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### From the President, Tim Bogowith:

Dear colleagues,

I want to thank all of you for continuing to invest in the Alaska Chapter of ASSE and in helping to strengthen the Chapter for all of our members. I would like to take this opportunity to talk about upcoming events and some of the changes that are underway in the Chapter.

To start, we are hosting the Eleventh Annual Occupational Safety Summit on October 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Captain Cook Hotel. The theme this year is "Safety: Circle of Influence" and I am excited about our keynote speaker, Steven M.R. Covey! Following the Summit, there will be a 3-day course on Root Cause Analysis and Incident Investigation put on by ABS Consulting. For more information on these events, please visit our website at <http://alaska.asse.org/>. Our website has seen some enhancements and improvements over the last few months. New graphics and updated information are sure to catch your eye when you visit the website. I would encourage all of you to visit the website and take a glimpse at the changes. I'm sure you'll be as pleased as I am.

If you haven't heard, I am also happy to announce that we have changed venues for our monthly luncheons to the Petroleum Club of Anchorage! Thank you to all those who have made this happen. The luncheon will be a plated lunch style instead of a buffet. We will try to post future menus on the website for your convenience. In order to keep costs down, it will be very important for you to RSVP in advance so we can get an accurate head count for the luncheon.

We did perform a member survey earlier this year. Thanks again to all that participated. The venue change is in part a result of the survey. The only way for your Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) to best serve you is to know what the Chapter and the CEC can do to enrich your member experience.

I'd like to ask each of you to do your best to grow our ranks by bringing at least one new member into our association this year. Even if you can only bring visitor to a luncheon, that's a good start! Remember to RSVP for both.

Additionally, our volunteer leadership is always looking for new faces and fresh perspectives. We do have several committees that we could use help with, which I'd encourage you to get more involved. I promise you—you won't regret the relationships and alliances that result from stronger engagement with the Chapter!

Together, we can and will improve our industry. Thank you for your continued investment in ASSE. It's my aspiration that we can all continue to work well together so we can overcome whatever obstacles may present themselves as a team of committed, compassionate leaders!

My best wishes for you and yours,

*Tim Bogowith*, ASSE, Alaska Chapter President





## **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: **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**

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## **Monthly Luncheon – CHANGE OF VENUE**

As we all know, change is inevitable. We will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. However, beginning with the luncheon on September 20, 2016, our monthly ASSE meeting will be at the **Petroleum Club of Anchorage, 3301 C Street, Suite 120, Anchorage, AK 99503.**

Please RSVP via email to [jjohanson@gci.com](mailto:jjohanson@gci.com) by the close of business on Friday, September 16th.

When: 11:30am to 1:00pm

Cost (with meal): \$20.00 if you RSVP, \$25.00 without an RSVP, \$10.00 for ASSE Student Members, Coffee only: \$3.00

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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-mails, will receive job announcements via e-mail. If you would like the Chapter to send out your job announcement, please contact the Chapter Secretary, Jon Johanson at [jjohanson@gci.com](mailto:jjohanson@gci.com)

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## 2016 Alaska Occupational Safety Summit

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Alaska Occupational Safety Summit

AIHA  
Protecting Worker Health  
American Industrial Hygiene Association

Presenting  
**Stephen M.R. Covey**  
Keynote Speaker

Announcing the Eleventh Annual  
**Occupational Safety Summit**  
"Safety: Circle of Influence"  
October 11 and 12th, 2016 | Captain Cook Hotel, Anchorage, AK

The conference committee is very excited to present a world renowned presenter in the art of leadership and ethics; Mr. Stephen M.R. Covey (Author of the NY Times #1 best seller: "The Speed of Trust", co-founder of the Franklin Covey Global Speed of Trust Practice, co-founder and CEO of Coveylink Worldwide and former President and CEO of the Covey Leadership Center).

In addition, there will be a wide array of informative topics on leadership and safety such as strategic planning for behavioral culture change, the System Theoretic Accident Model Process (STAMP) and Cast analysis and gauging risk; and hear from Adele Abrams law offices regarding multi-employer worksite issues. *These are just a few of the outstanding topics that will be presented!*

You can find more details on the Summit here: <http://alaska.asse.org/safety-summit-2016/>

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## Meet One of Our Long Time Members: Mike Stoddard



Last July, Mike Stoddard celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of membership with Alaska ASSE Chapter. Mike was interviewed five years ago and asked about his Reflections on 25 Years of ASSE Membership. He was asked the same questions recently and his answers have remained relatively the same, with a few exceptions.

When asked what prompted him to become a member, Mike said that he was new to Alaska and considered ASSE as a great opportunity to meet and network with those in the Alaska business and safety community.





