AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Big Sky Chapter

October Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BIG SKY CHAPTER

Hello, Big Sky Chapter members!

We're excited to share the latest chapter updates, upcoming opportunities, and ways to stay connected. Thank you for your continued involvement and for helping make our chapter a strong community for safety professionals.

CHAPTER RECURRING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Coffee Hour

An informal opportunity to connect, share experiences, discuss safety and health topics, and build professional relationships from anywhere.

First Thursday of every month at 9:00 AM MST

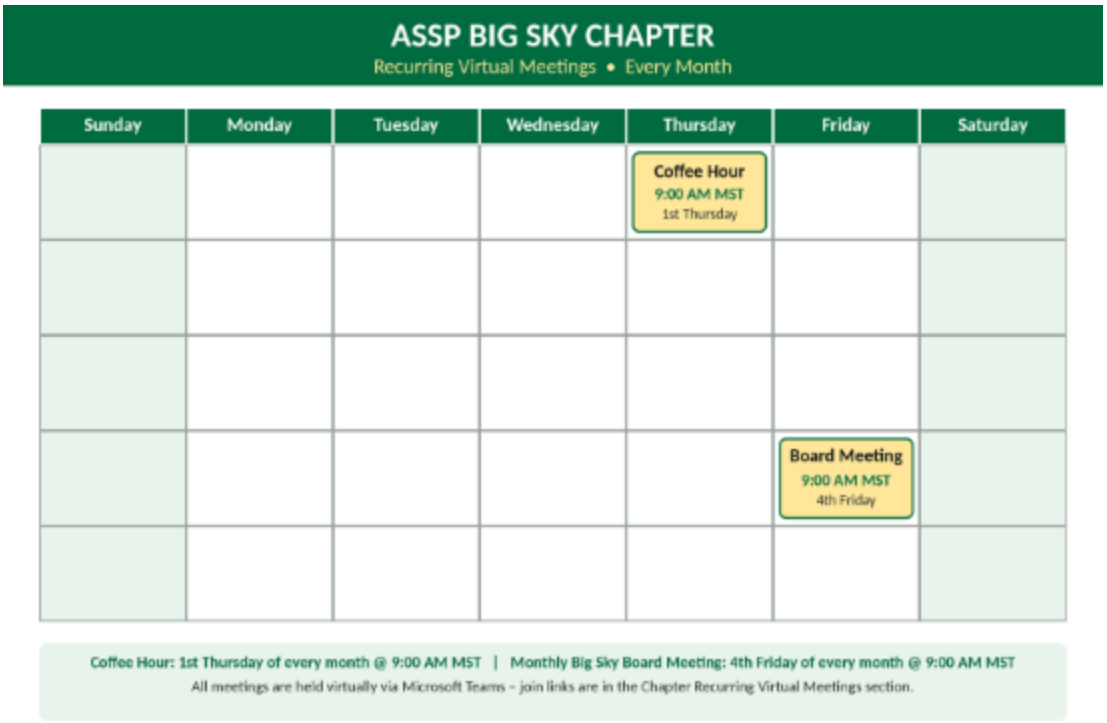
Join the Coffee Hour in Microsoft Teams

Monthly Big Sky Board Meeting

Chapter officers discuss upcoming dates, conferences, networking events, and professional development opportunities.

Fourth Friday of every month at 9:00 AM MST

Join the Board Meeting in Microsoft Teams



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 31 at 1:00 PM | Montana Tech Football Tailgate

Social and networking event hosted with the ASSP Big Sky Student Chapter. No registration required. Meet at the Bob Green Stadium tailgate parking lot.

November 26 | Thanksgiving Turkey Trot

5K or 1-mile walk/run at the Three Bears parking lot on the Blacktail Loop. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the race starts at 9:30 AM. There is no registration fee. Please bring non-perishable food for the Butte Food Bank.



December 1 | Electrical Safety Training

Professional development and CEU opportunity in partnership with the student chapter. In-person attendance at Montana Tech and virtual Teams attendance are planned. Additional details will be shared in November.

December 10 | Building Trust Webinar

ASSP Society leadership conference. View event information and registration.

More ASSP Leadership Conferences

Explore additional ASSP Society leadership conferences throughout the year. View upcoming leadership conferences.

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS



2026 Workers Memorial Day honored people who lost their lives on the job in Montana.



ASSP Region II leaders connected, shared ideas, and strengthened chapter leadership during the 2026 Spring ROC.



Chapter members gathered for Construction Safety Trivia to test knowledge, share experiences, and build connections.



Safety & Health Socials provided opportunities to connect, exchange ideas, and strengthen the local safety community.



Big Sky Chapter members attended ASSP's Professional Development Conference in Anaheim, participating in sessions, networking, and exploring the vendor expo.

MEET YOUR ASSP BIG SKY CHAPTER OFFICERS



MacKensie Daily

President

Safety Director North Fork Builders

I graduated from Montana Tech with B.S. in Occupational Safety and Health and currently work as the Safety Director for North Fork Builders in Bozeman, Montana. In my role, I work closely with field teams and subcontractors to strengthen safety practices and support safe operations across Montna. Through my involvement with the ASSP Big Sky Chapter, I hope to encourage student engagement and bring members together to share experiences, build relationships, and learn from one another. I value open communication and practical education, and I'm excited to help our chapter create meaningful opportunities for its members.



