



COLUMBIA-WILLAMETTE  
CHAPTER

## ASSP CWC END-OF-YEAR UPDATES!



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## In Memory of Bruce Poinsette

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of Bruce Poinsette's death on May 8, 2024. Bruce was an active, cherished member of our ASSP

community since 1987. He was a dear friend, a mentor, and educator who shared his time and talent with anyone who didn't meet code (smile) and anyone willing to learn about safety at work, at home, on the roads or anywhere for that matter. His dedication and contributions to ASSP have left significant reflection on our organization and lives. Bruce was a novelty in being a one time, two-term Past President, serving 1995-1996 and 1996-1997. Coupling his experience with legislature and safety, he was uniquely qualified to serve as our Chapter historian and Government Relations Chair.

Bruce's memorial service was held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and was attended by fellow ASSP members and beyond. Our Chapter sent flowers in gratitude for Bruce's commitment and service to our chapter. The request from the family is to plant a tree in memory of Bruce. Figuratively, Bruce planted trees his entire life, many of which the shade he will never sit.

*In Memory*



**Bruce Reynard Poinsette**  
10/12/46 - 05/08/24

ASSP Member since January 1982  
Past President 1995-1996, 1996-1997  
Government Relations Chair

*Cherished member of our ASSP  
community and a dear friend*

# Recap of the 2024 Officer Installation at TopGolf

We held our annual 2024-2025 Columbia-Willamette Chapter Officer Installation event at Top Golf in Hillsboro on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Installation of 2024-2025 Officers

We thank Wesley Lashbrook, Past President and ASSP Region 1 Area 2 Director, for taking time to join us and conduct our swearing in ceremony.

Check out the [slideshow presentation with photos from our 2023-2024 chapter year here](#).

### Congratulations to all of the new officers!

We are excited to meet together as a team later in a July to prepare for the year ahead of us. See the [2024-2025 Columbia Willamette Chapter Board](#) and [Committee Chairs](#).



*Incoming Officers (left to right): Jimmy Gibbons (2nd Past President), Steven Frost (1st Past President), Jackie Boyd (Delegate at Large), Soren Bjerregaard (Delegate at Large), Matt Harper (Advisory Group), Elena Estrada (Treasurer), Caity Benston (Secretary), Kyle DeHart (Vice President), Nichole Guilfooy (President Elect), Brittany Johnston (President)*



*Incoming Committee Chairs (left to right): Marta Szabatin (Student Liaison), Soren Bjerregaard (Development/Scholarships), Deb Bridges (Community Service), Paula Jones (Community Service), Linda Spaulding (Public Relations, Social Media), Barb Aguon (Awards)*

## Thank You to our 2023-2024 Officers and Committee Chairs!

We also recognized and thanked our 2023-2024 CWC leaders! Thank you for your service and dedication to ASSP and the Columbia Willamette Chapter. Our chapter's success is built on our leaders, we couldn't have done great things this year without you!



*Outgoing officers and charis (left to right): Paula Jones (Community Service Chair), Jimmy Gibbons (1st Past President), Mariah Anderson (Website, Job Placement, Delegate at Large), Deb Bridges (Community Service), Soren Bjerregaard (Development/Scholarship, Delegate at Large), Linda Spaulding (Public Relations, Social Media), Kyle DeHart (Membership Chair, Advisory Group), Barb Aguon (Awards), Elena Estrada (Treasurer Elect), Dede Montgomery (2nd Past President), Caity Benston (Secretary), Nichole Guilfooy (Vice President), Jen Dolan (Bookkeeper), Brittany Johnston (President Elect), Steven Frost (President)*

## Chapter SPY Award!

### Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award

## Congratulations to Jimmy Gibbons!



*Jimmy Gibbons and Steven Frost (President)*



We are pleased to share the announcement of our 2024 Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award presented to the very deserving Jimmy Gibbons, currently working at City of Portland, Risk Management. Since becoming an ASSP member in 2013, Jimmy has served in several leadership positions on his way to President in 2022-23. Jimmy continues to serve as Past President and is an instrumental leader in our chapter, mentoring and supporting incoming leaders. Barbara Aguon, SPY Committee Chair and Steven Frost, Chapter President, presented the award to Jimmy Gibbons at the 2024 Officer Installation Event. Congratulations to Jimmy!



*Jimmy Gibbons and his team from the City of Portland*



*Jimmy Gibbons and his family*

## President's Award

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## Congratulations to Mariah Anderson!

Steven Frost, Chapter President, presented this years President's Award to Mariah Anderson, Marketing VP, D2000 Safety. She has been our Chapter Webmaster and Job Placement Chair for several years and was Delegate at Large in 2023-2024. Mariah has been an ASSP member since July 2019 and found a niche in keeping our website updated and refreshed for all chapter members to use as a resource.

Congratulations and thank you for your service Mariah!



*Mariah Anderson and Steven Frost (President)*

## Student Scholarship Recipients

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## Congratulations Brett Zimmerman and Denna Alnasser!

We also congratulated this year's scholarship recipients.

**Brett Zimmerman** received the Walter G. Thorsell Memorial Scholarship. Brett is a Graduate student, Masters of Public Health, Environmental & Occupational Health at Oregon State University and served as the 2023-2024 Vice President of the ASSP CWC Student Section at Oregon State University.

**Denna Alnasser** received the ASSP Columbia Willamette Chapter Leadership Award. Denna is an Undergraduate student, Bachelors in Science in Public Health (Health Promotion and Health Behavior) with a minor in Nutrition and Psychology at Oregon State University and served as the 2023-2024 President of the ASSP CWC Student Section at Oregon State University.



(left to right): Brett Zimmerman, Soren Bjerregard (Development/Scholarship Chair), Denna Alnasser

## Officer Transition Meeting

On Friday, June 7th, our incoming and outgoing officers, along with committee chairs, convened for our annual Officer Transition meeting. Attendees engaged in team-building activities, enjoyed yummy breakfast sandwiches, and delved into learning their roles for the upcoming year.

**A heartfelt thank you to all our  
dedicated volunteer leaders!**



*President/President Elect Transition: Kristian Knudsen (Eugene Chapter guest),*

*Steven Frost, Brittany Johnston, Nichole Guilofy*



*Advisory Group Transition: Matt Harper, Kyle DeHart*





*Treasurer/Treasurer Elect Transition: Peche Barteaux, Elena Estrada, Courtney Brose*



*Community Service & WISE Transition: Paula Jones, Deb Bridges, Delta Blurton*



*Delegate at Large Transition: Soren Bjerregarrd, Jackie Boyd*

## **Save the date for our September meeting!**

### ***We are excited to announce our upcoming September Chapter Meeting!***

*Please mark your calendars and join us for an engaging and informative session with our guest, Renee Stapleton, Administrator of Oregon OSHA.*

***Date:*** Thursday, September 12, 2024

***Time:*** 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

***Location:*** Brix Tavern (8187 SW Tualatin Sherwood Rd., Tualatin, OR)

***Lunch:*** Provided w/ Registration

*This is an excellent opportunity to hear from Administrator Stapleton about the latest developments in workplace safety and health regulations. Don't miss out on this chance to network with fellow safety professionals and gain valuable insights.*

***Official registration for the meeting will open in mid-August on our  
Chapter website. Stay tuned for more details!***

## SAVE-THE-DATE! GOSH 2025



**Sponsorship opportunities are open for the 2025 GOSH Conference!**

Learn more here: [Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety and Health Conference \(GOSH\) Support \(oregongosh.com\)](https://oregon.gosh.com)

## Job Postings



Check out the [Job Board](#)

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