



**NORTHWEST  
CHAPTER**

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### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

**Jon Eichman, 3M Fall Protection Training Manager**



Hello friends of the ASSP Northwest Chapter. My name is Jon Eichman, and I am thrilled to serve as our chapter president for the 2024-2025 chapter year. This will be my third year serving on the board, and I look forward to growing our chapter, meeting new people in the EHS industry, and most importantly learning from one another.

I have had the privilege of working at 3M in the Personal Safety Division since 2017. Even though I have held a variety of roles, my daily mission has always been the same: help the hard-working men and women of this country get home safely at the end of each work shift. My experience has focused on assisting with fall protection programs, hearing conservation, respiratory protection, rescue, and confined space entry and retrieval. In my current role, I am responsible for training our new hire fall protection and safety specialists and distributor partners before they are 'in the field' working with end-users of our personal safety solutions.

I truly believe our 2024-2025 chapter year will be our best year in this post-covid environment in terms of attendance and engagement. Carol Keyes, our chapter president-elect has an amazing schedule in the works for our monthly technical meetings, which begin in September and run through May. I encourage everyone to make an effort to attend the chapter meetings, PDC, and social events in-person if possible, and bonus points if you bring a friend or two.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at TBG in Eagan, MN as James Krueger gives us an update on MN OSHA and what we need to know in 2024 and beyond!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2024-2025 Chapter Year Meeting Lineup

As your president-elect, it is my job to put together a winning lineup in terms of chapter meetings for the coming year (September through May).

Our chapter meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month. Generally, registration, lunch and networking will start at 11:30, program at 11:45 and speaker from noon to 1 pm. All meetings will be offered with in-person or virtual options.

Mark your calendars for what we have scheduled (subject to possible change).

Register for our September 10 meeting [here](#).

	Topic	Speaker	Location
September 9/10	MNOSHA – Where are we now	Jim Krueger, Director of Minnesota OSHA	<b>TBG</b> 2919 Eaganale Boulevard Suite 100 Eagan, MN 55121-1214
	<p>Minnesota passed a number of new safety and health regulations during the 2022 legislative session. This chapter meeting will provide updates on the impact that MNOSHA is seeing now that all of the regulations have been implemented along with updates on serious injury and fatality investigations.</p> <p><b>Learning Objectives</b></p> <p>After attending this event, attendees will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the major changes that have impacted MNOSHA in the last several years.</li> <li>2. Explain the current challenges faced by MNOSHA</li> <li>3. Interpret how these changes may impact their business and the impact on safety and health in various workplaces</li> <li>4. Summarize major trends and findings in serious injury and fatalities within Minnesota</li> <li>5. Assess the opportunities within the legislation</li> </ol> <p><b>Speaker Bio:</b> <b>James Krueger, Director of Minnesota OSHA</b>, has worked in the Safety and Health field for 3 decades. He has a master’s degree in safety and health (MIS) from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. James worked in the private sector as the Corporate Safety Director for IDS Financial Services before starting his 30-year career with Minnesota OSHA. James started as a field investigator and was promoted to the MNOSHA Management Team in 1997. While on the MNOSHA Management team he was responsible for construction, general industry, whistleblower, training and outreach, and compliance assistance which included the I35W bridge removal and reconstruction partnerships. Since 2009 has been the Director for MNOSHA compliance.</p>		
October 10/8	Federal OSHA Updates from Area Directors	Scott Overson	Fargo To be determined
November 11/12	Mastering Emergency Chess: Survival Smarts for the “When” Not “If”	Mike Grajeda	<b>Marsh</b> 6160 Golden Hills Drive Golden Valley, MN 55416
December 12/10	Fall hazards and fall protection for Construction & General Industry	Marty Breimhurst, TBG	<b>TBG</b> 2919 <del>Eaganale</del> Boulevard Suite 100 Eagan, MN 55121-1214
January 1/14	Joint mtg with AIHA: Challenging emergencies and rescues from the rescuer’s perspective	St Paul Fire Dept on cave rescues? Dep Chief Glen Jenkins	To be determined
February 2/11	PDC		
March 3/11	Human Factors with AI and emerging technology	Dr Nichole Morris, UM Transportation Studies nlmorris@umn.edu	<b>TBG</b> 2919 <del>Eaganale</del> Boulevard Suite 100 Eagan, MN 55121-1214
April 4/8	Ethics		<b>Marsh</b> 6160 Golden Hills Drive Golden Valley, MN 55416
May 5/13	Robotics and technical tour?	Jamison Harrell Latham kjarlat@amazon.com	Mound, MN?

Continuing ed credits will be offered for the meetings. Watch the newsletter and website (<https://northwest.assp.org/event/>) for more details. We hope to have almost everything posted by early August.

I want to thank my sub-committee: Nick Marcella, Megan Navarre, Bill Wuolu, Whitney Larson, and Scott Huberty. Thank you also to Chris Flegel at TBG and David Rumsey at Marsh McLennan for arranging meeting spaces.

