NORTHWEST CHAPTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Northwest Chapter Members,

We had a fantastic November Chapter meeting hosted by **Builders Group in Eagan, MN**, where **Nikki Knapp**, back by popular demand, delivered an insightful presentation on **Equity in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the discussion.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our upcoming **Professional Development Conference (PDC)** on **February 9, 2027**, at **Saint Paul College** in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The conference will kick off with keynote speaker **Scott Welle**, who will challenge attendees to think differently and learn how to **"Outperform the Norm."**

Whether you are looking to expand your professional network, gain fresh perspectives, earn professional development opportunities, or find renewed inspiration in your EHS career, the PDC offers something for everyone. We hope you will join us for a day of learning, connection, and professional growth.

Chapter Updates

This season, we are proud to support **Second Harvest Heartland** through our Chapter Food Donation Drive. Across Minnesota, 1 in 5 families faces food insecurity and may struggle to afford the groceries they need. Your contribution can help provide nutritious meals and much-needed stability for our neighbors in need.

Donate here: Virtual Fund Drive FY27: Megan Navarre - Second Harvest Heartland

Schedule Reminder

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 8**, and will feature **Mary Ferrian, CSP**, presenting: **"Contact Release Fundamentals: Meeting NFPA 70E Expectations.**" The event will be hosted at **Marsh in Golden Valley, MN.** We encourage you to join us for an informative session on electrical safety and NFPA 70E compliance.

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

Sincerely,

Megan Navarre
President, ASSP Northwest Chapter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Register for December 8 Chapter Meeting: NFPA 70E Expectations

Check out our website for more information and to register.

Did you know you can still take advantage of our chapter program year bundle and save on monthly program expenses? The discount is available through December 2026.

In addition, we are running our Second Harvest Heartland Food Drive again this year - please help us fight hunger in our local community!



Register for the February 9 PDC: Safety: for the people, by the people

Check out our website for more information and to register.

The Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) is excited to announce our 2027 Professional Development Conference (PDC). With the theme, “Safety: for the people, by the people”,

we will be focusing on the human side of safety and the important role safety professionals play in guiding people, influencing positive change, and putting meaningful safety improvements into practice. As technology continues to evolve, the personal connection, experience, and understanding that safety professionals bring to the workplace remain essential. The PDC is a great, local opportunity for safety professionals to celebrate the EHS profession. Networking opportunities will be endless!

With a full day of relevant general sessions, breakout sessions, and an expo area where you can connect with representatives from a wide range of EHS products and service providers, you will want to be a part of this gathering. You do not need to be a member of ASSP to attend – the event is open to all who are involved with workplace safety.

OTHER NEWS TO SHARE

Student Scholarships

Be on the lookout as the Northwest Chapter is kicking off the 2027 Student Scholarships soon!

In addition, the 2027 ASSP Foundation Academic Scholarship application opened October 15 and closes February 15, 2027. Learn more here. Through one application, students are considered for more than 100 scholarships made possible by donors. This year's recipient of the **ASSP Foundation Scholarship, in memory of Cary Swenson for $1000** is **Holly Johnson,** a Master's degree student studying Environmental Health and Safety at University of Minnesota - congrats!



ENGAGEMENTS

Introducing ASSP Community Connection

Our exclusive online member community connects you with great resources and great people to help you grow professionally and engage with colleagues on a global scale.

Benefits of the ASSP Community

- Connect and network with a vibrant community of 36,000 OSH professionals
- Gain exclusive access to member-only conversations sharing expert knowledge and best practices that can help you solve a workplace challenge
- Establish yourself as a thought-leader within the OSH profession by sharing content and participating in group discussions
- Become more involved in ASSP and connect with volunteer opportunities to grow your leadership skills

Log In to the ASSP Community

- ASSP members: Log in using your ASSP username and password

Engagement at Career Days

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