Hi there friend,

Take a look at what happened this month in the Northwest Chapter. We wish you all a very happy holiday season!

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President's Message

The end of the year is often a time to reflect and to establish goals for the coming new year. Did you achieve your personal or company’s goals in 2015? As safety professionals, we typically measure success through metrics that we cannot personally control. In my experience, many safety metrics are met because of a quality team and not luck. I would like to thank our Northwest Chapter board (my quality team) especially John Urban, CSP for stepping
up and leading the December meeting in my absence, thus wrapping up a successful 2015 year for members.

Check out our upcoming January joint meeting with AIHA entitled “Driving Sustainable Safety and Health Excellence Through Global Systems.” John Mulhausen, PhD, CIH, CSP, of 3M, will be speaking on this important overlap of our professions.

The board met on December 8th at Grumpy’s and discussed the following:

- 2016 PDC Updates – John Urban, CSP
  - Date: Feb 9th at The Commons Hotel in Mpls
  - Registration is now OPEN
  - Request sponsors & exhibitors
  - PDC attendance referral reference up to $250 cash or gift card

- Duluth Networking Recap – Katie Schofield, PhD, CSP and Jeff Jarvela, CSP, OHST
  - Positive feedback from all that attended the event in November
  - Approximately 15 students and 20 members

- Northern Plains Chapter – Diana Stegall, CSP
  - Election of 2016 officers completed
  - Plan to start scheduling meetings in January

- ASSE Foundation – Eric Heizman, CSP
  - ASSE Foundation to provide presentation during January meeting about 25 for 25 program

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.

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NW Chapter Board Member Spotlight: Dean

Sherman, Membership Chair

Dean is the Membership Chair for the Northwest Chapter and is employed as a Senior Safety Business Partner with Target; he has been working with Target for 35 years since starting part-time in college. Dean earned his B.S. in Criminal Justice. He currently resides in Plymouth, MN with his wife, Joan and dog, Rikki. Their family includes their twin sons Matt and Mike who are currently in college—and he’s excited to have them home for a month!

Dean became more involved in the Northwest Chapter because he was drawn at the opportunity to serve others and to network with a great group of safety professionals.

His favorite activities include traveling (the National Parks-Glacier has been his favorite so far), hiking, biking, and cross country skiing. He enjoys salty snacks followed by a good beer, listening to the U.S. Marine Band, watching NCIS, Madame Secretary and any action/adventure or mystery movie.

If Dean won the lottery, he would retire and travel the world!

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ASSE Foundation: 25 for 25

This year the ASSE Foundation celebrates 25 years of strengthening the safety profession through education, leadership development and research. For its 25th
celebration the foundation is challenging all ASSE members, chapters, and regions to give back to the community and support Safety Matters, the Foundation’s signature fund.

The three ASSE regions that show the greatest combined growth in number of individual donors and dollars raised for Safety Matters will win funding for various foundation programs in those regions, such as scholarships, professional education grants, and research.

Let’s show the ASSE community how much the Northwest Chapter loves safety! Donate to the ASSE Foundation today to support your fellow students and professionals – because safety matters!

- Denise Albrecht, CSP

2016 ASP/CSP Certification Scholarships

In support of the society’s goal to promote the development of the safety profession, the ASSE Northwest Chapter is offering up to six $200 scholarships to be applied towards the registration fee to attend an approved ASP or CSP certification exam review course (Minnesota Safety Council, SPAN International, etc.) OR a test examination fee.

The scholarship application form can be downloaded from the chapter website http://northwest.asse.org/professional-certificate/

Applications are due January 29, 2016.

Send your completed application and copy of BCSP Approval Letter, to be received no later than January 29, 2016, via e-mail to: Katie Schofield (kscho@d.umn.edu)

Scholarship award winners will be notified by e-mail or phone February 1, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Schofield, Chapter Professional Certification Chair at kscho@d.umn.edu or call 612-205-5621.

Professional Certification Study Group
Over the past 3 years, there have been some fairly substantial changes to the ASP/CSP testing experience. Additionally, the BCSP will be releasing a revised ASP/CSP test blueprint soon. To ensure that study group sessions and focus are aligned with the focus and content of the ASP and CSP, some review and updating will take place in the coming weeks. The NW Chapter ASP/CSP study group will resume after this process and will be available via webcast at no cost for all NW Chapter members.

If you are interested in leading a subject for a study session, attending the study group (and being on the mailing list) or have questions or ideas, please contact Katie Schofield via email kscho@d.umn.edu.

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Social Media Committee

The Northwest Chapter is involved in a large number of activities and offers its members a wide variety of services over a large geographical area. So what’s the problem? All of these educational, informative and fun opportunities are hard for a few people to cover on the chapter’s social media accounts. We would LOVE to have many volunteers who are willing to upload a picture, write a post, or compose a tweet for the Chapter's Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter accounts. Sounds like an easy, low stress, minimal time commitment and GREAT way to get involved with the chapter while helping spread the word on the safety profession.

If you are interested or want to learn more, contact Katie Schofield kscho@d.umn.edu.

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Northwest Chapter Professional Development Conference (PDC) - February 9th

Looking for ways to get your leadership team engaged? Bring them to the PDC on February 9th!

We will have multiple speakers discussing topics of importance to your organization: human performance, safety differently, leadership, sharing of best practices, as well as regulatory and compliance items. Think how much easier it will be to sell your ideas if
they have heard from leaders in the field first hand.

The Commons Hotel, 615 Washington Avenue, SE, Minneapolis
February 9 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Includes breakfast, lunch, breaks, and parking

Early Bird Registration $150 before January 19, 2016
Pre-registration January 19 to February 4 - $190

Group discounts for organizations sending 5 or more paid registrants who register before January 19 - $125 (please contact Diana Stegall at pdc@northwest.asse.org to arrange your discount code).

For more information or to register go to: Northwest.asse.org/PDC

Thanks to our sponsors who help us bring in top speakers -

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Northern Plains Section Update

The officers of the newly created Northern Plains Section, which consists of all of North Dakota, held their first meeting November 3, 2015. One of the first items of business was to conduct a survey to get opinions on meetings and topics for the year. Those of you in North Dakota should have received a survey from the new officers asking for your input in order to have a face-to-face meeting in early 2016.

Please take the time to complete this survey so that your opinions can be incorporated into the planning.

Your section officers are:
James Smith, WSER, Conoco Phillips, Chair
Ted Garling, Northern Plains Consulting, Vice Chair
Jennifer Dixon, HSE Lead – RBU, ConocoPhillips
John Thorndike, BHI Corporation, Member-at-Large
Frank Richard, MDU Construction Services Group, Member-at-Large
Unfortunately, Rachael Henry had to step down from the role of treasurer due to family issues. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Jennifer or David Kniffen.

Information on the section will also be available at http://northwest.asse.org/sections/northern-plains-section/

- Diana Stegall