It's Here, the January Newsletter!

January is almost over and that means just around the corner we will find out if Spring will come early or if we will have six more weeks of Winter! Tune in February 2 to see if the Groundhog will see it's shadow or not!

Until then, check out what we have in store for you this month:

- **President's Message**
- **A Note from your Secretary**
- **Upcoming Society Elections**
- **Northwest Chapter PDC - February 14th!!**
- **Calling all Students...are you looking for some $$$?**
- **Want Impact, then become a Sponsor!**

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the PDC!

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**President’s Message**

Our chapter meeting at Buck Hill Ski Resort in Burnsville, MN was a nice change of location. Sleet was falling, traffic not so good, but members still showed up in numbers and once in a while you may have looked out the window and saw someone skiing. It was fun! Thank you again Abby Ferri of “The Ferri Group” for presenting on the “Lifecycle of a Safety Career”. Here is the [NIOSH Safety Matters Program](http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea2ee7f1eeb97b54de81cacb&id=704fc034c9&e=UNIQID) that was mentioned during the
Our PDC is just around the corner; it is on February 14, 2017. Attendance to this conference will gain you six contact hours (.60 CEU’s). We have a large list of excellent presentation and we expect a great turnout. Register today at http://northwest.asse.org/events/professional-development-conference/

So Valentine’s Day is coming up. Other than chocolate what other gift can a person give to your wife/husband or significant other? I’ve thought about this a little and perhaps the answer is subtle. You love your parents and they know it, but maybe you don’t say it because it’s awkward. So in line with this analogy, maybe this February 14 you do one other thing that sends a message without it being spoken. Do something that you normally would not do such as:

- Fill up that special persons car with gas
- Take care of putting salt on the sidewalk/driveway when it's icy
- Tape a note on the steering wheel that says “drive safe…see you tonight”
- Make the bed
- Shine his/her shoes, etc.
- In other words, whatever that person always does her/himself, you do it.

I’ll let you know how it turns out on my end…

A Note from your Secretary

Happy 2017 to all my fellow ASSE NW Chapter Members! I wanted to write to say thank you…thank you for your support and patience over the last few years I’ve been Secretary; I know sometimes the newsletters and mailings weren’t perfect and sometimes I may have missed a nametag at check-in.

And thank you for being an ASSE NW Chapter Member…whether you are a regular meeting attender or just tune in to our monthly newsletters; we appreciate your involvement! As you may already know, the NW Chapter is a strong and large chapter with over 800 Members. At Safety 2017 we will be receiving the Platinum Award (highest award) for our annual performance as an ASSE Chapter. This would not be possible without our engaged Membership and our volunteers!

I am hoping some of our Members would be interested in volunteering with our NW Chapter (or even just learning more about the volunteer opportunities that
Whether you are interested in a Member at Large type position or perhaps running for an Executive Board position like the Secretary - we have many options that will work for you (I'll be running for a different position this coming election).

Here are some ways we make volunteering easy and also provide some benefits to you:

- Volunteers receive training through ASSE and from the outgoing Board Member
- We have a Board with expertise in serving all the volunteer roles…so you are never alone
- The NW Chapter has many documents and templates that can help with your volunteer role
- You receive CEUs (AWESOME!)
- You will learn something new and possibly challenge yourself
- It provides you an opportunity to serve in a leadership position if you currently do not with your employer (HELLO RESUME BUILDER!)
- It’s a great way to network
- We get work done but we also have fun!

Myself or any Member of the Board would be more than willing to discuss the opportunities available and answer any of your questions. Feel free to email or call me for more information (secretary@northwest.asse.org / 651-267-8684), connect with other Board Members here or chat with us at the PDC February 14th!

Thanks and we would love to have you!
- Jennifer Carlson, CSP

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**Upcoming Society Elections**

Society elections are from March 1st to March 31st. You should be receiving information on the process and your ballot February 1st. We will be electing a new Region V Vice-President, the Senior VP (who ascends to the role of President-elect and President), a VP of Professional Affairs, a VP of Region Affairs, and several Assistant Administrators for Practice Specialties. Please be an informed voter and review the candidates information at [www.asse.org/elections](http://www.asse.org/elections)
Senior Vice President
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Helmut W Paschold, Ph.D., CSP, CIH

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Andrew W Johnson, CSP

Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator – Oil & Gas
Jeffrey Bowen Gosney, CSP, OHST
Jeffrey M Citrone, CIH, CSP, PG

Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator - Public Sector
Brandon J Hody, MS, CSP
Howard W Spencer, CSP

Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator - Risk Management/Insurance
Greg Bordner, P.E., CSP, CPE
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David Marciniak, P.E., CSP
Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator – Utilities
Michael Carter, CSP
Russell Wong, CSP, CPEA

Blacks In Safety Engineering (BISE) Common Interest Group
Alexis Daniels, CSP, CIH, CHMM
Ian S. Madison, MS, CSP, PG

Young Professionals Common Interest Group
Oluwatomisin (Tomi) Elelu, CSP
Ali Vahed, MSc, CSP, PMI-RMP

Northwest Chapter PDC - February 14th - Minneapolis

Time's Running Out to Take Advantage of the Northwest Chapter PDC!

