how we could make the safety and health program goals more clear to assist our corporate officers when making decisions important to the company. Perhaps it could be a relatively simple goal like adding more signage to inform workers of a hazard that may exist. Whatever communication aspect you see as needing to be improved, make the effort and make a positive change.

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Chapter Officers

President:

Seth Wilson

President Elect:

Rob Morris

Treasurer:

Patti Sellner

Secretary:

June Moore

Delegate:

John Clendenin

Member At Large:

Vacant

Past President:

Shane Burnett

Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

- ◇ **October 3rd, 2019**
- ◇ **November 7th, 2019**
- ◇ **December 5th, 2019**

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"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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President's Message Continued...

I suppose my point is that we need to be aware how important effective communication is to a safety and health program. It needs to be clear and consistent, while also being flexible or easily adaptable depending upon who we are trying to connect with. As a safety professional the challenge to be heard and taken seriously is difficult enough so I feel the more we can do to improve our message the easier our work will be. For more information about effective communication in the safety and health profession, check out the education section of ASSP.org, or feel free to participate in our monthly membership meetings to share your own story about what has worked for you (or maybe not worked) with your own professional experience. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

- Seth Wilson ASSP, Midnight Sun Chapter President

Chapter Officer Election Process for the 2020/21 Chapter Year Begins Soon!

It's that time of year again! It's time to start the process of preparing for our officer elections for the 2020/21 Chapter year. The process begins with forming a nominations committee IAW our Chapter by-laws (found on our website).

"The Nominations Committee is chaired by the immediate Past President, who is Mr. Shane Burnett. The Committee, including the Chairperson, will consist of no less than three (3) nor more than (5) members. One member shall be selected by the current Chapter President and the balance by the Committee Chairperson. Officers serving in positions that succeed to the next chapter officer level may serve on the Nominations & Elections Committee. Newly nominated candidates and candidates for non-succeeding officer positions may not serve on the Nominations & Elections Committee."

Interested in serving on the Nominations Committee for the next Chapter year? Please contact Shane and let him know you are willing and able.

Apply for an ASSP Foundation Scholarship

<https://www.assp.org/society-update-news/2019/11/01/apply-for-an-assp-foundation-scholarship>

Since 1990, [ASSP Foundation](#) has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships and professional education grants to those beginning or continuing education in the safety profession.

In [this video](#), recent ASSP scholarship recipients explain why students in OSH should apply for scholarships from the ASSP Foundation.

"This award will affect my life in a very positive way," says Sabrina Delgado. "I am super excited to be putting the money towards pursuing a master's degree. This is really going to help pay for most of it."

The Foundation is [currently accepting applications](#) until Dec. 1, 2019, for more than 90 awards. Anyone who has completed at least 60 credit hours in a college career (24 if enrolled in an associate's degree program) can apply.



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ASSP Announces Emerging Professional Award

ASSP's new [Emerging Professional Award](#) recognizes the next generation of safety professionals who demonstrate leadership and a drive to grow professionally. Recipients of the Emerging Professional Award will be placed into a yearlong professional development program. This includes being matched with a mentor with significant leadership experience, an invitation to the annual Leadership Conference and Leadership Development Experience in October, complimentary registration for the Professional Development Conference and an opportunity to engage with the ASSP Board of Directors through networking events. The program is intended to further develop emerging professionals into leaders in the OSH profession.

Nominee Requirements

To be a nominee for this award, you must:

- Be an ASSP member
- Be nominated by a supervisor or an ASSP member
- Be under age 40 or have fewer than five years of experience in the OSH profession

Provide a letter of reference

Application Requirements

To apply, you need to create a five-page application package that consists of the following components:

- Nomination form
- Qualification statement
- Resume citing education, professional development and certifications
- Reference letter
- Employer endorsement

Submission Process

- Submit your application as a PDF by January 31 to [The External Affairs Staff](#)
- ASSP's Technical and Professional Recognition Committee will review all applications

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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, October 3rd, 2019
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Member Milestones

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

Marie Scholle - 28 Years	Tina Holland - 12 Years	Karl Pulliam - 7 Years	Dean Ojala - 1 Year
Gail Murray - 13 Years	Jami Warrick - 11 Years	Thomas Borce - 3 Years	
John Clendenin - 13 Years	Patrick Wilson - 9 Years	Carti-Ann Carty - 1 Year	

New Members Welcome

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

Rodney Bracken Michael Bradley