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## PRESIDENTS/CHAPTER MESSAGE

### Call for Nominations – Attention Rocky Mountain Chapter ASSP Members

The Rocky Mountain Chapter needs your help and your expertise! It is time to begin the process of nominating potential officer candidates for our next Chapter fiscal year, which begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Consider serving your Chapter by running for an open officer position or volunteering to serve on one of our many committees. You can help determine the direction of our Chapter and assist with bringing meaningful, high-quality education and technical tours to the Rocky Mountain Chapter members. You can also earn additional points towards maintaining your professional certifications.

The following chapter offices are open (click on the specific office for a detailed description):

- [Vice President](#)
- [Secretary](#)
- [Treasurer](#)

\*It is important to note that the Vice President position is a two-year commitment: One year as Vice President, and one year as Chapter President. Once the Vice President's term ends, that person will serve another year as our chapter President.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in running for an elected position or simply volunteering to assist with any other aspect of our Chapter operations, please submit your name and a biography to the [Nominations & Elections Chair](#)

The nomination period will close on February 27th. The names and biographies of all candidates will be posted on the Chapter website on March 2nd. The election will be held at the Rocky Mountain Chapter member meeting on Thursday April 9, 2026. If there is more than one candidate for an elected position, the vote will be conducted via e-ballot during the month of April.

If you have any questions, please email the [Nominations & Elections Chair](#).

Thank you for being a member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals!

Pat Hagge, Nominations & Elections Committee Chair

## CHAPTER NEWS/EVENTS

### MARCH MEMBER MEETING

MARCH 12, 2026

#### TOPIC

##### Strategies for the Prevention of Serious Injuries and Fatalities

Join us virtually or in person for our March Member Meeting featuring Jim Colbert, Principal Consultant at Colbert & Associates, LLC. This session will explore serious injury and fatality (SIF) trends in the U.S., emerging prevention concepts, and practical insights from real-world SIF events.

#### DETAILS

**MEETING FORMAT:**  
Hybrid

**MEETING TIME:**  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**LOCATION:**  
Flood and Peterson  
4687 W 18th St, Greeley,  
Colorado, 80634, United States



**Jim Colbert**  
Principal Consultant,  
Colbert & Associates, LLC



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Registration and More Info: click [here](#)

# APRIL MEMBER MEETING

APRIL 09, 2026

## TOPIC

### Critical Fall Protection Concepts Every Safety Professional Should Know

Join us virtually or in-person for our April Member Meeting where Casey Dreux, Managing Member of The Shur Group, LLC will present on Critical Fall Protection Concepts.

Attendees will learn about OSHA Fall Protection Standards, ANSI sharp edge testing, ANSI Class 1 vs. Class 2 self-retracting lifelines, and how to understand fall protection clearance charts.

## DETAILS

**MEETING FORMAT:**  
Hybrid

**MEETING TIME:**  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**LOCATION:**  
High Country Beverage  
4200 Ronald Reagan Blvd,  
Johnstown, CO, 80534



CASEY DREUX  
Managing Member



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## SAFETY MATTERS

### 2026 ASSP Region II PDC

Join us for the 2026 ASSP Region II Professional Development Conference on March 10-11, 2026, at The Palace Station Hotel & Casino located at 2411 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



**Podcast:** The Hazard of Complacency and How Safety Professionals Can Help Prevent It

Rhonda Piggee Johnson discusses the causes and effects of complacency in the workplace and the impact it can have on safety.

**To Listen to the Podcast:** click [here](#)

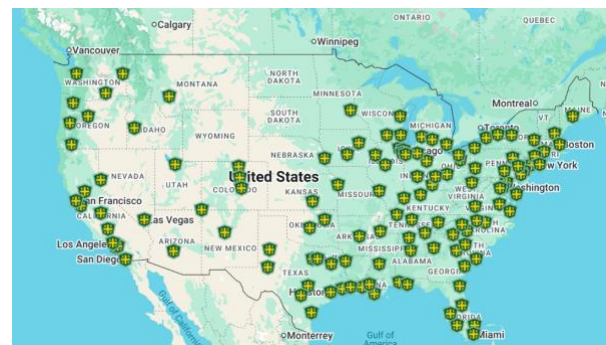


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Safety Podcasts

### Membership: Your Vote, Our Future

ASSP's annual elections are just around the corner. Our elections are not about supporting political ideologies; they are about stewardship. When you vote in our ASSP election, you help shape the future of our Society, including our priorities, our direction and the leadership that will guide decisions for years to come.



