President’s Message

We recently sent out a survey to members asking them to give us some feedback about the Northwest Chapter. Out of approximately 850 members, we had 73 people complete the survey. That’s about 9% who responded. For those of you who responded we appreciate you taking the time to provide us this valuable feedback. Although we cannot react to every comment or suggestion, we will definitely act on some of them. See chapter webpage for complete survey results.

A summary of some of the findings are below:

- Our chapter’s professional development conference and the chapter meetings appear to be well liked.
- On social media use: LinkedIn and Facebook are highly used, but not so much for Twitter.
- The frequency of communications our chapter sends via email is sufficient...in other words we are not overwhelming you with emails. Members who responded prefer to be communicated with by email and by LinkedIn.
- When asked about preferences of chapter meeting locations, 38% responded that they didn’t care, 15% selected Maple Grove and 10% responded for St. Paul and Burnsville.
- We asked whether people would like to see more networking opportunities for safety professionals (like meeting at a restaurant/bar, boat cruise, etc) between September and April, 55% responded that “it makes no difference”, 30% said “yes”, and 11% said “no”.
- Lunch is the preferred time to hold chapter meetings.
- Best days of the week to hold chapter meetings had responses of 22% for Thursday, 21% for Tuesday and 20% for Wednesday. As you know for consistency we usually hold our chapter meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.
- Topics that respondents were most interested in hearing presented at a Chapter Meeting or Chapter PDC were Safety Metrics that involve Leading and Lagging Indicators, Safety Culture, Risk Assessment Methods, Human Error, Safety Management Systems, and more.
- Members were asked what they would like to see changed/added to the ASSE Northwest Chapter. Some of the responses are below:
  - New officers on the chapter board
  - Rotate locations of meetings and network opportunities throughout the northwest states we serve.
  - Less judgment about fellow members whether they have a CSP
  - Less focus on OSHA and other compliance based initiatives and more on loss reducing tools that work.
  - Live broadcast
  - Provide a list of names and companies on the chapter website for networking purposes
  - The ASSE Northwest Chapter has been driven by the few and not the many. This chapter does not offer topics that help in my industry.
  - Hold a fire department model meeting regularly to train.
- Overall satisfaction of Northwest Chapter membership is: 82% satisfied, 13% Extremely satisfied, 4% dissatisfied, 1% extremely dissatisfied

Final Message: As you know, safety professionals are in the business of injury prevention and although we may be very competent in our approach, there is much more that we don’t know. If you want to enjoy the company of others working in the same profession or need to run an idea past someone, chapter meetings, networking events (Boat Cruise coming up on August 1) and the Northwest Chapter
PDC are opportunities to consider. As for 2016/17 Chapter year, I was glad to serve as President of the ASSE Northwest Chapter. For those of you who may consider getting more involved or just want to chat, please feel free to contact me at john.w.urban@xcelenergy.com.

Have a great summer!

The Dan Hannan Sr., Memorial EHS Scholarship

EHS professionals serve employers and employees by preserving what matters most—the quality of life. This is accomplished by effectively managing the risks associated with working conditions and human behaviors. No employee should go to work fearful of injury or unknowingly exposed to hazards and conditions that could result in illness. To that end, the EHS professional is a vital part of an employer’s operations, ensuring sustainability by contributing to the return on investment that a healthful workforce provides to a business.

Dan Hannan Sr.—was a commercial painter for four decades from the 1950’s through the 1980’s. His passing in 2000 because of lung cancer was caused in part by his occupational exposures that occurred well before workplace controls were established by OSHA in 1970. This onetime $1,000 scholarship proves to memorialize not only his service to his trade but also his largely unguarded health and safety condition.

Application Instructions and Eligibility Details

This memorial scholarship will be fulfilled as a reimbursement of eligible tuition expenses. The $1,000 will be provided to the awardee by demonstrating proof of incurred tuition costs in an eligible education program. Below are the details and instructions for being considered for this scholarship:

• Applicants must complete and submit this application in its entirety. Applications must be received by September 1, 2017. Costs for summer session and extension courses completed during the summer of 2017 will be eligible. The scholarship will be awarded by September 30, 2017.
• The first 15 applications only will be considered. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
• The scholarship will be awarded based solely on a subjective review of the answers to the application Questions.
• Costs related to tuition will only be considered. Costs that are NOT eligible include housing, transportation, books, or completion of a certificate, credential, or program card such as Certified Safety Professional (CSP) or OSHA 10/30 training.
• The full scholarship amount of $1,000 will be provided as a personal check to the awardee upon demonstration of incurred tuition expenses to an eligible health or safety education program. Proof of incurred expenses can be demonstrated by providing copies of a current transcript detailing tuition costs, paid receipts, personal canceled checks, credit card statements, etc. A request for reimbursement must be made within 6 months of award of the scholarship via email or in writing and accompanied by proof of tuition payment.
• Eligible education programs include pursuit of an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree, at either brick and mortar institutions or on-line programs, in any of the following areas:
  o Occupational health
  o Occupational safety
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Application
Please provide all requested information. Failure to answer all the questions will result in disqualification of the applicant. Please submit the completed application and direct any questions via mail or email to:

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Your Name: _______________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________
Phone Number: _____________________________________________________
Email address: _____________________________________________________
Name of learning institution you are enrolled in and date(s) of enrollment:
_____________________________________________________________________
Name of program and degree being pursued: _______________________________
Timeline for graduation: ______________________________________________

Questions
Answer each of the following questions. Please limit your answer to 500 words per each question.

1. What is the basis (fuel) for pursuing the EHS profession?
2. How/where do you want to use your professional education? (i.e. government, private industry, consulting, insurance, etc.). Explain your desired roll for that employer.
3. EHS professionals help people. How do you see yourself influencing others to keep them safe and healthy?
4. If you could be remembered for contributing one thing to the EHS profession what would it be?
5. Provide the names and contact information (phone number and email address) for two individuals that can be contacted to verify your student status and speak to your intentions to pursue an EHS career. If you are a craft worker transitioning into an EHS role please provide the contact information of your supervisor/manager that can verify this transition.

All candidates will be notified by a phone or email regarding the status of the award.

Boat Cruise Reminder
Many people are already making their summer plans. Around this region it is a cherished time that gets very busy with vacations, travels, and many other activities. Mark your calendar now for the return of the Summer Safety Professionals’ Boat Cruise on Lake Minnetonka!
This event is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, August 1st from 1:30 – 4:30 PM and will sail from the Port of Excelsior. We are working with Paradise Charter Cruises and we’ll be on the Paradise Destiny II, with a capacity of 90 people.

Register here!

PDC call for speakers

Call for Presenters for 2018 PDC Due May 12th 2017

Do you have a message to share with other safety professionals and those with safety responsibilities? Are you passionate about safety and have experience(s) that would benefit other safety professionals and those with safety responsibilities?

The Northwest Chapter Professional Development Conference Planning Committee is looking for submissions for our 2018 conference to be held at The Commons Hotel, Tuesday, February 13th. This will also be the kickoff of the Chapter’s 75th Anniversary celebration.

Submissions are due May 12th for consideration by the conference planning committee. Topics submitted should serve to advance the fields of safety and health, address key issues, improve professional skills and/or address emerging challenges. The committee is particularly interested in advanced, technically oriented, practical and actionable presentations.

The form and more information can be found here. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Stegall at pdc@northwest.asse.org or 612-850-1207.