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President's Message

Treat or the new Breaking Bad? Neither—just another Hazwoper day for me. The October monthly chapter meeting was another great event. Plaques were presented to several NW Chapter members celebrating their 40 and 25 year anniversaries...quite the accomplishments! This was also "bosses month" where we personally recognized those supervisors in attendance for their commitment to safety and ASSE. This exciting event was rounded out with a thorough discussion of OSHA litigation cases by Aaron Dean, attorney with Moss and Barnett. Check out the pictures on our NW Chapter here.

The Chapter Board also met via web meeting on October 13th to discuss a few key topics:

- Chapter Bylaws – Jamison Harrell-Latham, CSP
  - Revised Chapter Bylaws are posted on NW Chapter Website for your review; ASSE requires a 30 day review and comment period
  - Forward any comments to president@northwestasse.org
- Scott Huberty was appointed as the new Volunteerism Chair
- CEU for monthly meeting – Katie Schofield Larson, PhD, CSP
  - Midwest Center to email a CEU certification along with speaker agenda to everyone that pre-registered to the meetings
  - Receive 0.1 CEU

- ASSE Leadership Conference – Chris Fliegel, CSP, Tara Larson, & Dean Sherman
November monthly meeting will be held at UW-Stout campus at no cost to members! Hope to see you at the meeting next month…

Please feel free to email me at jarrell-letham@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

Aaron Dean October OSHA Presentation Available Online

The October Chapter meeting attendees were treated to a great presentation at Grumpy’s!

Attorney Aaron Dean from the firm of Moss and Barnett gave an overview of How to Handle OSHA Investigations and Defend OSHA Citations. Mr. Dean’s extensive experience in defending over 100 cases over the past few years has made him a solid resource for what to do when you have a less than pleasant conversation with our friends at OSHA enforcement.

For those of you who did not see the presentation, it is now available on our Video Archive.

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Long Term Member Awards

On behalf of the Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, we would like to recognize and extend our thanks to the following professionals for their enduring support of the Northwest Chapter and long term membership in the American Society of Safety Engineers.

It is the continued dedication and participation of active safety, environmental and health professionals that sustains the Northwest Chapter and ASSE at the national level. Long term member support enables us to serve the employees, organizations and the community at large as well as continue the development of EHS professionals in the Chapter and beyond. We are honored to have you as members and thank you for your loyalty in this mission.

Gary Christiansen (40 years)

Chuck LeRoux (25 years)
and Don Marker (25 years) were present at awards event at the October Chapter meeting.

Those others receiving long term member service awards included:
Rick Pollock – 40 years
Patrick McDermott – 25 years
Joe Friederichs – 25 years
Daniel Nechkash – 25 years
Paul Johnson – 25 years
Charles Spisak – 25 years
Douglas Holm – 25 years
Thomas Gross – 25 years

NW Chapter Board Member Spotlight: Eric Heizman

Eric is a Member-at-large for the NW Chapter and currently works for 3M in Hutchinson, Minnesota. He lives in Minnetonka with his wife (Kristin), daughter (Eleanor) and dog (Kyla the Vizsla). Eric graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Masters in Environmental Health and Safety. After graduating, he started his career Aberdeen, South Dakota, working for 3M. Wanting to be more involved is what made Eric decide to pursue a Board position. He also enjoys meeting new people, sharing best practices, and learning from others. In his free time, Eric enjoys downhill skiing, playing broomball, cooking on the grill, and working on projects around the house.

2016 UMD MEHS/MIS All Class Reunion

There will be a UMD MEHS/MIS all class reunion on July 29 & 30th 2016 in Duluth. We are trying to spread the word to as many alumni as possible. Please feel free to add yourself to the Facebook group. Information has also been placed on the MEHS website. If you are interested in attending the reunion, please update your contact information with the UMD Alumni Office.

