



**NORTHWEST
CHAPTER**

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Upcoming Events

Registration is Now Open for "Innovating Safety in 2024" - the 2024 Northwest Chapter PDC!

[Register Here](#)

Hello Northwest Chapter!

In December, the Northwest Chapter announced plans for the 2024 Professional Development Conference on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 3M's Innovation Center in Maplewood, MN. We now want you to know that PDC [registrations](#) are now open, and you will not want to miss the opportunity. Let's gather for an exciting day!

With a theme of "Innovating Safety in 2024", we have put together a full day of general sessions and breakout sessions featuring subject matter experts with "innovative" presentations that will help you improve as an EHS Professional. Don't forget the networking opportunities! With an Exhibitor Area and a schedule providing plenty of time to meet and greet, you will expand your network and re-kindle connections.

As a special PDC feature, our schedule includes two options to participate in a tour of the 3M Innovation Center; one during the Morning Breakouts, and the other during the Afternoon Breakouts. If you have never seen the Innovation Center and heard the story of 3M, you won't want to miss this. Here's a very important detail concerning the tours: we have a limit to the number of people who can participate in the tours and these slots are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. This means you should not delay your PDC [registration](#) if you want to get in on one of these tours.

The [registration](#) cost for the PDC is \$200.00 and this provides for the full-day conference schedule, the Exhibition Area, continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and the Innovation Center tours. More information and the ability for online registration is located at the Northwest Chapter website. Keep in mind that your organization may want to get involved as a PDC Sponsor. We have already signed up a number of Sponsors such as Cirrus Aircraft, Productivity, SFM, Delfin Industrial Products, The Builders Group, IEA, and others. Additional companies are currently looking at Sponsorship levels.

Another important note: Facility requirements limits total attendance at the PDC to 150 Attendees. Furthermore, 3M's security protocols prohibit walk-in registrations. In fact, PDC [registrations](#) must close by Noon on Thursday, February 8th. With these important details in mind, [register](#) today so you don't find yourself "on the outside, looking in"!

As you can see, a big day is planned for EHS Professionals to come together. Make your [registration](#) today!

[2024PDCAgendaHandoutUpdated11124.pdf](#)

Long Service Recongition of Chapter Members

Shout out to these Northwest Chapter Members with Long-Service!

- Carol A . Keyes, 25 years
- Elbert Sorrell, 25 years
- Jeffrey P . Jarvela, 25 years
- John A . Saccoman, 25 years
- Jonathan L . Karner, 25 years
- Kenneth J . Hickey, 25 years
- Laurie A . Francis, 25 years
- Thomas B . Peterson, 25 years
- Thomas L . Nelson, 40 years

Other Topics

Seeking Chapter and Region Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) nominees!

To nominate someone for the ASSP Northwest Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY), please review and complete the forms linked below and return to the Chapter's Awards & Honors chairperson, Abby Ferri awards@northwest.assp.org

Chapter SPY forms:

<https://northwest.assp.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/454/2019/09/assp-chapter-spy-packet.pdf>

To learn more about the history of the SPY program and past honorees, please visit:

<https://northwest.assp.org/awards-honors/>

If you're interested in taking over the Awards & Honors chairperson role, reach out to the same email. Abby is looking for an apprentice to take on this role.

Attention All Students! The Northwest Chapter ASSP 2024 Scholarship Program is Here!

Multiple Scholarships totaling \$4000 available for students pursuing a graduate degree, Master of Science in Risk Control, at University of Wisconsin-Stout, Master of Environmental Health & Safety, at the University of Minnesota-Duluth or Master or Doctorate in Public Health or an Occupational Safety, Health or Environmental field of study at the University of Minnesota.

