



**NORTHWEST
CHAPTER**

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President's Message

Northwest Chapter Members,

I am honored to be the new Chapter president. I appreciate your patience as I learn my role (I should have it down by May, shortly before my term ends and Megan Navarre steps up as President).

For those who maybe don't know me, I have been a member of ASSP for over 25 years. I am one of the founders of a safety consulting company, CHESS, that has now been in business for over 30 years. Prior to working in safety, I was a QRC, helping injured workers get back to work. I realized that it made more sense to prevent injuries than trying to help someone after they were injured. I've been active in ASSP for a long time, having served as editor, programs chair, and Administrator of the Consultants Practice Specialty (CPS). I was an editor on a book published by ASSP ("Consultants Business Development Guide"). I've also served on the ASSP Finance Committee. Outside of work and ASSP, I love to bike and travel (mostly warm locations). My next trip is a safari in Tanzania. Enough about me.

We have an exciting year planned with a number of new initiatives:

- We are offering bundled discounts on chapter meetings.
- We continue to offer our meetings virtually and in person. We are always looking at ways to make meetings affordable and more

accessible.

- We are updating our bylaws. Thank you to Jamison Harrell-Latham for heading this.
- We plan to develop marketing materials for the chapter.
- We have more volunteer opportunities. Whether you have a little time or a lot of time, we have an opportunity for you to get more involved in the chapter.
- We plan to hold a networking event / meet up in southern Minnesota (Rochester). Thank you to Curt Schroeder for offering the Acme Tools facility.
- We plan to develop more standard operating procedures, including information on committees and resources.

Chapter meeting discount bundle – 50% off

Whether you attend the meetings virtually or in-person, we have a package for you. The Northwest Chapter is offering a meeting bundle: Seven meetings (does not include the joint meeting in January with UMS-AIHA or the February Professional Development Conference) for \$70 if you attend in person or \$35 for the virtual bundle. That is a 50% savings if you attend all meetings.

Bundle registration are built in as a ticket purchase option within event Chapter Event Registration page for September, October, November and December. Depending on your selection on in-person or virtual, you will be charged the respective amount and you will bypass needing to pay for future events for that Chapter year. This option will be live on August 13 when registration opens for our September event.

Once you pay, you will receive a discount code to use when you register for each meeting. To claim CEUs for each meeting you must register and attend the meeting.

The discount will be available through December, which is still a good deal.



2025-26

DISCOUNTS

VIRTUAL BUNDLE:
\$35

IN-PERSON BUNDLE:
\$70

What's included?
Seven meetings (does not include January joint meeting with UMS-AIHA or February PDC)

How does it work?
Once you pay, you get a discount code for the seven meetings.

What's the catch?
You still have to register and must attend to get CEUs for each event. CEUs issued separately for each meeting attended*.

DISCOUNT AVAILABLE THROUGH
December 2025

<https://northwest.assp.org/>

*CEUs will be applied for each meeting

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in learning more about chapter opportunities, networking and knowing more about ASSP? Here are some volunteer opportunities:

- We have an open seat for the ASSP Advisory Group. This requires attendance at quarterly meetings (virtual). The AG provides input to the ASSP Board. For more information, see <https://www.assp.org/about/advisory-group> Time commitment is about 2 hours quarterly.
- PDC planning committee. This committee helps plan the PDC – from securing the venue and arranging logistics at the PDC (food, room set up, etc.), recruits sponsors and exhibitors, promotes, screens and

chooses the presenters. Time commitment is mostly from September through the conference in February

- Meeting greeter. Help make sure everyone signs in and greets people at in-person meetings. You can volunteer for individual meetings or to be at all of them. We also need someone to take photos at the meetings.
- Marketing materials. Help develop materials to promote Chapter membership and chapter activities. Maybe a few hours over the next couple of months.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please email Carol at president@northwest.assp.org

Upcoming Events

Gathering of Gangsters - Event Cancelled

We need to let you know that some circumstances have unfolded that required a cancellation of the "Gathering of Gangsters" Summer Social that was originally planned for August 6. Rest assured, we have plenty of engagements planned for the year - please see below and mark your calendars!

2025-2026 Chapter Event Schedule

We have all our engagements planned for the upcoming Chapter year. Please see below for our events and mark your calendars now...registration for September's event and purchasing our bundle offering will open on August 13.

[Check out our registration page.](#)



ASSP Northwest Chapter 2025-2026 Chapter Event Schedule

| Event Date: | Topic: | Speaker(s): | Location: |
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| September 9 th | MN OSHA Update: Regulatory Refresh & What's Next | Jim Krueger, Director of Minnesota OSHA | McGough 2737 Fairview Ave N., Roseville, MN 55113 |
| October 14 th | Next-Gen Safety: AI for Smart EHS | Robert McIntosh, M.S. Digital Strategy & Marketing Leader for College of Science & Engineering at the U of MN | Acme Tools 1271 Town Centre Dr Eagan, Mn 55123 |
| November 11 th | Doing Right by Safety: Ethics in the Workplace | Adele L. Abrams, Esq, ASP, CMSP Law Office of Adele L. Abrams P.C. | Marsh 6160 Golden Hills Drive Golden Valley, MN 55416 |
| December 9 th | What's that Smell? Industrial Hygiene Made Simple | Cathy Hovde, CIH, CSP, Resilient EHS | MN Safety Council Inc. 474 Concordia Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55103 |
| January 20 th 11 am – 1 pm | <i>Joint Meeting with AIHA</i> Cleared for Safety: Guarding those Who Guard Us | Matthew Monjes, Occupational & Weapons Safety Manager | Air National Guard 133 rd Airlift Wing located at MSP International Airport |
| February 17 th | Professional Development Conference (PDC) | | |
| March 10 th | From Near Misses to Meaningful Change: Harnessing HOP to Learn & Improve | Nikki Knapp, CSP, HOP Champion, Senior Safety Business Process Analyst with ALLETE | The Builders Group 2919 Eaganale Blvd Ste 100, Eagan MN 55121 |
| April 14 th | Student Paper Presentations | Chapter Student Members UW-Stout & Duluth | The Builders Group 2919 Eaganale Blvd Ste 100, Eagan MN 55121 |
| May 12 th | Stay Current: NFPA 70E Essentials for a Safer Workplace | Kamron Allipour, QSSP | The Builders Group 2919 Eaganale Blvd Ste 100, Eagan MN 55121 |

*Some schedule planning details are subject to change; dates and times will remain the same.

