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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hi Everyone,

It's time to look back on our first three months of the chapter year and review how we're doing. We have had a lot of great accomplishments and we've had some chapter challenges. Keep reading for a brief summary...

In addition to our regular chapter meetings, here's what we've accomplished so far:

- Rolled out ASSP and the new branding (the table drape, the slides, the badges...you get the idea).
- Redesigned the newsletter.
- Installed a new President-Elect and Vice President (thanks Aubrey).
- Attended the Regional Operating Committee and the Leadership Conference.
- Introduced microvolunteer opportunities.
- Sent out and summarized the Member Survey (thanks Mt. St. Helens Chapter).
- Raised funds and donated 20 costumes to Chelsea's Closet.

- Collected lots of toiletries and we always welcome more. We'll make our first delivery this month.

On the more challenging side:

- Our GOSH budget for attendee gifts has effectively "shrunk" due to increased tariffs on goods from China...so any sponsorship leads you can send Dave's way would be greatly appreciated.

**The Most Immediate Challenge is getting accurate numbers for our meetings.**

Every month the VP has the unenviable task of "guessing" how many people will actually show up for our meeting.

If we underestimate...we run out of food.

If we overestimate...we have to pay for those extra meals.

Last month our overestimation cost us over \$400.

We will be making some changes to registration in the near future but in the meantime, please, think of us as a dear friend. Register and pay online...and let us know if your plans [change](#). We'll credit your meal for a future meeting as long as you give us notice.

**GOSH Reminder:** If you know of a company that might like to be a sponsor or purchase a vendor booth, please reach out to [Dave McNiel](#) with sponsorships and [William White](#) with vendor requests.

Yours in continued support of our Chapter Organization and Outreach Legacy (COOL).

**Corinna Kupelwieser, President ASSP-CWC**

## **NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING- VIRTUAL REALITY: THE FUTURE OF TRAINING**

SPEAKERS:

- **Ken Phillips** is a Corporate EHS Program Manager at Intel Corporation
- **Ryan Rohleder** is a Corporate EHS Construction Manager at Intel Corporation

Tired of 2-D training in a 3-D world? Come learn about how Virtual Reality is being used to train hands-on professionals in an innovative way.

**Speakers Notes:** *Essentially our VR project is based on providing a hands-on experience in training where people leave excited about the training and the retention of the material is greater than current methods. Some of the successes we have had with our pilot is that a majority of the people are excited about taking the training, they want to do more this way, they said they will remember their mistakes more, and we found that gaps of knowledge were much easier to spot in VR vs traditional testing. We would like to show that this is not just a gimmick to get people interested in training, it is about changing how we train to make our company more safe and efficient.*

**Register Now**

## CHELSEA'S CLOSET FUNDRAISER by ANNIE MOORMAN



CWC-ASSP members generously contributed to the Chelsea Hicks Foundation (CHF) ([www.chelseahicksfoundation.org](http://www.chelseahicksfoundation.org)) at the October 11 membership meeting. Members brought costumes and/or donated cash allowing the Community Services Committee to purchase additional costumes. The 20 costumes collected and purchased were delivered to CHF where they will be added to the Chelsea's Closet inventory. This program supports seriously ill children at Doernbecher and Randall Children's Hospitals and provides costumes for monthly dress-up parties for these kids with the goal of bringing "smiles to their faces and joy to their hearts and have them forget - if just for a few moments - the struggles they are facing." Chelsea's Closet reaches over 2,300 kids every year. Alison Hicks created CHF after her own five-year-old daughter, Chelsea, lost her battle with cancer. Chelsea was a remarkable child with energy and zest for life who delighted in dressing up during her 20-month battle with cancer.

Thank you, CWC-ASSP members, for caring and supporting organizations in our community doing great work!

## CONFINED SPACE SYMPOSIUM - November 13-16

The Mt. St. Helens Section is putting on a Confined Space Professional Development Seminar November 13-16. Options are available for:

- Entry Attendant
- Entry Worker
- Entry Supervisor
- Competent & Qualified Person & Rescuer

Get more details and register [here!](#)

## THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED

[Illa Gilbert-Jones](#) is chairing the nominating committee this year. Please let her know if you are interested in joining the chapter leadership. There are many benefits to being on the board including:

- **Networking**...build a great group of go-to resources!
- **Professional Development.** Upcoming leaders have the opportunity to travel to Chicago for the Society Leadership Development Program.
- **Regional Meetings.** The VP, President-Elect, and President have the opportunity to travel to the Regional Operating Committee meetings and extend their network regionwide. You'll meet some society staff, possibly get recruited onto a society committee, and occasionally travel somewhere pretty cool.
- **You'll gain skills** in meeting protocol (Robert's Rules), following Bylaws, teamwork, and decision-making.
- **It's a great experience**...really!