### Standards: Why the Z16.1 Standard is the Key to Eliminating SIFs

There is a growing urgency in our industry. While total recordable rates may fluctuate, the needle on Serious Injuries and Fatalities (SIFs) has remained stubbornly difficult to move.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)

**Standards Topics**

**Get Published: Become an Author and Share your Expertise**

ASSP has a long-standing reputation of delivering top-quality occupational safety and health knowledge through highly regarded OSH publications. Share your expertise and be viewed as a trusted source - someone others look to for guidance and professional leadership.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



**Development: Registration Now Open for Global Learning Summit (GLS) 2026!**

Event Format: Virtual  
When: May 5 – 7, 2026

Build your skills and demonstrate your expertise with BCSP's Global Learning Summit (GLS). Designed specifically to leverage the strengths of virtual learning, the BCSP GLS provides high-quality professional development to all by removing the barriers of cost and geographic location.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



**ASSP Safety 2026**

Annual Safety Conference Registration is now open!

Safety 2026 will be held June 15-17, 2026. The professional development conference and exposition will be presented at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, CA.

**Registration and More Info:** click [here](#)



*Helpful Links*

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Rocky Mountain Chapter



### Welcome!

To learn more about what we are doing, please visit our Website, Join Us on Social Media, or [Contact Us](#) to see how you can get involved.

### Members in Action

Check out our Webpage for Member [Photos](#)



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### Interested in becoming a sponsor?

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## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### **ASSP: ASSP Announces Strategic Framework to Drive Safety Beyond Compliance**

On January 27, 2026, ASSP announced a “New Standards-Based User Groups (SBUGs)” to establish a formal B2B mechanism for translating consensus standards into measurable, data-informed enterprise performance.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



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### **OSHA: The US Department of Labor issues letter of interpretation on recording workplace injuries related to lithium-ion batteries**

On February 9, 2026, The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued a [letter of interpretation](#) clarifying whether injuries resulting from the use of personal rechargeable lithium-ion batteries in the workplace should be recorded as work-related on the OSHA Forms 300, 301, and 300-A or equivalent forms.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



### **EPA: Rio Blanco Spill**

The EPA, Rio Blanco County Achieve Successful Containment of Crude Oil Spill. On Jan. 5, 2025, a tanker was involved in a single-vehicle accident on Highway 139, spilling approximately 220 barrels (roughly 9,250 gallons) of crude oil into West Douglas Creek. At this time there is no estimate when cleanup will be complete.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



# MEMBERSHIP

## Rocky Mountain Chapter Membership

*We have 343 members!*

### Welcome New Members!

*Edward Langdon, Pierce, CO*

*Michael McDaniel, Cheyenne, WY*

*Amanda Meyers, Milliken, CO*

### Membership Anniversaries

#### 15-years

Jeremy George, Fort Collin, CO

#### 20-years

Rebecca Sutphin, Casper, WY  
Forrest Robinson, Erie, CO

#### 25-years

Donna Lynch, Park City, UT

#### 35-years

Eric Severson, Parker, CO  
Michael McNeil, Eaton, CO



### Member Spotlights

Have you, your company, or someone you know been recently recognized (award, publication, certification, or degree)?

[Contact Us](#) so we can spotlight someone in an upcoming newsletter!

### Get a New Member!

For every member you recruit to our Chapter you receive an award. [Contact Us](#) to receive your gift.

**For More info:** click [here](#)

### MEMBER *get a* MEMBER

 <b>INVITE</b> Invite fellow OHS professionals to join the ASSP Rocky Mountain Chapter.	 <b>SHARE</b> Share how your ASSP membership has benefited you. Don't forget to mention the educational meetings, networking opportunities and friendships made!	 <b>REWARD</b> The more members you recruit, the more rewards you earn including gift cards, free swag, and a chance at winning a free trip to Safety 2022!
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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



### Job Openings

[Safety Manager](#)

ASSP Career Center, Find-a-Job [click here](#)

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