

Greetings Everyone!

I wanted to take a moment and update you on our Georgia Chapter of ASSP. There have been a few changes over the past few months you should all be aware of.

The first one being that I am your President! You may remember Ashley Pearce being elected into the President role last Spring. Good for Ashley but bad for us, she recently accepted a new Safety position in Alabama and is no longer with our Chapter. Therefore, as President-Elect I stepped into the role officially in October and will remain President through the end of the ASSP year (June 30). Patrick Marcotte will continue to be Vice-President, Lakisha Wilson is our Secretary, and Jimmy Mize is still our Treasurer.

The next exciting thing for our Chapter is that we have a new Section! The Northeast Georgia Section was officially approved at the Region IV Region Operating Committee (ROC) Meeting on Sept. 17. We are excited to extend our membership to that area of Georgia and look forward to working with the Section Leadership. If you know of anyone in Habersham, Stephens, Banks, Rabun, White, Hall, Towns, Clark, Franklin, Madison, and Jackson Counties, be sure to let them know about this new group and encourage them to attend a meeting!

Our Chapter continues to evolve and change, but the constant for several years has been our location. Georgia Power has been an incredible host for us, and we are grateful and thankful for their continued support of our Chapter. For those who attended our October meeting, you may have noticed Georgia Power had a change in their dining provider. In discussions with the provider's management, it was determined that the our previous method for offering lunch tickets to our members is no longer an option. Because your \$10 meeting dues essentially covered that \$10 lunch coupon, the Executive Board made a decision to not charge attendees for our meetings in October and December. We are in discussions with our ASSP Leadership and reviewing our By-Laws to determine how to move forward with a meeting fee. There will be a presentation about this at a future meeting and all Chapter members will vote on a final decision. Stay tuned for when that will take place.

The final thing I'd like to make note of is actually a request of all of you. As you know, we hold our Chapter Officer elections every Spring. Per our Chapter By-Laws, our Chapter Executive Board consists of the following positions:

President
President-Elect
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Chapter Delegates (we have 3)

Based on future availability and capabilities of our current Board, we are going to be holding elections for ALL POSITIONS in our April 2020 Chapter Meeting. A Slate of Candidates will be introduced and announced at our February 2020 meeting. February will be here before we know it, so I'm asking all of you to consider stepping up and volunteering/serving your Georgia

Chapter as an Officer. If you are interested in learning more about or are willing to serve in **any** of the Executive Officer positions, please reach out to our Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, Past-President Rick Gruca, at pastpresident@georgia.assp.org. You can also contact me at president@georgia.assp.org. We would be happy to provide you the position description/information and answer any questions you may have.

We are entering a time of thanksgiving, family get-togethers, reflection on the year we've had, and excitement about the year (and new decade!) ahead. I'd like to extend my thanks to all of you for being part of our Georgia Chapter. I am so thankful and grateful for ASSP and the opportunities I've been provided as a volunteer leader, and it's an honor to serve all of you as your Chapter President. Please accept my wishes for a safe and blessed holiday season for you and your families! I hope to see a lot of you at our December Chapter meeting!

Respectfully,

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