



NORTHWEST
CHAPTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Northwest Chapter Members,

The chapter season is just around the corner, and I am looking forward to another great year together. Our September, October, and November meetings are now posted on the chapter website, and registration is open. Members can also take advantage of our Meeting Bundle, which offers significant savings and the opportunity to attend seven chapter events for just **\$75 in person** or **\$40 virtually**.

Our Annual Summer Boat Cruise set sail on schedule on August 6, and we were fortunate to enjoy a beautiful, sunny day on the river. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with members, meet new faces, and strengthen relationships across our professional community. Thank you to everyone who attended, and a special thank you to **AIHA** and the **Minnesota Safety Council** for their partnership in making the event a success.

[Chapter Updates](#)

We currently have several opportunities available to serve on the ASSP Northwest Chapter Board. If you are interested in becoming more involved, whether in a current opening or a future leadership role, we encourage you to reach out. Please contact our Membership Chairs Scott Huberty and Mark Nichols to learn more.

We are also seeking volunteers for the following positions:

- Government Affairs Chair
- UMD Student Section Liaison
- UW-Stout Student Section Liaison

Serving in one of these roles is a great way to support the chapter and grow your professional network.

Schedule Reminder

Please note that our September Chapter Meeting has been moved to **Tuesday, September 22**, to avoid conflicts with the Labor Day holiday period. We are excited to officially kick off the chapter season and hope you will join us.

Our September event will feature the highly anticipated **OSHA Panel Discussion**, with representatives from both **Minnesota OSHA** and **Federal OSHA**. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about regulatory updates, emerging industry trends, and key topics impacting workplace safety and health.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with the Northwest Chapter.

Sincerely,

Megan Navarre

President, ASSP Northwest Chapter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Register for the September MNOSHA and Fed OSHA Update Meeting

Join us for our annual OSHA Update Meeting on September 22, 2026.

[Register here.](#)

Chapter Meeting Bundle Discount

We're continuing to offer our popular meeting bundle program. For just **\$75 (in-person)** or **\$40 (virtual)**, members receive access to 7 chapter meetings throughout the year. The January Joint Meeting with UMS-AIHA and the February Professional Development Conference are not included in the bundle. Please remember that registration and attendance are still required to receive CEUs.

You can purchase this bundle with your first program registration [here](#).

OTHER NEWS TO SHARE

Another Sellout: Viva Las Vegas! The Summer Boat Cruise for EHS Professionals

On August 6, EHS Professionals from all around the Twin Cities and outstate areas gathered in St. Paul at Padelford Riverboats for the annual summer social and networking event. The Summer Boat Cruise was a sell-out with 109 people boarding the Jonathan Padelford for an afternoon of socializing and networking while cruising the Mississippi River. The group enjoyed beautiful weather, excellent food and drink, and even a concert performance by Elvis!

Typically held the last week of July or the first week of August, the current "formula" for the Summer Boat Cruise dates back to 2005 and is a collaboration between the AIHA, ASSP, AHMP, and Minnesota Safety Council. Over the years the event has rotated between Lake Minnetonka, the St. Croix River, and venues on the Mississippi River in St. Paul and Minneapolis.



Thank You, Cruise Sponsors!

The 2026 Summer Boat Cruise was a great success, and this could not have happened without the strong support of our Cruise Sponsors. Please look for opportunities to thank these organizations and patronize them as much as possible!



ENGAGEMENTS

Engagement at Career Days

The Northwest Chapter is engaging in career days at various high schools and at times at colleges 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.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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



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