Carol Keyes, CSP  
CHESS, Inc  
Northwest Chapter President-Elect

## NEWS TO SHARE

### **Northwest Chapter of ASSP Achieves Platinum Recognition!**

We are thrilled to announce that the Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) has been honored with the esteemed Platinum Recognition for our outstanding contributions and achievements in the field of safety and health. This award reflects our chapter's commitment to advancing safety practices and fostering a culture of excellence within our industry.

### **A Year of Exceptional Accomplishments**

The Platinum Recognition is awarded based on rigorous criteria, evaluating the chapter's effectiveness in promoting safety, its community engagement, and its ability to support and advance the professional development of its members. Our chapter's dedication to these principles over the past year has not gone unnoticed, and this recognition is a testament to the hard work and passion of every member.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we celebrate this remarkable achievement, we are also setting our sights on future goals. Our mission to advance safety and health continues, and we are excited about the upcoming initiatives and opportunities to further impact our industry positively.

We extend thanks to all our members, volunteers, and partners who have contributed to this success. Your unwavering support and dedication have been the driving force behind our accomplishments. Let's continue to work together, building on this momentum and striving for even greater achievements in the years to come.

Stay tuned for more updates and upcoming events as incoming President Jon Eichman leads us as we continue our journey towards excellence in safety and health!

Warm regards,

Alanna Lee  
Past President, Northwest Chapter of ASSP

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### **EHS Professionals Enjoy Another Summer Boat Cruise**

The 2024 edition of the Summer Boat Cruise for EHS Professionals took place on July 31. This year's event on Lake Minnetonka was a sell-out with approximately 100 people enjoying perfect weather, the views of beautiful mansions along the shore, and wonderful networking opportunities. Special thanks go out to the Cruise Sponsors, without whom this event could not have taken place: AP Safety Training, Atlas Technical Consultants, Bay West, Cintas, IEA Safety, Martor USA, Minnesota Safety Council, MN Occupational Health, On Site Solutions PT, RESA Power, SFM Insurance, The Builders Group, and US Compliance. Thank you, Sponsors!

The Summer Boat Cruise is a collaboration between the ASSP, the AIHA, the AHMP, and the Minnesota Safety Council. This year's cruise theme of "Gone Country" featured great food and drink, plus line dance lessons led by Instructor Lynn Card of Line Dance Minnesota and her assistant, Jody Huberty. A special treat was to have Lynn teach a special line dance to Alan Jackson's hit song, "Gone Country", that she choreographed specifically for our event, and has since published on line dance websites. A special guest on the cruise was our own version of Alan Jackson! If you missed out on this event, check out the photos, and look forward to next year when there may be some big surprises in store...



### **Northwest Chapter Members Attend Safety 2024**

The annual ASSP Professional Development Conference, Safety 2024, took place August 7 - 9 in Denver, Colorado and this year, approximately 100 people from Northwest Chapter attended. The Conference set records for total attendance of over 6,200 participants. The Expo was a sellout with a record 600 Exhibitors. The contingent from Northwest Chapter was also a record-setting number for our Chapter! While there, the Northwest Chapter had a Meet-Up so people from our Chapter who were available could gather for a happy hour. We also arranged for a group photo at the Convention Center's iconic Blue Bear Statue.

We are grateful for those who could make it to the photo shoot, despite such busy schedules. These were nice opportunities to meet others from all parts of Northwest Chapter's geography that we don't always get to see. We must have had too much fun at the Meet-Up, as we neglected to get photos from that event, but we can share the group photos! Next year, Safety 2025 is scheduled for July 22 - 24 in Orlando, Florida. See you there!



### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual MSC Scramble Golf Outing**

Monday, October 7, 2024 • Cragun's Resort – Dutch 18 Golf Course  
(Brainerd, MN)

[Attend](#) • [Sponsor](#) • [Donate a Raffle Prize](#)

Everyone is invited to our Golf Outing in JUST TWO MONTHS! 🏌️ A dynamic day of networking and forging connections awaits you at this vibrant golf event! Whether you're flying solo or bringing a team, you'll have a blast with chances to win thrilling contests, fabulous prizes, and claim those coveted bragging rights.

Early Bird Special Price ends next week so RSVP TODAY!

<https://bit.ly/3zHkZ56>

### **Is Your Child In The Right Car Seat?**

We want our children to be as safe as possible while we're driving 🚗 That means making sure our precious cargo is secured properly!

Minnesota's updated Minnesota Child Passenger Safety Law, which went into effect August 1st, shows us how to make this happen. Let's keep our children safe at home and on the road - Share this information with your employees, family and friends!

<https://bit.ly/3LKW8jR>

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the current job openings that are posted on our Chapter

Website: [Current Openings – ASSP Northwest Chapter](#)



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