Welcome to the August Newsletter

President’s Message

First Things First…

The Northwest Chapter is excited to kick off our season of regular monthly programming. On September 12th, 2017 we are hosting MN OSHA’s James Krueger, OSHA Compliance Director and Ron Anderson, CIH, MNOSHA Compliance Supervisor in a moderated discussion about current topics and MN OSHA. Our Chapter members are always looking for guidance from a regulatory standpoint and I would encourage everyone to register early for this unique opportunity.

Registration is open now at http://northwest.asse.org/events/2017-mn-osha-event-speaker-jim-krueger-mn-osha/.

Thoughts on our name change…

Recently the American Society of Safety Engineers put forth a proposal for a change of name, logo and a dues increase. The change of name passed in the House of Delegates and was subsequently put forth and voted on by the ASSE membership and approved a change. Our new name will be American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP). Personally, I believed that we needed to eliminate the word “Engineer” from ASSE for two main reasons. First, the term “Engineer” is protected in some parts of the world and is specific to their practice. Second, the term “Engineer” also leads some individuals to believe that most of our work as “Safety Practitioners” is based on an engineering education, when in fact a very low percentage of ASSE membership work in engineering roles or are “Professional Engineers”. ASSE will be changing to American Society of Safety Professionals at “Safety 2018-San Antonio”. Our organization will be called ASSE until early June of 2018 as the website converts at that time. Click on the link to view the official release and updates on the logo.


Expanding our horizons to reach more members…

I am happy to announce a monthly Northwest Chapter meeting in Rochester, MN. This meeting will be held on November 14th, 2017 during lunch at the Mayo Clinic downtown campus. The
Chapter has reserved seating for 45 attendees and we will announce the speaker and topic soon. Registration for the November meeting will commence around October 12th, 2017.

A moment for thanks…

The Chapter board would like to thank all of the volunteer members that make this one of the best ASSE Chapters on the globe. If you have any suggestions or feedback please contact any of the board members on the website. Kurt Von Rueden (President-Elect) is our monthly Chapter liaison and he can be found on our website - http://northwest.asse.org/.

See you in September.

Chris Flegel, CSP
President - Northwest Chapter ASSE

Dan Hannon Senior Memorial Scholarship - Deadline to receive application September 1st.

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.


Summer Boat Cruise Returns

The annual boat cruise social for Environmental, Health and Safety Professionals took place on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Approximately 65 people enjoyed a beautiful summer day on Lake Minnetonka on board the Destiny II with our cruise host, Paradise Charter Cruises. This event is a chance to network with people from the AIHA, the AHMP, and ASSE. A special “thank you” goes out to the thirteen companies that served as sponsors. This event would not be possible without their support! Make a note to join us next summer!
2017 Boat Cruise Sponsors:

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Help the Northwest Chapter Give Back!

The 2017 Leadership Conference is taking place October 12 – 14 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, IL.

This conference is offered to ASSE Chapter, Practice Specialty, and Common Interest Group community leaders and is designed to build better leaders and communities within ASSE. **The Northwest Chapter is sending three of our leaders to the conference this year.**

**You can Help Give Back** - This year conference attendees will be making kits for the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Illinois to distribute during their Winter Stand Down for Homeless Veterans. As a member of the Northwest Chapter community we invite you to contribute undergarments (any size), individually-wrapped snack items, and/or gift cards to the cause and those of our Northwest Chapter leadership attending the conference will bring the donations and help assemble them into kits during the conference reception. **Start collecting now** – details on where to drop off items to follow!!

Attendees participate in leadership development sessions, workshops, and networking that are designed to:

· Develop valuable leadership skills that are transferable to the workplace.

· Expand networks with other leaders in safety to find solutions to your latest challenges.

· Facilitate best practice sharing and meet key Society leaders.

**Keynote Speaker Announcement**

The Friday keynote speaker is expert on leadership and organizational design, former submarine commander, and author of the best seller *Turn the Ship Around!* David Marquet. David will deliver the powerful message that in highly effective organizations, leadership is not for the select few at the top; he will tell you how he and the crew of the USS Santa Fe developed a way to create leaders at every level.

**Cost**

The conference is free to attend and includes breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday. Attendees should plan to cover their transportation, hotel accommodations, and additional meals.
