Hi there friend,

We sure hope you will have a safe and fun upcoming Fourth of July celebration! Take a look at what happened this month in the Northwest Chapter:

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President's Message...

The transition for the new ASSE Northwest Chapter Officers took place on June 2 and I officially take the role of President on July 1st. This year’s agenda includes some great topics (see below) and will provide some variety as we hope to change the meeting location for a couple of those chapter meetings (Buck Hill perhaps). So when registering always assure you make note of the meeting location and try to register for all meetings by the Friday prior to avoid the hassle of on-site registration.

Looking Ahead (go to ASSE NW Chapter webpage for details):

- **Boat Cruise:** We have scheduled a Boat Cruise on Lake Minnetonka on August 10 from 3pm until 6pm (arrive at 2:30pm). This is a great event where you and your partner can have a few drinks and compare
• **September 13, 2016:** This is our first NW Chapter meeting. James Krueger from OSHA will be providing an OSHA update.

• **September 14, 2016:** 3M and the Midwest Center for Occupational Health and safety will host a Hearing Loss Prevention Seminar from 7:30 to 4:15p.m. Northwest Chapter will co-sponsor this event. Free event/lunch included.

• **October 11:** 3M to present; topic TBD.

• **November 8:** Ergodyne to present; topic TBD. Free event/lunch included.

• **December 13:** Master Lock presents lockout/tagout

• **February 14, 2017:** The annual NW Chapter PDC will be on February 14. I know, I know…that’s Valentine’s Day but you’ll be out by 5 o’clockish and still have plenty of time to go out for dinner with that special someone.

• **March:** Team approach joint meeting between ASSE, AIHA, AHMP, and MAOHN.

• **April:** Student Presentations from UMD, UM and UW-Stout

• **May:** Technical Tour – TBD. In May 2016, we had our technical tour at Indeed Brewing Company.

Please feel free to email me at [president@northwest.asse.org](mailto:president@northwest.asse.org) at any time throughout the new ASSE year with questions, concerns, or interest in participating in any of our chapter projects.

Thanks,
John Urban

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**Northwest Chapter Launches New Website!**

The Northwest Chapter is pleased to announce the launching of the new Chapter website. The new site was the result of Society’s efforts to improve the look and function for all Chapters in ASSE.
New responsive site design that can be viewed on both desktop and mobile devices
- Improved navigation that better integrates with society website and resources
- Improved Sponsor administration and visibility on the site
- Improved interface for adding Jobs to the Jobs page
- Improved event calendar interface
- Hot links to download events to iCal calendars such as Outlook
- Improved event registration and checkout
- Better information on Events with Google maps integration
- Lots of changes in the administration of the site to make changes easier to make by Chapter members

The site will continue to improve as we add more content and articles and introduce new features.
Please contact Rick Johnson with any questions or feedback! rjohnson@clmi-training.com, 763-551-1036, x109

Government Affairs Update

Minnesota DOLI OSHA Advisory Council Meets

The MN Dept. of Labor & Industry OSHA Advisory Council met Friday morning, June 24, 2016 at the DOLI Office in St. Paul. The Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council (OSHAC) was created in 1973 by Minnesota Statutes 182.656 to advise the department in carrying out the purposes of M.S. 182 and other Occupational Safety and Health Administration statutes.

Led by Chairman Paul Aasen from the Minnesota Safety Council, the Advisory Council consists of 12 members appointed by the DOLI Commissioner. Council members include three representatives from management, three representatives from labor, three representatives of occupational safety and health professions, and three representatives from the general public. The following link brings you to the web page containing more information on this group: http://doli.state.mn.us/Oshac.asp

At Friday’s meeting, the Advisory Council heard activity reports from Federal OSHA, OSHA Consultation, OSHA Compliance, Training & Outreach, and a legislative update. There was a presentation summarizing area events related to the National Fall Prevention Stand-Down that took place in May. In addition, there was a presentation
The OSHA Advisory Council normally meets on a quarterly basis and these meetings are open to the public. The next meeting would normally be in August but this one was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is November 4, 2016. For information on meeting agenda’s, past meeting minutes, and related Advisory Council information check out the website link mentioned above.

"Luau on Minnetonka"

The 2016 Summer Boat Cruise for EHS Professionals

Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2016
Time: Boarding 2:30 - 3:00
Cruise is from 3:00 - 6:00 PM
Boat: Paradise Cruises - Destiny II
Departs from Port of Excelsior, 2 Water St., Excelsior, MN 55331
Cost: $30.00 includes buffet meal. Cash bar available.

The cruise is limited to 90 people.

Register here!

Aloha!

3M and Midwest Center Offering Hearing Loss Prevention Seminar

There’s no better way to educate yourself and your staff about the current regulations, equipment choices, employee training programs and legal issues related to noise hazards and hearing conservation. Conducted by instructors who are among the industry’s most respected hearing experts, these day-long seminars discuss, in detail, how to assess noise problems and properly protect your employees.

The seminar focuses on practical and applied solutions rather than highly technical matters. The topics covered are valuable to anyone involved in hearing conservation, from plant managers and insurance carriers to CAOHC technicians and occupational hearing conservation program team members.
Save the Date for the NW Chapter ASSE PDC; You’re Sure to Love it!

Save the date of February 14th and plan to attend the 2017 NW Chapter ASSE Professional Development Conference. Spend the day learning, networking, and reigniting your passion for safety. Attend enticing educational sessions of your choice and let our knowledgeable speakers remind you what originally attracted you to the field of safety. Leave feeling better equipped to tackle your daily challenges, better connected to your peers, and reinvigorated about your career.

Additional information to follow. Mark your calendar now and watch the NW Chapter newsletter and website for more details. We look forward to seeing you there!