## 2018 ASSP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE by MARK FRISCO

At the beginning of October, Royal Willard and I attended ASSP's Leadership Conference in Chicago. The overall theme of the conference was collaboration. The keynote speaker, Rodd Wagner, author of Collaborology: The Science of Working Together, discussed elements of collaboration including having a shared mission with others you are collaborating with, fairness, having complementary strengths, acceptance, trust, forgiveness, good communications, and unselfishness to other's needs. Collaboration is essential to leadership roles within ASSP, but there were many applicable lessons to one's professional life as well.

In addition to breakout and flash sessions on topics such as planning a PDC, understanding ASSP's strategic plan, and student engagement, associated with the collaboration theme the idea of developing community. On previous versions of ASSP's website, you may remember a resource call Body of Knowledge (BOK). That no longer exists. Coming January 2019, there will be a new resource called Communities ([community.assp.org](http://community.assp.org)). Under this heading, you will be able to customize your profile, find a membership directory, have global discussions on various technical topics and find communications within your subscribed specialty. fullsizeoutput\_947.jpeg

Like many officers who have attended this conference in the past, it was well worth it. Illa Gilbert-Jones is currently putting together a list of candidates for the 2019-2020 season. We'd love to see your name on this list in the hopes of sending you this next year's Leadership Conference.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Micro-Volunteer Opportunities

- Interested in Public Relations? Our current PR chair will be stepping down at the end of this chapter year. Reach out to [Royal](#) to find out more. Don't want to chair? Ask about joining the committee.
- [Make a phone call](#). Reach out to a company that currently isn't part of ASSP - CWC and let them know we're out here.
- [Update](#) our Upcoming Events powerpoint slides.
- Interested in sponsoring a meeting? Contact [Judy West](#).
- Bring your unused hotel toiletries to the next chapter meeting.

## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Applications are being accepted for the Society Foundation Scholarships and Professional Development Grants. Click [here](#) to learn more. The deadline for applications is December 1st.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Did you recently achieve a new certification? Do you know of someone who deserves recognition? Send us an [email](#).

## WELCOME - NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS!

### Member

Ashly Wood

### Students

Casey Goldin

### Did you know...?

The number of delegates we can send to the society PDC depends upon our membership level. These delegates represent our chapter on society level votes. Our membership is above 500 for most of the year, which means we should have three delegates. Unfortunately, many people are up for renewal in the last quarter and, if they don't renew before the end of the year, our numbers drop below 500 and we are only assigned two delegates.

Please help us get over the end-of-the-year hump by renewing on time.

### Need to renew your membership?

Click to view a [video](#) on how to renew on the new ASSP website or [here](#) to be taken to the renewal page.

## ASSP MEMBER-GET-A-MEMBER PROGRAM

### How It Works

The more of your friends who join, the more you get rewarded

- **Refer 3** friends and receive one FREE ASSP webinar
- **Refer 5** friends and receive a FREE 1-year extension of your ASSP membership
- **Refer 10** friends and receive an ASSP polo shirt + one FREE ASSP seminar (amount not to exceed \$350)

### Grand Prize\*

For every new paid member you sponsor from January to December 2019, you will receive an entry in our grand price drawing for a trip to ASSP's annual professional development conference. This reward includes:

- Full conference registration
- Three nights hotel accommodations at an ASSP conference hotel
- \$250 AMEX card to use for expenses

\*Grand prize not to exceed \$2,000 USD.

