Hi there friend,

Happy new year! Take a look at what happened this month in the Northwest Chapter.

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President's Message

Our 13th Annual Northwest Chapter Professional Development Conference (PDC) on February 9th at The Commons Hotel was our Safety Super Bowl. Like in the Super Bowl, we had two champions: the PDC Planning Committee and the NW Chapter Board. Here are a few highlights:

- Kick-off specialist: Todd Conklin speaks all over the world to executives, groups and work teams who are interested in better understanding the relationship between the workers in the field and the organization's systems, processes, and programs.
- 10 sponsorships:
- Platinum: CLMI
- Gold: WorkPartners
- Bronze: HealthPartners, LifeLine, MeadowBrook Insurance Group, Merjent, Ogletree & Deakins, The Builders Group, United Heartland

- **Half time entertainment:** 35+ exhibitors showcasing new safety products along with safety services.
- **Attendance:** 225 attendees from over 90 different companies; 25 student chapter members.
- **Scoring:** Continuing education credits (0.65 CEU’s, 6.5 COC’s, and 1.0 ABIH CM).
- **Socializing:** Networking opportunities with local safety professionals throughout the day.
- **Swag:** Numerous door prizes donated by exhibitors and sponsors along with ASSE Foundation - celebrating 25 years shirts for purchase.
- **Post-game celebration:** reception after the conference was great...75+ attendees
- **MVP:** Diana Stegall, CSP, ARM - PDC Planning Committee Chair

- **PDC Planning Committee Stars:** Chris Flegel, Carol Keys (Sponsors & Exhibitors), Kay Sargent, Ed Wakem (Moderator Coordination), Chris Western (Logistics), Marni Hogen, Dana Mickelson, Karen Stoller, Amy Weinzierl (Sponsors & Exhibitors), Terry Keenan, Megan Rooney (Marketing) and John Urban.

This was a great conference and the NW Chapter greatly appreciates all of the support from our fantastic sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, and the PDC Planning Committee members!

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.

- **Jamison**– NW Chapter President 2015-2016

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Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award

The Northwest Chapter of ASSE presented the SPY Award to Rick Johnson at the 2016 Professional Development Conference!!!
Council, Boy Scouts of America.

On behalf of the Northwest Chapter, we offer our sincerest congratulations to Rick as 2016 Safety Professional of the Year along with our thanks for his loyal service and commitment to the chapter!

- Dawn Westin

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**PDC Recap**

If you missed the chapter’s Professional Development Conference (PDC), here is some of what you missed:

- Internationally recognized speaker, Todd Conklin, was our key note speaker. Check out more about Todd and his information by clicking here. We still have a few autographed books available for sale.
- Networking with over 200 safety professionals from as far away as Bismarck, ND.
- Meeting 23 student members.
- Supporting the Foundation’s Safety Matters 25th Anniversary Challenge (although I know where you can get one of the t-shirts and how you can donate directly to the foundation).
- Great food in a new venue.
- Networking reception after the conference to let traffic dissipate and to continue the learning after the event.
- Learning what is new with over 30 sponsors and exhibitors.
- Earning 0.6 CEU’s (or other maintenance points)

There is a call for speakers for next year’s conference on our website: call for presenters.

Thanks to the PDC planning committee in pulling together the conference:
• Ed Wakem
• Carol Keyes
• Dana Mickelson
• Terry Keenan
• John Urban
• Chris Fiegel
• Diana Stegall
• Amy Weinzierl
• Megan Rooney
• Karen Stoller
• Marni Hogan
• Tara Larson
• Chris Western
• Kay Sargent

- Diana Stegall

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**Important Notice**

Annual NORA Symposium featuring Dr. John Howard, Director of NIOSH.

Free event that runs from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on Wednesday, May 4th.

Pre-registration and more information at [z.umn.edu/nora2016](http://z.umn.edu/nora2016)

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