Welcome to the October Newsletter

**President's Message**

In October several board members traveled to the Chicago area for the Leadership Conference hosted by ASSE. This conference helps chapter officers grow in their positions as well as assists them with some of the challenges they face guiding their active and growing chapters including identifying professional development opportunities and speakers, website development, locating chapter communications resources to working with governments. This was another great year with one of the best keynote speakers this conference has had - David Marquet. David was the captain of a Navy submarine and turned that submarine from the worst performing submarine to the best submarine, while under his command. I would encourage members to read about this great leadership story - "Turn the Ship Around!: How to Create Leadership at Every Level".

Every safety professional had a "door" opened by someone. Some individual or individual(s) saw value in you as an EHS professional. Go back and thank the person or persons that helped you grow and gave you some opportunities to prosper into the career you now have. Like the old saying goes....if you see a turtle on a fence post.......the turtle didn't get there by him/her self.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Rochester MN on November 14th at the Mayo Clinic for Blood Borne Pathogens.

Thank You for supporting the chapter and if you ever have suggestions on topics, concerns, etc. feel free to reach out to our board members or me personally my e-mail is president@northwest.asse.org

Regards

Chris Flegel, CSP

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**Chapter Receives Society Platinum Award!!**

![Platinum Level Chapter 2016-2017](Platinum-Level-Chapter-2016-2017.png)
Once again, the Northwest Chapter has achieved the Platinum level of Chapter Recognition for the 2016-2017 chapter year! This status is based from the information our Chapter submitted in the Chapter Operations Management Tool (COMT) of 6/30/2017.

The work that goes into achieving this level of success is impressive and greatly appreciated by ASSE. This award does not just recognize the efforts of only the Board members, but everyone who participates in any Chapter activity. Everyone who participates not only helps themselves become better safety professionals but also elevates the safety profession as a whole.

The Northwest Chapter will be listed on the Chapter Recognition page of the ASSE website and will include the chapter President for 2016-2017. In addition, the Platinum and Gold chapter winners will be recognized at the Chapter Recognition Luncheon taking place at Safety 2018 in San Antonio, TX.

Thank you for everyone’s work in providing accessible, face-to-face opportunities for ASSE members to become better safety professionals.

Northwest Chapter Professional Development Conference – February 13, 2018

The PDC planning committee is pleased to announce the line-up for this year's Professional Development Conference to be held Tuesday, February 13th at The Commons Hotel in Minneapolis. Kickoff the new year with our strong professional development offerings to help you in your job.

With the Superbowl in town the week before, we have NFL Referees Carl Chaffers and Tony Corrente will be talking about Risk Management on the Gridiron. Good tips that can be used on and off the field.

Based on feedback from last year, topics have been selected to address a variety of topics and issues in the concurrent sessions such as:

- Walking Working Surfaces
- Human Error and System Design
- New Treacherous Triangle of ADA, Drug Testing, and Medical Marijuana
- Applied Professional Ethics
- Exam Prep Tools
- Temporary Workers
- Emotional Safety
- Silica/Beryllium/Diacetyl
Case studies and more!

Registration Opens November 1st! Early bird registration until December 15th is only $150.

Join us for the kickoff to our 75th anniversary gala on Monday, February 12th – come in early and stay the night so you don't miss a minute of the conference!

CEU's have been requested – based on last year we expect 0.6 CEU's to be awarded for this event.

Nominations are open for Safety Professional of the Year!

Each year, the Northwest Chapter looks for a Safety Professional to honor with the Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award. The Chapter SPY award recipient receives an engraved bronze statue at the PDC in February. Although Chapter participation is welcome, anyone who has shown innovation and success in the safety profession is welcome to participate.

The ASSE Regional SPY award is an honor acknowledging the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to a specific Region. The recipient receives an engraved Silver statue for presentation at a local meeting or the Region's Operation Committee meeting.

If you know of someone who is deserving of this honor, please contact David Abrams at DSAbrams@ARS-Environmetal.Com or 952-513-0116 with questions or nominations.