



NORTHWEST
CHAPTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Northwest Chapter Members,

We kicked-off our Chapter season, starting with our much-anticipated OSHA Panel on September 22nd with representatives from both Minnesota OSHA and Federal OSHA. Attendees had the opportunity to hear about regulatory updates, emerging industry trends, and key topics impacting workplace safety and health.

Our [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**.

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.

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 hope you will join us, either in person or virtually!

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

Sincerely,

Megan Navarre

President, ASSP Northwest Chapter

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13: Return with Purpose: *Return to Work and Work Conditioning*

This session will explore strategies for safely returning employees to full-duty, full-time work following a work-related injury. Topics will include musculoskeletal disorders, essential job demands, and the use of Job Task Analyses (JTAs), Work Performance Tests (WPTs), work conditioning, and Functional Capacity Evaluations (FCEs) to support injury prevention, employee placement, rehabilitation, and return-to-work decisions.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information and to register.

November 10: Equity in PPE

Please visit our [website](#) for more information and to register.

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.

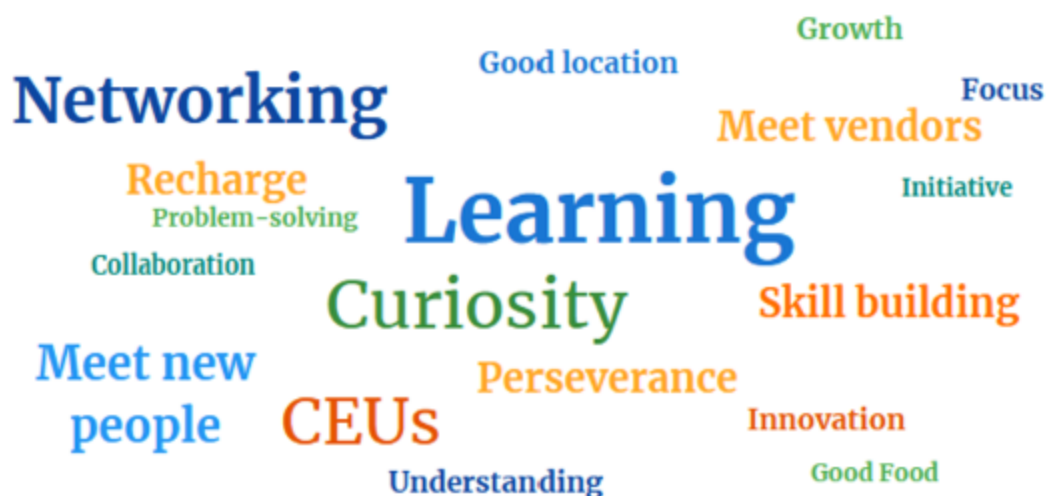
You can purchase this bundle with your October program registration [here](#).

PDC: Save the Date – February 9, 2027

Planning is underway for the Professional Development Conference. It will be held at St Paul College on February 9, 2027. Watch for...

- **Call for Speakers** (the call will go out soon, with a deadline around Nov 1). If you are interested in presenting, watch email and LinkedIn for the call for speakers. We had more proposals than slots last year, but asked some of the speakers to present at our Chapter meetings instead.
- **Call for Exhibitors and Sponsors:** we have a limited number of exhibitor spaces, but unlimited sponsorships. Scott Huberty will be heading up this subcommittee.

Reasons to attend the PDC:



OTHER NEWS TO SHARE

2027 Safety Professional of the Year Award - Nominations Open!!

Do you know an outstanding safety professional? The ASSP Northwest Chapter is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award for 2027. This award recognizes an outstanding chapter member for their significant contributions to the occupational safety and health (OSH) field and to our chapter community.

How to submit a nomination: For more information or to submit a nominee, send an email to awards@northwest.assp.org.

Who is eligible? To be eligible for the award, a nominee must be a member in good standing with both the ASSP and the Northwest Chapter.

What are the criteria? The ideal nominee is a safety leader who has demonstrated excellence in the OSH field and has actively advanced the profession. The individual's achievements will be evaluated in several categories, including but not limited to Leadership, Contributions, Mentorship, Activities, Innovations, and Demonstrated Expertise.

Nomination deadline: November 15, 2026

For a full list of criteria and to access the official nomination form, please visit <https://northwest.assp.org/awards-honors/>

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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