Nominations and Elections Committee

We are looking for a couple of members to assist on this committee for the next election. If interested in participating please contact Past President, Tom Cone. tom.cone@wnins.com

Hey chapter member, it’s not too early for to consider running for chapter officer. This is a good way to give back to the safety profession and use your skills to make the Northwest chapter even better. CSP’s this is low hanging fruit for the renewal points. If you are interested in running for chapter officer or finding out more about what is involved, please contact Tom Cone: tom.cone@wnins.com

Offices up for election 2016-17

- Treasurer 2 year term
- Member at large -1 year Term (3 positions)
- Member at large – 2 year term (3 positions)

Regional Operations Committee (ROC) Recap
John Urban, President-elect and Jamison Harrell-Latham, President of NW Chapter both attended the Region V ROC meeting on September 17 and 18 in Naperville, Illinois. Fermi lab hosted the ROC meeting via Three Rivers Chapter. Fermi lab has a particle accelerator 4-miles in circumference that they use to run tests which aims to solve the mysteries of matter, energy space and time. It was quite interesting.

During the ROC, Chapter Presidents and President-Elects share several ideas on how to keep members better informed and involved in ASSE. ASSE Headquarters staff presentation on how to use social media as a means to achieve this goal. As you know, Northwest Chapter has Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook accounts to keep members informed. Jamison and I will take a more focused look at our current social media use to determine if other platforms should be utilized.

Family Scholarship Fund, which is a scholarship fund set up by ASSE, was also discussed. The scholarship is set up for a spouse or child/young adult who have lost a parent in a workplace incident. The program provides college funding to minimize the financial impact of their loss while encouraging continuing education. This will allow ASSE to assist families in achieving educational goals, crucial for long-term stability. Scholarship money ranges from $5,000 to $10,000. Remember, the next time you renew your annual ASSE membership there will be a blank asking if you are interested in to contribute to the Family Scholarship Fund. For more information, please go to the following link http://foundation.asse.org/education.php and consider contributing on your next membership renewal.

Northwest Chapter Bylaw Revision - Key Highlights

The Northwest Chapter has recently revised our Bylaws due to request of Region V. Region V consists of chapters in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North & South Dakota. That said, Region V elected to establish Areas (Area 1 & Area 2) to reduce the workload of the Regional Vice President (RVP) and to increase consistency from year to year in the region. Each Region V Area has an elected Area Director to assist the RVP with oversight of Chapter operations. Another change to the revised Bylaws includes adding remaining counties from Minnesota & South Dakota that had been part of another Chapter into our Northwest Chapter geographical boundaries. As illustrated within the revised Bylaws, Northwest Chapter consists of the following:

- State of Minnesota
- State of North Dakota
- State of South Dakota
- State of Wisconsin counties Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iron, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, and Washburn

If you have any questions and/or would like to provide comments on the Northwest Chapter Bylaws, please forward to president@northwest.asse.org. Thank you for your involvement and support with our Northwest Chapter.

- Jamison

Seventh Annual Minnesota Childhood Injury Summit: Moving Forward Together

More than 80 injury prevention professionals representing a variety of disciplines attended the seventh annual Minnesota Childhood Injury Summit on September 24 at Vadnais Heights Commons. The event featured national communications expert Martha Wilcox from Safe Kids Worldwide in Washington, D.C., and a number of Minnesota-based injury prevention practitioners who shared innovative strategies and programs, including updates on the latest trends in poisoning and sports injury, ways to make the most of Minnesota’s injury data, and the teenage brain and risk-taking.

Five poster session presenters highlighted promising practices in the areas of hidden dangers in the home, safe sleep for American Indian babies, life jacket use, child passenger safety and reaching families with limited English proficiency.

Mary Johnson, a regional transportation coordinator for Head Start Centers in Minnesota and North Dakota, was awarded the 2015 “Champion of Child Safety” award for her exceptional effort in ensuring safe transport for children on Head Start buses (see picture). Three Hermantown students were also recognized for their efforts to provide carbon monoxide alarms to families with limited resources. Bryanna Kliege, Ani Javanovich and Alexa Agenes, students at Hermantown Middle School, took action earlier this year after the death of a classmate and her father from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Unintentional injuries (“accidents”) are the leading cause of death among children in Minnesota and nationwide. The annual Minnesota Childhood Injury Summit brings together key stakeholders from public health, healthcare, public safety and other fields to explore information, tools and effective strategies that support the prevention of unintentional injuries among Minnesota’s children.

