



**NORTHWEST  
CHAPTER**

## June Newsletter

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

This is my last column as chapter president. As of July 1, we have a new Board and Megan Navarre takes over as Chapter President. I recently submitted our chapter's Chapter Operations Management Tool (COMT) – this is where we recap what we did during the year, including the items Society requires. We did a lot!

- Our chapter meeting calendar is getting set by early August so we can send out a postcard with all the meeting dates, locations and speakers. Megan Navarre arranged all the chapter meetings this past year and Whitney Larson has been working hard to set up the chapter year.
- We continue to offer in person and online options for meeting attendance.
- All of our chapter meetings were approved for CEUs.
- We offered a discount package for meetings. We plan to offer that again.
- We developed marketing materials for the chapter (thanks Amy Satterfield)
- We participated in a number of networking and meet up events (thanks Scott Huberty)
- We reached out to new members (thanks, Mark Nichols)
- We sent chapter newsletters on a monthly basis (thank you Jenn Carlson)
- We updated our bylaws (please vote!) (thanks to Jamison Harrell Latham and Kate Carlson)
- We recruited more people to run for chapter board.
- We completed our financial audit (thank Chris Flegel, as our treasurer)
- We kept our website up to date (thanks Josh Kaiser)

- We participated in Regional Operating Committee meetings
- We supported students with free attendance at our PDC and \$8500 in scholarships (thank you Jeff Jarvala)
- We received 20 proposals when we put out a call for speakers for our PDC.
- We had over 300 people attending chapter meetings, not including the PDC
- We nominated Alanna Lee for Region SPY (Safety Professional of the Year), which she won. Her name was announced at the Leadership Awards in Anaheim.

It takes a village to make all this happen. Thank you to all of the Board members who worked to make this all happen. And to Jim Nelson, our Regional Vice President (RVP) who has been so supportive.

Congratulations to our incoming Board:

- President: Megan Navarre
- President-Elect: Whitney Larson
- Vice President: Tyler Murphy
- Treasurer: Chris Flegel
- Secretary: Jenn Carlson
- Members at Large: Scott Huberty, Curt Schroeder, Andrea Peterson, Bill Woulu, Megan Rooney, and Amy Satterfield
- Society Advisory Group Members: Kate Carlson, Jamison Harrell-Latham, Jon Eichman, and Carol Keyes
- Social Media: Tailin Tommerdahl
- Website: Josh Kaiser
- Membership/mentoring: Mark Nichols and Scott Huberty
- Scholarships: Jeff Jarvala
- Awards & Honors: Ann Oehlrich and Andrea Peterson

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Chapter President. Have a wonderful, safe summer.

Carol Keyes

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **The Summer Boat Cruise is Coming!**

Registrations have been coming in at a rapid pace for "Viva Las Vegas" - the Summer Boat Cruise for EHS Professionals. Scheduled for Thursday afternoon August 6 at Padelford Riverboats in St. Paul, this event will likely sell out with a group numbering 120 people, so don't delay making your own registration at the Northwest Chapter website. You won't want to miss the social and networking event of the Summer!

[Register here.](#)





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## Mark your calendars! First Chapter Meeting OSHA Updates Sept 22

Because of the late Labor Day holiday, we are moving our September meeting to Sept 22, rather than the second Tuesday. Both federal and Minnesota OSHA have been invited to provide updates. The meeting will be at The Builders Group in Eagan. Watch for more information coming later this summer.

We will resume meeting on the second Tuesday of the month starting in October.

## OTHER NEWS TO SHARE

### **VOTE NOW: Northwest Chapter Bylaws Proposed Revision**

On June 17 you should have received a ballot to vote for the revised bylaws. Voting is open until June 26, so please vote. The revisions help us stay in line with Society requirements and provide more guidance for chapter activities.

If you have any questions or concerns about these, please reach out to Carol Keyes, Chapter President, at [President@northwest.assp.org](mailto:President@northwest.assp.org) or to Jamison Harrell-Latham.

A huge thank you to Jamison and Kate Carlson for all of their work on updating the bylaws.

[NorthwestChapterBylaws2026\\_051226.pdf](#)

[NW\\_Chapter\\_ASSP\\_Bylaws\\_Comparison\\_2023\\_vs\\_2026.pdf](#)

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### **Region Safety Professional of the Year: Alanna Lee**

At the Leaders and Honorees Event, held on June 14 at Safety 2026 in Anaheim, Alanna Lee was recognized as the Region V SPY recipient. Unfortunately, Alanna could not make it, but it was pretty cool to be in the audience and have her name announced. Congratulations again to Alanna.



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**Look Who Made it to Safety 2026!**



## ENGAGEMENTS

**Recruitment is Now Open for Advisory Group Members-at-Large for the 2026–2027 Program Year**

View the position description [here](#).

Interested members can submit their application through [Leadership Connection](#).

**A few reminders:**

1. Applicants must be current members in good standing and complete the application form in its entirety.
2. Member-at-Large appointments are made on a first-come, first-served basis based on eligibility.
3. Elected leaders and Chapter Representatives do **not** need to complete the application, as they serve on the Advisory Group through their elected or appointed role.

If you know members who would be interested in contributing their perspectives to Board discussions and helping represent the voice of the membership, please encourage them to apply.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support of the Advisory Group program.

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### **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.

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### **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>

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### **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.

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### **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.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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



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