Enjoy the rest of your Winter!

It's Here, the February Newsletter!
We sure had a busy February with our PDC going on! Check out what we have in store for you this month...can you find yourself in any PDC Photos?

- President's Message
- Sponsorship
- Upcoming Society Elections
- PDC Photos

President's Message

I am happy to say that the Northwest Chapter had another successful Professional Development Conference on February 14, 2017 at the Commons Hotel in Minneapolis, MN. A quick recap of the event;

- Mike Williamsen from Caterpillar Inc. started us off with an interesting presentation about the processes he’s used, with success, that help develop his clients safety programs.
- Sam Scribe spoke about his experiences with safety and provided us a heart-felt story where Sam was elected to deliver the message to the wife of an employee who had lost his life in an accident.
- Shari Smith, Krista Twesme, Dorothy Gjerdrum, Katie Schofield, Shane Stennes, Abby Ferri, Scott Gesinger, Scott Margolin, Isaac Monson, Roger Harrison, Jamison Harrell-Latham and Jill Lucas were our
these subject matter experts!

- We had five Long Term Service Award Recipients attend the conference luncheon to receive their award. They were:
  - Diana Stegall – 25 Years
  - Richard Koeckeritz – 25 Years
  - Thomas Goetz – 25 Years
  - Edward Lucz – 25 Years
  - Lewis Barbe – 50 Years!
  - Award recipients were unable to attend were:
    - 25 Years: Julie Tremblay, Jerrol Walen, Mark Wagner, Bruce Nyberg, Glen Smith, Michael Nielsen, Daniel Anderson, Steve J. Love, and Gregory Olson.
    - 40 Years: James Krumholz, William Dunlop, and David Marquette

- There were six students who participated in the student poster session. Awards were presented to the first 3 places. Award recipients were:
  - First Place award of $125 went to Kayla Kurtenbach, UMD, for her poster “The implementation of Exoskeletons in Industry”. Kayla described that a muscle reduction of as much as 80% can be achieved using an active exoskeleton. Her research described the limitations as well, but the future looks promising for exoskeleton use.
  - Second Place award of $75 went to Ryan Bates, UMD, for his research on “Decision Fatigue: what does it mean for our workforce”. Ryan’s researched showed how repeated decision-making can deplete mental resources. An example cited in his research showed that the United States has 50,000 new products released every year, whereas a couple decades ago there were only a few thousand.
  - Third Place award of $50 went to Tim Isakson. UMD, for his research on “Tools for Measuring Safety Climate”. He broke it down by describing quantitative and qualitative tools that companies use. His conclusion described a combination of both quantitative and qualitative may be the best approach to more accurately determine where a company’s culture lies.
  - The other three students who did an excellent job at performing the research and developing posters were: Alicen Johnson, Andrew Cayard, and Duane A. Dockter. If you interested to learn more
Upcoming Events (All upcoming events can be found on the ASSE Northwest Chapters website):

- **March 8**: Updates to OSHA Silica Regulations
  - 8:30 – 11 a.m. (breakfast and registration begin at 8 a.m.)
  - This is an opportunity to hear directly from David O’Connor, Director of the Office of Chemical Hazards—Non-metals, on the new OSHA updates to Silica Standards. OSHA has made these changes as previous Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) do not adequately protect workers. Join us for a discussion of solution options in order to be compliant with these updated regulations.

- **March 30**: Legionellosis and You: Everything you wanted to know about Bacteria and Water Quality
  - 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. This is a MN Safety Council Event

- **April 11**: Student Presentation from UMD and UW-Stout
  - 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.
  - Students will present on various research topics. This is a great opportunity for the member to gain in-depth knowledge of researched subject matter.

- **May 9**: CHS Field Meal and Tour
  - Come join ASSE Northwest Chapter members for a meal and tour at the new CHS Field in St. Paul, MN. Maximum registration is set for 50 participants. Walk-in’s cannot be accepted so register early.
  - *Please note, registration will not be opened until April 11.

Want Impact? Become a Sponsor!
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
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.

---

**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 [http://www.asse.org/elections](http://www.asse.org/elections).

**ASSE CANDIDATE SLATE – 2017**

- Senior Vice President
  - Diana M Stegall, CSP, CFPS, ALCM, ARM, CPCU
  - Deborah R Roy, MPH, RN, COHN-S, CET, CSP, FAAOHN
- Director-At-Large
  - Carl W Heinlein, CSP, OHST, STS-C, ARM
  - R. Ronald Sokol, CSP
- Vice President, Professional Affairs
  - James R Thornton CSP, CIH
  - Pam Walaski, CSP, CHMM
- Vice President – Region Affairs
  - Maribeth Anderson, MPA, CSP
  - Stephanie L Johnson, CSP
- Region V – Vice President
  - Eric Hallerud, CSP
  - James R Lange, CSP, OHST
- Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator – Academics
  - Jack Ogutu, Ph.D., AEP, ASP
  - Helmut W Paschold, Ph.D., CSP, CIH
- Practice Specialty Assistant Administrator – Consultants
  - Greg Meyer, MS, CSP, CET, CRIS
  - Andrew W Johnson, CSP
• 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
    ○ 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
    ○ Oluwatomiin (Tomi) Elelu, CSP
    ○ Ali Vahed, MSc, CSP, PMI-RMP

Check out some PDC Photos!