



**NORTHWEST
CHAPTER**

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Upcoming Events

May Chapter Meeting Introduction to Mobile Robot Safety Standards

Date & Time: May 13, 2025 | 11:30am-1:00pm

Topic: Mobile robots are increasingly being integrated into various industries, offering efficiencies in automation, material handling, inspection, and many other tasks. Understanding the different types of mobile robot applications and knowing the relevant safety standards is crucial for ensuring the safe operation of these robots and reducing potential hazards.

Speaker: Jamison Harrell-Latham, CSP, LMSS

Jamison is currently a Senior Regulatory Compliance Engineer for Amazon Robotics. His scope of work includes providing strategic corporate direction to achieve machinery safety compliance to compulsory regulatory requirements around the globe. He is a Technical Advisory Board Member for ANSI R15.08 and ISO 3691-4.

[Register here.](#)

Visit Northwest Chapter at the MSC!

Are you planning to attend the Minnesota Safety & Health Conference at Mystic Lake Center on May 5 - 6? This is the premier gathering of safety professionals from all around Minnesota and the Midwest, with great networking opportunities. The Northwest Chapter will be exhibiting in the Expo, so be sure to stop by our booth and say hello to some of your Chapter leaders who will be there.



Make Plans Now for Safety 2025

Summertime may seem far away - especially with the cold temperatures we had in mid-February, but warmer days are coming. Something that makes us think of summer is when Society opens up registration for Safety 2025. Did you see the ASSP email announcement that came out in January with this announcement? Be sure to make plans to attend the event which runs from July 22 - 24 in Orlando. Each year the Northwest Chapter has a lot of members attending, and there are plans for a Chapter networking get-together down there. Future Chapter newsletters will contain details so stay tuned!



Other Topics

Check out the Recent UMD Student ASSP Newsletter

STUDENT A.S.S.P. FEB-MARCH NEWSLETTER

University of Minnesota, Duluth
Student ASSP Group | Northwest Region



ASSP 2025 Professional Development Conference

Students traveled to the cities for the 2025 Northwest Chapter PDC, gaining valuable insights throughout the day. Key topics included "Diagnosing First, Not Last"—an approach to better supporting injured workers, "Safety Training using Neuroscience", and the "Hazards of Lithium Batteries." Attendees also received an OSHA update, explored the benefits of a "Recovery-Friendly Workplace", and wrapped up the day with "Rebooting Safety with AI Efficiency". The conference offered great networking opportunities and was a jam-packed day of learning!

Students gained firsthand insight into different industries. From left to right, they visited: Inovi Healthcare, where they learned about safe patient handling; JE Dunn, where they explored the ever-changing hazards of construction sites; and Molin Concrete, where they saw safety management in an industrial setting. A big thank you to the program alumni who took the time to guide these tours!

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Commercial Insurance - Liberty Mutual



Two former MEHS students from UMD returned to speak in the "Risk Management and Workers' Compensation" course, sharing insights from their careers post-graduation.

Drew Forsell Coyard of Liberty Mutual discussed commercial insurance and inland marine coverage, while Christian Leonard of Marsh McLennan provided an overview of insurance carriers and brokers.

Their real-world perspectives gave students a valuable look into the field and the career paths available after graduation.



Marsh McLennan
Agency

It's been a busy few months for students, as always! With finals approaching and graduation just around the corner for many, the next chapter—whether internships or full-time jobs—is about to begin. Excited to make the most of our final month together in the program at UMD!



The Dan Hannan Sr., Memorial EHS Scholarship

EHS professionals serve employers and employees by preserving what matters most—the quality of life. This is accomplished by effectively managing the risks associated with working conditions and human behaviors. No employee should go to work fearful of injury or unknowingly exposed to hazards and conditions that could result in a debilitating illness. To that end, the EHS professional is a vital part of an employer's operations, ensuring sustainability by contributing to the return on investment that a healthful workforce provides to a business.

Dan Hannan Sr.—was a commercial painter for four decades from the 1950's through the 1980's. His passing in 2000 because of lung cancer was caused in part by his occupational exposures that occurred well before workplace controls were established by OSHA in 1970. This onetime \$1,000 scholarship proves to memorialize not only his service to his trade but also his largely unguarded health and safety condition.

Please visit our [website](#) for further information.

News to Share from Society

- [How a Safety Engineering Process Can Improve Your Problem-Solving Skills](#)
- [6 Things You Need to Know to Earn Your CSP Certification and Advance in Safety](#)
- [Episode 149: Selecting the Right Equipment to Help Keep Your Workers Safe at Height](#)
- [The Get to Know a Safety Pro Show: Christopher Lewis](#)

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 and are open to all Members. It is possible to attend these meetings in person or via a 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 conference call, please contact a member of the board to get a unique login credentials.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Chapter Meeting

Monday, November 20 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

December Chapter Holiday Party

Thursday, December 7 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Register: <https://southtexas.asse.org/events/chapter-holiday-party/>

Career Opportunities

Check out our [website](#) to see the latest in current openings!



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