The summit is presented by Safe Kids Minnesota, the Minnesota Safety Council and the Minnesota Department of Health with additional sponsorship from Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, Emergency Medical Services for Children, Hennepin County Medical Center, Johnson &
Annual AIHA Upper Midwest Section PDC - November 19, 2015

Annual AIHA Upper Midwest Section Annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) on Thursday, November 19th at the Town and Country Club.

LinkedIn Minnesota Safety, Health and Environmental Group networking reception at O’Gara’s from 4:30 to 6:30. Door prizes and appetizers will be provided.

[website link]

Northwest Chapter PDC - February 9, 2016

The PDC planning committee is pleased to announce the line-up for this year’s Professional Development Conference to be held Tuesday, February 9th at The Commons Hotel in Minneapolis.

We are very excited to have internationally renowned speaker and author Todd Conklin as our keynote speaker where he will be talking on a New View of Safety and then will also be conducting a concurrent session on Safety Learning. Here is information from an interview he had with ASSE. Check out more about Todd and his information by clicking here. In addition to Mr. Conklin, there will be a luncheon session on “What Makes a CEO Tick?” and another general session on “Risk Based Process Safety Management System”. Other concurrent sessions include:

- Ergonomics case study
- Functional Job Descriptions
- Coaching to Improve Communications and Performance
- Construction Crane Safety Update
- Legally Effective Incentive and Discipline Programs
- OSHA/MNOSHA Hazcom/ERTW Update on Enforcement Actions
- Environmental Issues for Safety Professionals
- University of Minnesota’s Contractor Safety Scoring Guidelines and Construction’s Fatal Four

Be on the lookout for opening registration! You won't want to miss this one!

New Section in North Dakota

After many months of discussion and planning, there is now a section of the Northwest Chapter in North Dakota - the Northern Plains section. The recently elected officers of that section are

Chair: James Smith

Vice Chair - Ted Garling
Secretary - Jennifer Smith Dixon  
Treasurer - Rachael Henry  
Member-at-Large - John Thorndike  
Member-at-Large - Frank Richard

33% of the members participated in the election. The election also resulted in the approval of the section's bylaws which will be used to guide the section's operations.

During the initial conversations about starting a section, the discussion was to have meetings at different places throughout North Dakota. A survey on your meeting times and preferences will be coming shortly. A new page on the chapter webpage has also been created to hold section information.

Congratulations! We look forward to the opportunities that this section brings to the members in North Dakota.

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Meeting with Members in South Dakota

On October 14th, Diana Stegall met with some of the members (and potential members) in South Dakota at the end of the South Dakota Safety Conference. There were nine participants in attendance to learn more about ASSE and the potential formation of a section to serve South Dakota and Western Minnesota and several others stopped by as they were leaving the conference.

Southeastern South Dakota and Southwestern Minnesota had previously been part of the Great Plains chapter. With the recent adjustment that moved all of South Dakota and southwestern MN to the Northwest Chapter, forming a section that serves this area is more feasible.

The benefits of ASSE membership were shared - along with the steps of forming a section. Those in attendance were: Gary Miles, Wes Otteirn, Tom Slattery, Sherrie Dietrich, Samantha O’Kelley, Todd Boehne, Albert Patin, Kathy Jacobs, and Cary Swenson. Another eight members had previously indicated an interest in forming a section, but were unable to attend this event.

A big thank you to Cary Swenson and the South Dakota Safety Conference for providing a room and refreshments for those who stayed for the meeting.

![Meeting with Members in South Dakota](image)

If you would like more information on the next steps or the formation of a section in this area, please contact Diana Stegall at diana.stegall@charter.net.

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NW Chapter Participates at Annual Safety and Loss Control Conference

The NW Chapter attended the State of Minnesota Annual Safety & Loss Control Conference as an exhibitor on Sept. 29th. This two day event was presented by the Risk Management Division of the State of MN and was hosted by Hennepin Technical College. Approximately 125-150 safety, health, and loss control professionals attended this event which included presentations on several different topics including one on the new MN Medical Marijuana Statute.
Several attendees stopped by our Chapter booth to ask questions about ASSE and gather information about the benefits of becoming a member. Several of these people inquired about membership and were invited to attend one of our monthly Chapter meetings to check us out and consider membership.

- Kurt VonReuden