Hi there friend,

Happy new year! Take a look at what happened this month in the Northwest Chapter.

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President's Message

MARCH MADNESS…Northwest Executive Board has been busy this month executing the following:

- Identified the 2016-2017 Northwest Chapter Elections – great job Tom Cone, CSP (Nominations and Elections Chair). Watch for your ebballot in April!
- Finalized our annual Northwest Chapter financial report – great job Tara Larson (Treasurer)
- Established our 2016-2017 Northwest Chapter budget – great job John Urban, CSP, CHST (President Elect)
- Initiated coordination for the return of the annual ASSE Boat Cruise in early August – thanks for taking the lead Scott Huberty (Volunteerism Chair)
• Completed 2 monthly Chapter meeting events
  o March 8th at Ergodyne
  o March 10th – TEAM Approach

Thanks again to all the Northwest Executive Board members and Committee Chairs for your continued support this year!

Please feel free to email me at jharrell-latham@baywest.com at any time throughout this new ASSE year with questions, concerns, or interest in participating in any of our Chapter projects.

Jamison—NW Chapter President 2015-2016

Chapter Bylaws Revision

The Northwest Chapter Bylaws are required to be revised due to recent changes within Region V. Please take time to review the changes for 2016. The biggest changes are the addition of Area Directors to the Region and the standardization of Bylaws between Region V Chapters. The revised Bylaws incorporate both of these changes thus we have highlighted all updates from our 2014 Bylaws. We will ask for final acceptance of these Bylaws from our Chapter members during our April 12th Chapter monthly meeting. Please let Jamison Harrell-Latham know of any comments you have before end of day April 11th at jharrell-latham@baywest.com. Thank you!

Link to the Proposed Bylaw Revisions

NORA Symposium

The National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) will be hosting a symposium on May 4th, 2016.
Dr. Howard will review changing employment patterns that challenge existing models of worker protection, emerging technologies that provide new ways to monitor safety and health risks, and the rise of worker well-being as an occupational safety and health value.

**Speaker: John Howard, MD, MPH, JD, LLM**

Dr. Howard was first appointed NIOSH Director in 2002 during the George W. Bush Administration and served until 2008. In 2009, Dr. Howard worked as a consultant with the US-Afghanistan Health Initiative. In September of 2009, Dr. Howard was again appointed NIOSH Director in the Barack Obama Administration, and was reappointed in 2015. Prior to his appointments as NIOSH Director and WTC Health Program Administrator, Dr. Howard served as Chief of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health in the State of California’s Labor and Workforce Development Agency from 1991 through 2002.

Dr. Howard earned a Doctor of Medicine from Loyola University of Chicago; a Master of Public Health from the Harvard University School of Public Health; a Doctor of Law from the University of California at Los Angeles; a Master of Law in Administrative Law and Economic Regulation and a Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management, both from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Dr. Howard is board-certified in internal medicine and occupational medicine. He is admitted to the practice of medicine and law in the State of California and in the District of Columbia, and he is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court bar. He has written numerous articles on occupational health, policy and law.

*Program Date: Wednesday, May 4th, 2016*

*Time:*
2:00pm – 2:45pm: Final Registration and Poster Viewing
2:45pm – 4:00pm: Presentation and Discussion Session
4:00pm – 5:00pm: Reception and Poster Sessions

*Light refreshments will be served*

*Location:*
Mayo Memorial Auditorium
Mayo Memorial Building
420 Delaware Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Directions and Parking: [http://z.umn.edu/mayo](http://z.umn.edu/mayo)

*Registration:*
FREE, but registration is important!
Register online at [http://z.umn.edu/nora2016](http://z.umn.edu/nora2016)
WISE Personal Development Retreat

ASSE’s Women in Safety Engineering is proud to announce our 3rd annual personal development retreat...

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June 25, 2016

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at the Georgia-Pacific Headquarters
133 Peachtree St. NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Register now at
http://www.asse.org/wise-personal-development-retreat-2016/
Or while Registering for ASSE’s Safety 2016
Early registration discount ends April 9

Member Spotlight: Rick Johnson, Delegate

Rick is a Delegate to the ASSE Society House of Delegates for the Northwest Chapter and is currently the VP for Product Development and Technical Service at CLMI Safety Training. Rick has lived in Eagan, Minnesota since 1982 and grew up in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. He has been married to his lovely wife, Jill, for 36 years. They have three children, all of whom which are married, yet no grandkids yet….they are waiting for someone to decide on a major life change so they can spoil them!

