

Chapter News



Chapter Leader Update 2024-2025

Midnight Sun Chapter of ASSP ended the 2023-2024 Chapter year on a weary and tired note. Each Board member had been on the board for a couple of years at minimum, and some for as many as seven! At our final member meeting of 23-24, the President called a membership meeting to ask for help to decide if we want to continue to maintain our Chapter or dissolve as one with the Alaska Chapter. After much discussion, consideration, and the determination of our Region 1 advisors and the remaining 2024-2025 Board Members, we want to fight for our Chapter. Midnight Sun Chapter is vital in many ways, and believe it or not, this small group continues to be successful financially and in maintaining goals in the eyes of the ASSP. As your Board of Directors, if we can relight a passion in our membership, we can strengthen it again in value and connection.

CONGRATULATIONS ON SILVER STATUS

Midnight Sun Chapter ASSP received a Silver Level Chapter for 2023-2024 chapter year.

These accomplishments were announced at Safety 2024!!! In addition, the award is published on our website.

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Treasurer 2024-25 Patti Sellner

UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

November 7, 2024:
The ROC lessons learned.

December 5, 2024:
Holiday Party, to include silent auction, gift exchange, and member appreciation lunch.

January 2, 2025:
Women in the Workplace—Patti Sellner

February 6, 2025:
Emergency Management Escape Room Experience—Tina Holland

Hello fellow comrades of ASSP! I'm excited to be a member of our small but mighty Midnight Sun Chapter! Since 2015, I've had the opportunity to serve on the board as: Member at Large, Treasurer, Vice President, President, Past President and now, as the current Treasurer! Phew, well it's really not all that hard though, right now it is only Bobbie Perkins (President) and I on the board. With our extra workload, it's been tough. Now, I know you wanted to hear all about me, but I do want to take this quick moment to recruit anyone who would be willing to step up and help out this year! We are stronger in numbers and we can succeed!

Ok, a little bit about me now.....I have 17 years of electrical bidding and lighting design, only 2000 hours as an electrical apprentice before I went to school for my Associates in Process Technology with a Certificate in Safety, Health and Environmental, go figure! I worked as a Safety Specialist on the slope and for a contractor in Healy in the past. Now, I am a Safety Specialist with GVEA, where I've worked for the past 9 years. I oversee the safety of 76 employees at the Healy Power Plant and Eva Creek Wind Farm. I stay in Healy 4 days a week, where I put in many long hours. On my off time I spend the summers caring for the grounds at my condominium where I have been the President for the past 4 years, and year round at the gym. I am a proud mother of 2 wonderful children and 3 Grandchildren, one who just started high school! I try to spend as much time as I can with them as well as make things out of clay for extra income.



Safety/Granny Bobbie

President 2024-25 Bobbie Perkins

Friends, peers, colleagues, I second Patti's excitement to be a member of this Chapter! I joined ASSP in 2015 as a student member while attending the University of Alaska Anchorage for my associate's degree in Occupational Health and Safety; I have since attained a bachelor's degree and am currently working towards a master's. Once I transferred to Midnight Sun ASSP in 2021 and started attending meetings, I was immediately drawn to the board and the members. Among the many hats that I wear, being President of the Board of the Midnight Sun Chapter for this chapter year is now one of them. Patti Sellner, our current Treasurer, and I are passionate about safety, and we would love nothing more than to see this chapter thrive.

As a full-time employee, student, business owner, wife, grandmother, mother, and dog mom, I know we are all busy. I struggle to put in the extra few hours each month to invest in our chapter, but it is essential, so I make time. However, Patti and I cannot continue to do this alone. We need your help! Please consider attending some of the monthly meetings or running for a seat on the executive board. During this chapter year, and to aid us in deciding what happens with this chapter going forward, your opinions, thoughts, and networking are highly encouraged.

NEW MEMBER SHOUTOUT

Brian Horner Joined
August 1, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO:

*John Albers on 3 years
of membership!*

*John Dartt on 5 years
of membership!*

*Don Maynor on 18
years of membership!*

*Tina Holland on 17
years of membership!*

*Daniel Martinez on 4
years of membership!*

*Angelo Romano on 1
year of membership!*

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Midnight Sun ASSP will begin offering our monthly meetings virtually through Microsoft Teams starting **November 7, 2024!**

Executive board is planning to conduct a short survey. Looking for thoughts and opinions on vision for moving forward and bringing value to your membership.



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