What Mike appreciates the most about the Alaska Chapter are the members of the Chapter that have made themselves available to him to discuss a wide variety of subjects in the health and safety field. Many chapter members have become good friends to Mike as well.

Mike believes the lack of participation among the membership is the biggest challenge ahead for the Alaska Chapter and for Society. Mike said that the good news is that the Alaska Chapter has approximately 400 members. Unfortunately, there are less than a few dozen that are regularly active on a monthly basis. In the past, members of the chapter would attend the monthly meeting or safety conference in order to learn new things, discuss hot topics or get his/her questions answered. Now, with new advancements in technology and the use/availability of information on the Internet, a safety professional can generally get his/her questions answered online.

If you were not aware, Mike is a global traveler for his employer, AirGas. Did you know that Mike has visited Russia about 36 times in the past 14 years. You may not be aware that Mike supported his Russia clients for a total of 18 years.

When asked how long he worked for AirGas, Mike said that he was with Airgas for 20+ years. He had the opportunity to scratch start the operation in April of 1996. AirGas then immediately opened up three more branches within the next two years (Fairbanks, Kenai, and Sakhalin, Russia).

Mike also mentioned that AirGas has gone through some recent changes. AirGas in Alaska was purchased from Air Liquide (same as across entire US and Canada). However, AirGas in Alaska needed to be divested from Air Liquide per Federal Trade Commission (FTC) requirements and therefore not included to blend/merge with Air Liquide. Airgas in Alaska is now Matheson Tri-Gas, which is 51 percent owned by Mitsubishi.

When asked what is more gratifying, the Governor's Safety and Health Conference (GSHC), The Alaska Occupational Safety Summit, or a National ASSE Expo, Mike admitted that the National ASSE expo is more rewarding because "...belonging to a national company allows me to meet my colleagues from around the nation and make the contacts with those outside the company that can benefit my Alaska based clients. From a networking perspective, any conference at a national level is going to have more exposure and opportunities. Locally, the Safety Summit and GSHC both have their place in the Alaska market. What I see though is the two conferences do not attract different groups, they both attract the same people."

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## 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!

**John Cawthon, Rick Cornejo, Pat Kisen, Kimie Rodrigues, Brian Temple, Alan Kelley, Christopher Sage, and Christine Swanson.**

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## ASSE Safety 2016 Professional Development Conference and Exposition



(Safety sign provided by Coca-Cola)



(ASSE President, Tom Cecich and Ann Lindsey)

A few members of the Alaska Chapter were in Atlanta, GA, in June for the Safety 2016 conference. Our own past Chapter President, Ann Lindsey, attended the conference and was awarded the Culbertson Award.

The Culbertson Award provides special recognition for outstanding service to the Society at the national level. This special recognition award shall be called the Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. Special individual work accomplishments at the national level deserve recognition, both to reward these special efforts, as well as encourage others to establish higher personal goals in Society activity.

Ann served as chair for the Chapter Operations Committee and led its effort to update the Officer Central website. She also served on the Leadership Conference Committee.

Congratulations Ann!

### Membership Milestones

#### June 2016

- 15 years: Mohammed Ibrahim
- 10 years: Gregory Vernon
- 5 years: Adlar Hall
- 5 years: John Hansen
- 5 years: Brian Mckay

#### July 2016

- 30 years: Mike Stoddard
- 25 years: Robert Cannon
- 25 years: Jeffrey Carlson
- 20 years: Mark Mitchell
- 5 years: Randall Jones

#### August 2016

- 10 years: Eben McWilliams
- 10 years: Matt White
- 5 years: Daniel Morgan

#### September 2016

- 10 years: Theresa Breuning-Azzam
- 10 years: Scott Moore
- 10 years: Georgianna Pfeifer
- 10 years: Mark Tornai
- 5 years: Daniel Tucker
- 5 years: John Bertino





## Chapter Survey Results

Last July, all chapter members should have received an invitation to complete a survey regarding their membership with the Alaska Chapter. 381 invitations were emailed and 58 members responded. The survey revealed the following:

- When asked what aspect of ASSE is most important, most respondents value the professional affiliation with ASSE as well as the networking opportunities.
- 31 percent of the respondents attend the monthly meetings when possible, and 29 percent are not usually in Anchorage for the luncheon.
- Most respondents are based in Anchorage and are in General Industry.
- Half of the respondents prefer a monthly luncheon meeting.
- 12 respondents are interested in a monthly meeting at a brewery, 10 respondents are against the idea and 32 respondents did not provide an opinion.
- 16 members admitted that they are not able to volunteer with the AK Chapter because of the lack of time.

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## Website Updates

The Alaska Chapter website recently went through some significant and amazing updates thanks to our webmaster! Below is a screen shot of the new main page at <http://alaska.asse.org/> Please take a moment to explore the page and learn more about your Alaska Chapter.