Clay Brozovich

President-Elect

Safety Manager / Langlas & Associates

I graduated from Montana Technological University in 2017 with a B.S. in Occupational Safety and Health and am currently the Safety Manager for Langlas & Associates. I also serve as President-Elect of the ASSP Big Sky Chapter and live in Butte, Montana. As part of my role with ASSP, I want to create meaningful opportunities for our members to connect, share experiences, and learn from one another. I hope to provide value through networking events, technical training, and continuing education opportunities while building stronger relationships among safety professionals throughout Montana. My goal is to help grow an active, supportive chapter that encourages professional development and advances workplace safety across our state.



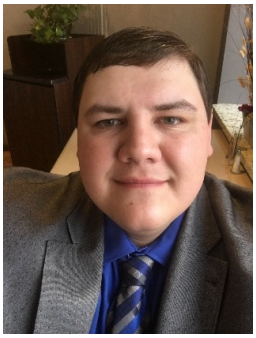
Kayden Howser

Secretary

Safety Engineer / Langlas & Associates

I graduated from Montana Technological University with a B.S. in Occupational Safety & Health and currently work as a Safety Engineer for Langlas & Associates' Central Division. In my role, I focus on developing and maintaining a strong safety culture, working closely with project teams and subcontractors to ensure safe and successful construction operations. I reside in Belgrade, Montana, and serve as the Secretary of the ASSP Big Sky Chapter. Through my involvement with ASSP, I hope to build relationships with other safety professionals, exchange ideas and experiences, and contribute to the continued growth of the safety profession across Montana. I believe that collaboration and continued learning are essential to improving workplace safety, and I look forward to helping the Big Sky Chapter provide those opportunities to its members

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Doug McElderry

Treasurer

Safety Manager / Dick Anderson Construction

I graduated from Montana Tech with a B.S. in Occupational Safety and Health with Applied Health Science, where I have been working in construction safety over the last 13 years. I have been with Dick Anderson Construction for the last 9 years working in multiple offices from Billings, Missoula, and our newly opened office in Kalispell. The projects that I have been a part of range from CERCLA sites to educational facilities, custom high-end residential homes, to an industrial oil refinery. I have been apart of the Big Sky Chapter for the last 9 years previously serving as the Chapters President and currently the Treasurer. I hope to continue connecting with other safety professionals across the state sharing our knowledge and helping each other continuously improve our working environments.



Lindsey Wooley

Communications

NA Reclamation & Closure Safety & Health Specialist / Barrick

I earned my B.S. in Occupational Safety & Health and M.S. in Industrial Hygiene from Montana Tech and remain involved through the Montana Tech SHIH Advisory Board. My career has included safety and industrial hygiene roles in mining, nuclear remediation, and wood products. Based in Montana, I currently support reclamation and closure operations across North America. I'm excited to be part of the ASSP Big Sky Chapter Communications and look forward to connecting with members and supporting professional development and networking opportunities throughout our safety and health community.



Kellie Trudgeon

Professional Development Chair

Safety Management Consultant/ Montana State Fund

I earned a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety and Health from Montana Tech and a Master of Science in Industrial Hygiene in 2015. I became a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) in 2018 and currently serve as a Safety Management Consultant with Montana State Fund. In this role, I work with Montana employers to identify workplace hazards,

strengthen safety programs, and reduce the risk of injuries and illnesses.



Tim L. Barth

Past-President/Nominations & Elections

Safety Consultant / Montana Contractor Compensation Fund

I have worked in the heavy-civil and vertical construction industry for over 30 years. I began my safety career in 2009 as a company Safety Officer where I relied on a strong safety network and real-world experience to develop skills that help workers make safety personal. I feel a strong and involved ASSP Chapter will help build Montana into one of the safest places to work and live. I have a B.S. in Construction Engineering Technology from MSU.



Lorri Birkenbuel

Student Affairs Liaison

Associate Professor / Montana Technological University

Lorri is currently an associate professor at Montana Technological University, where she teaches and mentors undergraduate and graduate students in Safety, Health, and Industrial Hygiene. Lorri is passionate about mentoring the ASSP Big Sky Student Chapter and serves as a liaison between the student chapter and the Big Sky Chapter, helping create opportunities for technical meetings, networking, and connection with safety professionals.



ASSP BIG SKY STUDENT CHAPER

Montana Technological University

Pictured left to right: Jesse Graham (Treasurer); Aurora Beplate (President); Riley Lubick (Vice President); and Shaun Duran (Secretary). Not pictured: Camille Keeley (Communications Coordinator)

The student chapter helps undergraduate and graduate students build leadership skills, expand technical knowledge, and connect with industry professionals and fellow students. The Big Sky Chapter

supports these efforts through socials, technical meetings, and other activities.

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Training & Resources

- **ASSP Certificate Programs** for risk, safety management, and leadership fundamentals.
- **ASSP Events & Webinars** for CEUs and peer connection.
- **Big Sky Chapter Resources & Files** for shared documents, past newsletters, and chapter tools.
- **Big Sky Chapter News** for chapter announcements.

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