Recognition for Chapter Members with Long Term Membership

We would like to celebrate the contributions of those listed below, for the continued, and hopefully continuing, connections they have made with the Northwest Chapter. We value the perspectives and expertise of all who have made our Chapter one that has repeatedly been recognized as having achieved the highest level of performance among all Society Chapters. Those with long service records are uniquely positioned to share their learning with newer members of the Society. The list below are for those members who have reached the milestone this year.

25 Years

- Victorio Angulo, P.E., CSP, CIH
- Jason R Berger, CSP, ARM, CPCU
- Jean F Cranston, CSP, CIH
- Christopher L Flegel, CSP
- Chuck D Kendall, CSP, CPEA, ARM
- Edward E Roethke
- Teresa J Tice, M.S.

40 Years

- Dennis R Hollatz, CSP

- John B McMurtry, CSP, CIH
- Eugene A Mitchell, CSP, ARM
- John A Olson, CSP

44 Years

- Mark Nichols, ARM

Engagements

Engagement at Career Days

The Northwest Chapter is engaging in career days at various high schools and at one college (Gustavus Adolphus) and we are currently seeking additional opportunities to get our message out, relative to the great careers available in EHS. Our mission is of dual nature: encourage students to participate in Chapter-affiliated college and university programs, such as those at Stout, UMD and U of M Minneapolis (via student section membership) and also raise the awareness of student counselors and faculty, about the opportunities in EHS. We welcome the participation of alumni of educational institutions within the Chapter - either as a source of referrals, and/or to directly participate in such events.

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.

Other News to Share

ASSP Welcomes Our New Society President!

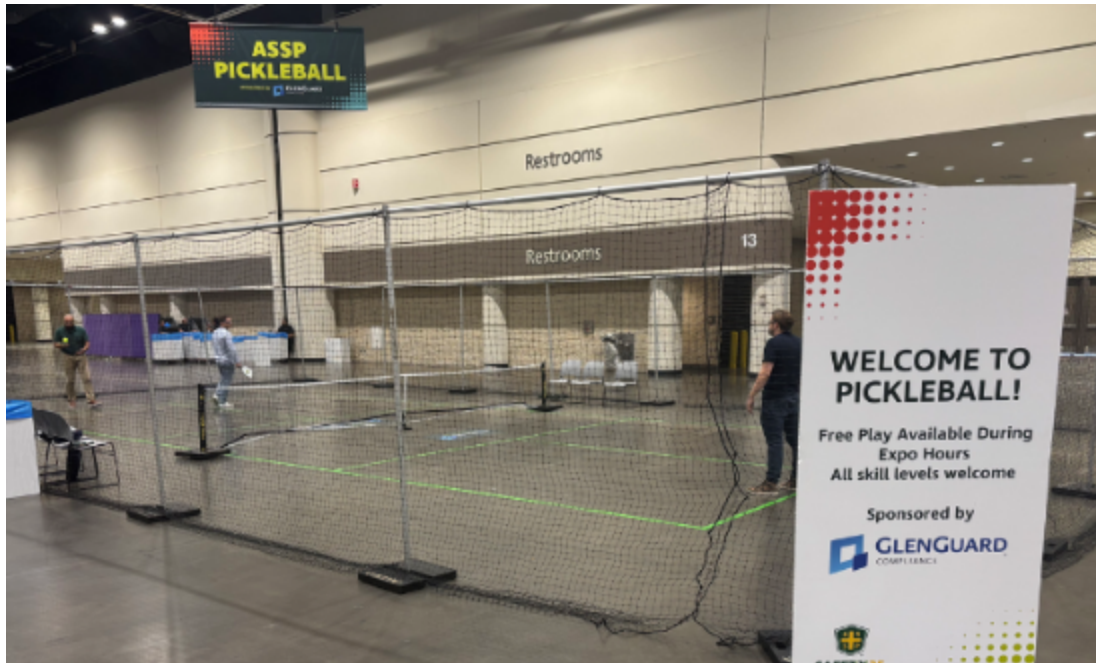
Safety 2025 was a wonderful event and is now in the history books. One of the highlights at the closing session was the "passing of the baton" from outgoing President, Pam Walaski to incoming Society President, Linda Tapp. We look forward to a great year ahead under her leadership.



Safety 2025: A Glimpse at Something New

The safety conference in Orlando offered something new - pickleball! It was fun to see how a pickleball court was set up in the Expo area. A regulation court, complete with temporary fencing, and loaner paddles was available to conference attendees to have some fun. We're not sure how many from Northwest Chapter tried it, but Scott Huberty did and he

reports that it was a lot of fun. We are told that no injuries occurred during the week, but there were some occasions when people crashed into the fencing while chasing a shot! We will be curious to see if this returns for Safety 2026 next June.



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Linda M. Tapp, CSP, ALCM, CPTD, 2025-2026 ASSP President and ASSP Foundation Chair

In this new time of uncertainty, we have the opportunity take a giant step forward by encouraging organizations to go beyond mere regulatory compliance.

Career Opportunities

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



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