Rick has worked in the safety profession since 1981, providing services to a variety of company business units, primarily in manufacturing. Rick was the first safety officer for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. One of his favorite jobs in college was working for the City of St. Louis Park water department—he got to drive every type of vehicle in the city garage! Rick earned his undergraduate BA from Concordia College, Moorhead,
Rick’s proudest accomplishment was the development of their ResourceNOW product for distributing safety training. This was built starting during the Dot-com crash and they have managed to expand and enhance the product into a powerful and easy to use system that delivers a great user experience.

Rick became engaged in the NW Chapter ASSE because he was interested in the workings of ASSE at both the Chapter and Society level and interested in the process for making changes that improved the value of the association to its members. He was always attending the PDC as a vendor, so he made himself available to represent the Chapter at the House of Delegates.

Rick’s favorites include:

- **Activities/Hobbies**: Rick and his wife are currently Ski Patrollers at Welch Village. He also enjoys SCUBA diving, photography, biking, camping, and golfing (even if he isn’t good at golf, he still enjoys it).
- **Travel Destination**: Traditionally, his favorite travel destinations has been to western US ski resorts. Since taking up SCUBA diving, warm weather trips with reef diving are a close second.
- **Food**: him and his wife love to cook Asian food, particularly Thai. He also loves wine and craft beers (and yes, those are food groups)!
- **Musician/Band/Genre**: Big band, jazz, swing. Maynard Ferguson, Woody Herman, Buddy Rich, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, and modern artists like Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.
- **Movies**: Sci-Fi and Fantasy
- **TV Shows**: Loved watching Downton Abbey and other similar period dramas.

If Rick won the lottery, he would like to be one of the mysterious people who drops wads of $100 bills into Salvation Army kettles during the holidays.

**Member Spotlight: Tom Cone, Past President**
but is currently living in Golden Valley, MN. His family includes his wife, Carol; they have three children together with a total of eight grandchildren! Tom’s proudest accomplishment was convincing his wife to spend 40 plus years (to date) with him, raising three great children (none in jail), and having eight healthy and happy grandkids in their lives.

Tom’s past jobs have included District Attorneys Investigator, Military Police, Director of Security at Valley Fair, Private Investigator, Loss Control Manager for several insurance companies, Safety and Security Manager in a variety of industries, undercover investigator, general manager for contract security company and others! Tom prepared for all those roles by earning an AAS in Law Enforcement from Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, CO and his BES from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Tom became engaged in the NW Chapter ASSE because he felt it was time to give back to the chapter and loved the networking opportunities and meeting new people. Tom’s favorites include:

- Activities/Hobbies: Tom likes to play the guitar, read (at least one new book a week), walking in the woods, riding his bicycle, and consuming mass quantities of beer.
- Travel Destination: Anywhere with a beach, sunshine, and beer (not necessarily in that order).
- Food: Chocolate and beer (usually together), burgers, salami, cheese and onion sandwiches.
- Musician/Band/Genre: Eric Clapton and most other blues players, Southside Johnny, CSNY, Pure Prairie League, most 60’s-70’s Rock Groups.
- TV Shows: Combat, Sopranos, Band of Brothers, Deadwood, and currently House of Cards.

If Tom won the lottery he would set up trust funds for the kids and grandkids, develop a charitable foundation, and lastly, plant himself on a beach with cold beer, play guitar, and watch the waves roll in!

Member Spotlight: Jen Ellinwood, Delegate
Jen held a Masters Degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Columbia Southern University and is a Certified Safety Professional. She was attracted to become a NW Chapter board member because she loves to be involved in the inner workings of an organization and be a part of the changes that are occurring. She also loves meeting new people!

Jen has been married to Tad for 6 years and has a son, Auggie, who will be 2 in April as well as 2 cats, Puppy and Guy. She loves running (finished the TC Marathon while pregnant!), traveling (Fav Destination: Italy), and cooking (Fav Foods: sushi, pizza, cheese, wine, microbrews, cake, and any combination of peanut butter and chocolate). She and her husband are on a mission to attend a baseball game at every MLB part (so far they have made it to 9 with her favorite being Busch Stadium - go Cardinals!). Favorite bands include Florence and the Machine, Modest Mouse, Metallica, Foo Fighters, The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, and 80s pop. Favorite TV shows include House of Cards, Homeland, The Office, and Arrested Development.

If Jen won the lottery, she would travel the world, volunteer, and open a local running store.