- **Earn** – Receive 0.6 CEUs for attending this one day Conference (or 6.5 COC’s and 1.0 ABIH CM’s).

- **Network** – Connect with 100’s of safety professionals and exhibitors representing over 130 different organizations from our region.

- **Learn** – Hear up-to-date information on current and emerging practices and challenges in our field from local, national, and internationally renowned experts.

- **Save** – For a tank of gas, you have access to thought leaders from across the country.

Registration is open on the ASSE Northwest Chapter website, so come for the CEUs and experience all the great things the ASSE Northwest PDC has to offer...right in your own backyard!

[Click here to learn more and register](http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ea2eee7f1eefb97b54de61c6cb&id=7044c034c9&e=[UNIQID])

Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities Still Available

Did you know that the ASSE Northwest Chapter is the second largest chapter in the world, with over 800 members? Don't miss your chance to provide safety
2/14/17. If you'd like to upgrade your exhibitor registration to a sponsorship, you will receive more publicity and a premium booth location.

Response from attendees is far ahead of past years and the conference usually has 200-250 safety, health, and environmental professionals in attendance. Because we have a limited number of exhibitors, there is great opportunity for meaningful discussion between attendees and exhibitors.

Don't miss the networking session the night before the PDC, 2/13/17, also at The Commons Hotel.

More information and online registration is at http://northwest.asse.org/events/2017-pdc-sponsors-and-exhibitors/

Thank you to our current PDC Sponsors:

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Calling all Students...are you looking for some $$$?

Multiple Scholarships totaling $4000 available for students pursuing a graduate degree, Master of Science in Risk Control, at University of Wisconsin-Stout, Master of Environmental Health & Safety, at the University of Minnesota-Duluth or Master or Doctorate in Public Health or an Occupational Safety, Health or Environmental field of study at the University of MN.

Due dates for your application to be considered are as follows:

- U.S Postal Users must have their application postmarked by March 8th, 2017
- Last minute filers must deliver their application in person or as a PDF file via email no later than 4:30 pm CDT on March 10th, 2017.
- Email users note: It is not 100% certain that your email will successfully make it to your intended addressee. Please consider using the US Postal system.
Criteria for 2017 Scholarship Awards

1. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.
2. Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time, and plan to graduate in May 2017 or later to be eligible for this award.
3. Previous recipients of Northwest Chapter ASSE scholarship awards are not eligible.
4. Applicants must complete Section I of the application form, and attach a Scholarship Award Essay.
5. Applicants must attach a current résumé to the scholarship award application.
6. Applicants must submit transcripts from completed graduate courses and undergraduate degree programs. The transcripts must:
   ○ Verify good academic standing.
   ○ Verify overall graduate GPA of at least 3.25 out of a 4.0 system for all graduate courses completed.
   ○ Verify undergraduate degree completion and an overall undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 out of a 4.0 system.
   ○ Unofficial transcripts are accepted by following ASSE’s Code of Professional Conduct
7. Section II of the application form and a reference letter from a university program faculty member must accompany scholarship application. The letter must:
   ○ Include verification of official enrollment in an occupational safety & health or closely related field.
   ○ Verify 6 current semester hours or more.
8. Eligibility for all Northwest Chapter ASSE scholarships requires a current ASSE student membership, that costs $15 per year. To apply for membership, contact ASSE’s Customer Service department at 847.699.2929 or visit ASSE’s web site at www.asse.org and click to join.

The Northwest Chapter ASSE Scholarship Award & Selection Committee will review all applications. Scholarship award winners will be notified by early April, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Flint at 763-528-8422 or Scholarship@northwest.asse.org
We are currently looking for a sponsor for our April chapter meeting. Is your organization or someone you know interested in getting “the most bang for their buck”?

Sponsors enjoy the following benefits:

- Booth exhibit space to showcase your products and services
- 15 minutes of presentation time to advertise and promote your products and services
- Company logo on our Chapter website

The greatest benefit in becoming a sponsor is that you have a captive audience of 60+ members who are safety and health professionals that are seeking new information and solutions to be even more successful in their roles by adding additional value to their company and organization!

For more information, please contact Leslie Cloonan at 952-240-5023 or leslie.cloonan@ieasafety.com.

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