Due dates for your application to be considered are as follows:

- *US Postal Users must have their application postmarked by March 13th, 2024*

- *Last minute filers must deliver their application in person or as a PDF file via email no later than 4:30 pm CDT on Friday March 15th, 2024.*
- *Email users note...It is not 100% certain that your email will successfully make it to your intended addressee. Please consider using the US Postal system.*

Criteria for 2024 Scholarship Awards

- Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time, and plan to graduate in May 2024 or later to be eligible for this award.
- Previous recipients of Northwest Chapter ASSP scholarship awards are not eligible.
- Applicants must complete Section I of the application form and attach a Scholarship Award Essay.
- Applicants must attach a current resume to the scholarship award application.
- Applicants must submit transcripts from completed graduate courses and undergraduate degree programs. The transcripts must:
 - Verify good academic standing.
 - Verify overall graduate GPA of at least 3.25 out of a 4.0 system for all graduate courses completed.
 - Verify undergraduate degree completion and an overall undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 out of a 4.0 system.
- Unofficial transcripts are accepted by following ASSP's Code of Professional Conduct
- Section II of the application form and a reference letter from a university program faculty member must accompany scholarship application. The letter must:
 - Include verification of official enrollment in an occupational safety & health or closely related field.
 - Verify 6 current semester hours or more.

Eligibility for all Northwest Chapter ASSP scholarships requires a current ASSP student membership that costs \$15 per year. To apply for membership, contact ASSP's Customer Service department at 847-699-2929 or visit ASSP's web site at www.assp.org.

The application for the scholarship can be located on the Northwest Chapter website: <https://northwest.assp.org/student-scholarships/>

The Northwest Chapter ASSP Scholarship Award & Selection Committee will review all applications. Scholarship award winners will be notified by early April, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Flint at 763-350-1633 or Scholarship@northwest.assp.org

Member Get a Member Program

When a new full member lists a current member as their referring member in the membership application, the referring member gets the credit and is eligible for prizes at different thresholds. The prizes are outlined in the link below as well as a refer-a-friend tool with some suggested messaging to new potential members. Members typically refer their own colleagues, friends, and associates in safety to become members.

<https://www.assp.org/membership/member-get-a-member>

Chapter Board Meetings - Guests are Invited!

Did you know your Northwest Chapter Board meets monthly to manage Chapter affairs? These meetings usually take place prior to the regular monthly programs – from 10:00 to 11:15 AM and are open to all Members. It is possible to attend these meetings in person or via a special Zoom conference call. Observing these meetings is a great way to get an inside look at what it takes to be an ASSP “Platinum Chapter”. It is also a good way to learn more about the various Chapter leadership positions and get involved!

If you have never been to a Board Meeting and want to check it out, come early to the location for the monthly Chapter Program and join us. If you want to attend the Board Meeting via Zoom, please contact a member of the board to get a unique login credentials for the Zoom meeting.

Mentorship Corner: Need Some Help or Do You Want to Help?

Sometimes, ASSP members encounter difficult matters that transcend and/or may lie outside the professional literature, their coursework, and experience. The chance to discuss creative solutions and resources (on a confidential basis), with a Chapter mentor can often be helpful.

On the other side of the coin, seasoned professionals, in their roles as mentors can gain significant benefit from knowing that they have helped a mentee negotiate a difficult challenge, and have had a positive impact on the safety and well-being of employee groups connected with their mentee's workplace, and (possibly) that organization's customers and the wider community, as well.

We invite you to explore such opportunities.

News to Share

[Safety Success Stories: Integrating OSH Information Management Systems](#)

When organizations merge, they must develop new ways of managing safety and health information. Travis Kruse shares how his team built an effective system. [Read more](#)

[Want to Mitigate Risk Through Design? Learn to Talk to Engineers](#)

Mitigating risk through design requires your involvement early in the design process — and that means learning to communicate with engineers. Here's how. [Read more](#)

[Steps You Can Take to Help Keep Workers Safe in Winter Weather](#)

Sponsored by Amazon

Victor Rodriguez, operations meteorologist at Amazon, discusses the impacts of winter weather on workplace safety, and how to prepare to help keep workers safe. [Listen now](#)

[“The Get to Know a Safety Pro Show” – Lindsay Bell](#)

Advisory Group member Lindsay Bell called in from Baltimore to discuss a few of her favorite things—crunchy snacks, anyone?—and how certain workplace smells stay with you for life. [Watch now](#)

Career Opportunities

Check out our [webpage](#) for the latest career opportunities!



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