



President's Welcome

Hello Broken Top Chapter Members - My name is Jacob Zollinger, CSP, and I am honored to serve as President of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Broken Top Chapter for the upcoming year. I am energized by the opportunities ahead to grow, collaborate, and strengthen our community of safety professionals. Throughout the year, I'll be sending out periodic newsletters like this one to keep you informed on our chapter's initiatives, events, and opportunities to get involved. These updates will also be available on our website, so you'll always have a place to reference what's happening within our chapter.

I am looking forward to connecting with each of you, celebrating our shared progress, and continuing to advance the profession we're all so passionate about. In that spirit – I thought that I'd take a moment to highlight the value of volunteering....

From the President: The Value of Volunteering. Volunteering with ASSP is more than giving your time — it's an investment in yourself and our profession. Whether you're early in your career or a seasoned safety leader, stepping into a volunteer role creates opportunities for growth that extend far beyond the job site.

Here's what volunteering has done for me:

- **Career Growth** – Serving in leadership roles within ASSP has helped me refine skills in communication, project management, and decision-making. These experiences translate directly into career advancement and increased professional credibility.
- **Expanded Network** – Volunteering has put me shoulder-to-shoulder with safety professionals across industries and geographies that I'd never have had access to otherwise.
- **Learning From Industry Leaders** – Our volunteers collaborate with some of the brightest minds in safety, and I've been humbled time and time again as I do the same. Gaining firsthand knowledge, insights, and best practices that I can bring back to my coworkers and clients has been invaluable to me since 2007 when I first joined ASSP.
- **Build a Bridge to New Opportunities** – Whether you're actively job hunting or just keeping an eye on the future, your volunteer network is a powerful resource for identifying opportunities and making meaningful connections. In my roles with ASSP, I've been lucky to help others navigate career transitions in times of needed change.
- **Encouraging Diversity of Thought** – Every volunteer brings unique experiences and perspectives. By engaging with a vast array of professionals, it's helped me to foster an inclusive community where innovative ideas can thrive.



August 2025 - Executive Committee Members and Plus 1's Enjoy the Annual "Transition of Duties BBQ!"

At ASSP, volunteering is how we strengthen our community, advance the profession, and support one another. If you've ever considered raising your hand, now is the time. Your contribution matters — and so does the personal and professional growth you'll gain in return. Oh, and you'll get the added perk of the annual "Transition of Duties BBQ" invitation! The BBQ and good company alone make years' worth of volunteering worth it!

Jacob Zollinger, CSP
President, 2025-2026 Chapter Year



Key Upcoming Events – For All Events, Got to <https://brokentop.assp.org/events-2/>



The COSHA Conference is on September 15 & 16, 2025 at the Riverhouse Lodge Convention Center in Bend, Oregon. For current information on registration and session topics, please visit the conference website: <https://safetyseries.cventevents.com/event/central25/summary>



Chapter Meeting: Annual OSHA Update. Craig Hamelund, our favorite OSHA guru, will stick around after the COSHA conference to deliver the annual “OSHA Update” to our members. Join us on September 18th from 4:00pm – 5:00pm at the Hampton Inn Redmond Bend Airport, 3901 SW 21st Street, Redmond, OR 97756. Don't forget to register for the event - [Chapter Meeting: Annual OSHA Update – ASSP Broken Top Chapter](#).



Save the date for another Chapter meeting in October. We're working on a new meeting location in Redmond, and should have details announced soon. Plan for a 4:00pm meeting on October 16th.

Call for Awards Nominees! Did you know that we give out a couple of awards each year? Check out the past winners on our website: <https://brokentop.assp.org/news/>. Do you anyone who would be deserving of a Safety Professional of the Year Award (SPY), or Peak Leadership Award? Let us know at the next chapter meeting, and we will gladly support you in getting your nomination submitted! Oh, and nominations are now open for the [ASSP Region 1 Safety Professional of the Year \(SPY\) Award](#)! Due February 1st, so you have some time.



Volunteer Spotlight. You should get to know the [Executive Committee](#)! In each newsletter, I'll highlight one of our amazing volunteers. Let's start our current Secretary – Lizzie Manley.

Hi I'm Lizzie! I graduated from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania in 2022 with degrees in Safety Management and English Writing. (Go Rock!!) While Pennsylvania will always be home, I've been in Oregon since I graduated. I started my career with Rosendin on many of the data centers in Hillsboro before moving to central Oregon last year and joining the High Desert Museum as their Safety Manager and building their safety program. Through that process I leaned heavily on some fellow ASSP members for advice which is how I ended up getting reconnected with an ASSP chapter after not having been involved while in the valley. After realizing how much I missed being around fellow safety enthusiasts, I jumped at the chance to get more involved.

The transition to central Oregon has been great not only professionally, but personally as well. Like many of those who call it home, I enjoy floating the river and being outside! I tend to be pretty lowkey for a 20-something typically finding me watching a documentary, playing board/card games, or sitting around the fire with friends and the pups. However, I love a good country concert and if there's a rodeo within a reasonable distance (I'm not above a 4 drive) there's a good chance you'll find me there. I currently have a 2.5 year old Portuguese Water Dog named Maisiey. Ironically, Maisiey is terrified of deep water but loves to run through a stream and will wait for you to fill the bathtub for her to play in (we're working through it).

Trying to sit for an exam? There is a lack of Pearson Vue test centers in Central Oregon. The closest center is in Salem, but there is limited capacity at Central Oregon Community College (9:30am – 1:30pm, Mon-Thurs) for STS, STSC, and CIT test, and, [BCSP offers Onsite Exam Delivery](#).