## 2018-19 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS by DAVE McNIEL

Every year our Columbia/Willamette Chapter polls its membership polls its membership, and then uses the results to meet these needs, this year is no different. During September and October, you received and participated in the 2018-2019 ASSP CWC Membership Survey. "Thank You!" Here are the results:

The top 5 areas, in order of importance to you, are:

1. Technical safety basics training opportunities (LO/TO, confined space, fall prevention)
2. Competency & certification courses for personal development and certification maintenance
3. Networking Opportunities (during CWC meetings, evening socials)
4. Tours (member facilities, projects, and technical opportunities)
5. Community Out-Reach (non-profits, schools, children hospitals)

**Question #1:** You were asked: "What safety topics you would like to hear more about at future Chapter or Section meetings?" Your top 5 responses (in order of importance)

1. Silica
2. Violence in the Workplace
3. Fall Protection
4. Confined Space
5. Safety Leadership & Building a Safety Culture

**Question #2:** You were asked: “What subjects would cause you to attend the next Chapter or Section(s) Professional Development Seminar?” Your top 5 responses (in order of importance)

1. Technical Safety Basics Training
2. Certification/Re-Certification Opportunities with CEUs attached
3. Risk Management
4. Competent Person
5. Emerging Topics & Issues

**Question #3:** You were asked: “Would you be interested in attending a competent person course put on by the Chapter or Section(s)?” Your response

- Yes: 68.89%
- No: 31.11%

**Question #4:** You were asked: “What value-added opportunities would you like to see provided as part of your membership with the ASSP Chapter or Section(s)?” Your areas of response (in order of importance)

1. Competency, Certification, & Re-Certification Maintenance
2. Networking
3. Tours

**Question #5:** You were asked: “If the Chapter or Section(s) were to provide value-added training opportunities for its participating member businesses & agencies and its employees, what would you like to see provided?” Your top 5 areas or response (in order of importance)

1. Building Competency & Certification
2. Confined Space
3. Fall Protection
4. Safety Leadership & Safety Culture
5. Auditing

**Question #6:** You were asked: “Would you be interested in attending an after work membership social?” Your response

- Yes: 66.67%
- No: 33.33%

**Question #7:** You were asked: “What social media platform would you as a member prefer/desire to communicate Chapter and/or Section(s) information via?” Your response (in order of importance)

1. LinkedIn: 48.39%
2. Facebook: 40.32%
3. Instagram: 6.45%
4. Twitter: 4.84%

**Question #8:** You were asked: “Any other general information, concerns, or topics that you might have and would like to share with the Chapter or Section(s) executive committees?” Your top 5 areas of response (in order of importance)

1. Nothing/No Comment
2. Question 7 “Bad”

3. Provide certification courses
4. Member highlights in Monthly Meetings
5. Shorten speaker time to 30 minutes for networking

**Question #9:** You were asked: "Have you participated in these or other Chapter or Section service activities in the past?"

- No: 51.11%
- Yes: 48.89%

"If not, why not?" Your top 5 areas of response (in order of importance)

1. Too Far to Drive
2. Schedule/Timing
3. New to Area
4. Too Busy
5. Don't Know

**Question #10:** You were asked: "What types of service activities would you be most likely to participate in?" Your top 5 areas of response (in order of importance)

1. Oregon Food Bank
2. Clean-Up Activities
3. Vocational Education in Schools
4. Christmas Drive
5. Mentoring

**Question #11:** You were asked: "Are there specific organizations you would like us to contact and coordinate with for a service activity?" Your top 5 areas of response (in order of importance)

1. Local Universities
2. Food Banks
3. Local Safety & Health organizations
4. Ronald McDonald House
5. Comcast Community Impact Team

**Question #12:** You were asked: "Please provide your name."

**Question #13:** You were asked: "Please provide your e-mail address."

**Question #14:** You were asked: "Please provide your membership type."

- Main Chapter: 71%
- Santiam Section: 16%
- Mt. St. Helens Section: 13%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ASSP-CWC October Membership Meeting -**

**Virtual Reality: The Future of Training**

November 8 | 11:30am-1:00pm

[Register Now](#)

**Construction Safety Summit**

The 4th Tuesday of each month

[www.constructionsafetysummit.com](http://www.constructionsafetysummit.com)

**Confined Space Training (Entry Attendant, Worker, Supervisor;  
Competent & Qualified Person; and Rescuer) - Save the Date!**

November 13-16

[Brought to you by the Mt St Helens Section](#)

**28th Annual Western Pulp & Paper Workers Safety & Health Conference**

November 27-29

[Register Now](#)

**Upcoming Chapter Meetings**

December 13 - Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention

January 1 - ISO 45001 Overview

February 14 - BREAKFAST MANAGEMENT MEETING - Total Worker Health

March - NO MEETING - See you at GOSH

April 11 - Oregon OSHA PEL Efforts - Joint Meeting with AIHA

May 9 - TBD



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