



COLUMBIA-WILLAMETTE  
CHAPTER

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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As I reflect on my time serving as President of the ASSP Columbia-Willamette Chapter, I am filled with gratitude for the people who make this chapter exceptional. Our continued Platinum-level recognition is a testament to the dedication, professionalism, and heart of our members and volunteer leaders. Together, we have strengthened our community and advanced our shared mission of keeping workers safe and healthy.

This year, we built momentum through meaningful programs, strong partnerships, and growing member engagement. From educational events and mentoring to collaborative initiatives across the region, our chapter continues to demonstrate what is possible when passionate professionals come together with a shared

purpose. It has been especially rewarding to see new faces step forward, bringing fresh energy and ideas that will carry us into the future.

As I pass the baton, I am confident the chapter is in great hands and positioned for continued success. I encourage each of you to stay involved, support your incoming leaders, and find your own way to contribute—whether through mentorship, volunteering, or participation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve; it has been an honor.

Sincerely,

**Nicole Guilfooy**

President, ASSP Columbia-Willamette Chapter



## CHAPTER ELECTIONS 2026 - 2027



The 2026 -2027 [elections results](#) are in! Thank you for submitting nominations and voting - your participation is essential to the chapter's success.

### [Special Election - President-Elect Opportunity](#)

Have you always wanted to be president? There is a President's Track vacancy, with four years remaining in the term. This track is designed for continuity and support, with responsibilities that shift over time. It focuses on shadowing and learning from the President.

Serving on the President's Track is a great way to give back to the safety community, build leadership skills and shape the future of our chapter.

If you have a BCSP credential you can use this toward recertification.

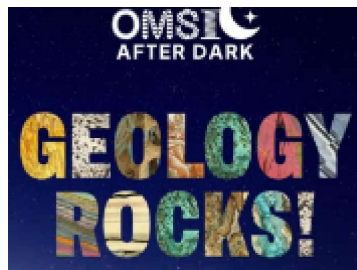
Interested? Reach out to the Special Elections Committee [membershipchair@cw.assp.org](mailto:membershipchair@cw.assp.org)

Apply by April 24th to be considered.

## **SPRING SOCIAL EVENT: OMSI AFTER DARK - GEOLOGY ROCKS!**

### **Spring Networking & Fun-Having**

Rock out with fellow safety professionals - join us for a spring networking social at **OMSI After Dark: Geology Rocks!**



**May 27 (Wed) | 5:00 pm | Event is 21+ | Located at [OMSI](#)**

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**

ASSP members \$16 | Guests/non-members \$20  
Space limited to 25 | Registration closes May 8<sup>th</sup>

## **MONTHLY MEETING RECAP**

### **April Meeting**

Leigh Manning, SAIF Senior Safety Management Consultant

Leigh shared with our members how building a strong safety community is essential to advancing workplace health safety. Their presentation highlighted the different types of individuals who make up a safety community, along with their unique strengths and challenges. If you missed this engaging session, do be sure to check our website for a live recording. Thank you Leigh for your time and dedication to the profession!



From left: Nichole Gulfooy, President  
Leigh Manning, SAIF & Matter Harper, VP

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### **March Meeting**

Michael Potter, Federal OSHA's Northwest Area Director

Michael provided our members with an engaging session focused on current federal OSHA priorities, enforcement initiatives, and regulatory developments. ASSP CWC is grateful for Michael's time and looks forward to future collaborative opportunities with our Federal OSHA partners.



From left: Michael Potter with our chapter VP, Matt Harper

## **MAY WOMEN IN SAFETY (WISE) SYMPOSIUM & NETWORKING**



**May 7, 2026 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**SAIF Lake Oswego Office**

(5th floor training room)

ASSP members: \$39 | Non-ASSP members: \$49 | Sign-up by May 1st

**[REGISTER](#)**

Two Speakers

**Leigh Manning: *Menopause: Let's Talk About It***

- For years, menopause has been a taboo subject, often leaving those going through this significant life change to suffer in silence.
- This session will explore menopause's physiological and psychological impacts and offer advice for how employers can support workers experiencing menopause as well as suggestions for how individuals can manage its effects.

**Tania Redeau – *Personal Safety and Situational Awareness: Practical Strategies for Everyday Protection***

- Learn practical strategies for recognizing and responding to personal safety risks before situations escalate.
- Attendees will learn to identify early warning signs within their own bodies and in their surroundings, helping build greater situational awareness.
- The session will also introduce verbal and physical boundary-setting techniques that can help individuals clearly communicate limits and create space when needed.
- Participants will explore how everyday objects in their environment can serve as tools to create distance or facilitate escape.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

## **SOLVE** Spring 2026 Community Service Project

- Please join your fellow chapter colleagues for the annual SOLVE trash pick-up event!



**REGISTER**

**Saturday, April 25 | 10am-12pm | Harriet Tubman Middle School**

## MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

### **Chapter Mentoring Program Needs You**

Mentoring is the perfect way to acquire new skills and knowledge. You learn just what you need exactly when you need it and in ways that make sense to you.

Stumped by a new challenge? Scratching your head over a sticky problem? Unsure about your approach?

Whether you're a young novice or a grizzled veteran, we can help. With almost 500 active chapter members, we have thousands of years of experience to share!

No problem too big or too small! Don't be shy! Learn more by connecting with Todd Hudson at [mentorship@cwc.assp.org](mailto:mentorship@cwc.assp.org) or 971-420-6151.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### **Member-Get-a-Member Promotion**

Invite a colleague to join and earn rewards like a **membership extension**, **webinar access**, or a **\$50 Amazon gift card** when they become a member. Earn more rewards as you refer more colleagues!

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## Learning Opportunities

ASSP's Practice Specialty and Common Interest Groups offer free webinars with free CEUs—and now you can join as many groups as you'd like at no extra cost!

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### Job Postings

**Working together for a safer, stronger future**



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