Welcome to the November Newsletter

President’s Message

Our Big Game Day - The Northwest Chapter is pleased to announce registration is open for attendees as well as sponsors and/or exhibitors for the Northwest Chapter Professional Development Conference (PDC) on February 13th, 2018.

As many of you know Minneapolis is the host site of the “Big Game” - Super Bowl LII (52nd) and we are thrilled to have NFL referees Carl Cheffers and Tony Corrente kicking off this year’s PDC as keynote speakers. You won’t want to miss their interesting risk management perspectives and what it takes to keep NFL players safe - game after game.
The PDC will be held at the Graduate Hotel (formerly known as The Commons) at 615 Washington Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN. We are looking forward to a full day of great professional development programming. Early bird registration until December 15th is only $150 at northwest.asse.org.

75 Years Strong! - Please join us in celebrating 75-years of the Northwest Chapter. The Northwest Chapter of ASSE was founded in 1943 and serves over 800 moving the safety profession forward in North and South Dakota, Minnesota and western Wisconsin. We will be hosting a Gala event the evening before the Northwest Chapter Professional Development Conference (PDC). The night includes dinner, beverages and a light program to celebrate 75 years of the Northwest Chapter. Registration for the event is also open on the Chapter website.

Mentorship - Did you know the Northwest Chapter has a mentorship program available?? Are you a recent graduate, someone interested in moving into a new area of safety and health practice or perhaps exploring other safety and health opportunities? Please contact me at my e-mail address listed below if you are interested in being mentored or assisting with the program.

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 to me personally through my email address - president@northwestasse.org

Regards

Chris Flegel, CSP

Continued Call for Safety Professional of the Year Nominations!

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Safety Professional of the Year Award (SPY) honors exceptional safety professionals each fall. The Northwest Chapter needs your help in identifying great safety leaders in our chapter that deserve consideration for Chapter SPY and Regional SPY. We are encouraging all chapter members to think about those safety professionals who stand out, have been great mentors, volunteered their time and made strides in advancing the safety profession.

If you know of someone who is deserving of this honor, please contact David Abrams at DSAbrams@ARS-Environmental.Com or 952-513-0116 with questions or nominations.
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“Telemedicine Basics- What you need to know to help employees and save costly medical and Work Comp dollars” presented by Melissa Gill

Looking to improve your organization’s safety metrics and lower injury claim costs? Managing WC injury claims can be a challenge with a busy work schedule. Come learn about the history, benefits, and challenges of Telemedicine and how it can be utilized for your company as convenient medical care, as well as part of an early intervention sprain/strain reduction strategy. Also discover how early intervention programs can be considered OSHA First Aid and how these programs can benefit your employees and help decrease your company’s OSHA Recordable claims”.

When: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 (11:30-1:30pm)

Where: Grumpy’s – 2801 Snelling Avenue- Roseville, MN 55113

Register

Special Election for Chapter Vice President

Jennifer Carlson, our current Chapter Vice President has accepted a new position within 3M. Sadly, she will be leaving Minnesota. As Jenn is in an officer position, we need to conduct a special election to fill the office.

Abby Ferri, CSP has volunteered to run for this position and will appear on the ballot. Please take a look at her biography.

Encouraging Numbers…

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Nov. 9 that workplace injuries and illnesses at private industry employers were down by 48,500 cases in 2016 compared to the previous year. The injury rate per 100 full-time equivalent workers dropped from 3.0 to 2.9, marking the fourth straight year the rate has decreased.

But ASSE President Jim Smith, M.S., CSP remarked “At the same time, we know that more employers in every industry need to shift from a compliance-based approach to a risk-based strategy when addressing safety concerns. When that consistently occurs across the board, we’ll see the workplace injury statistics decline at a faster rate.”

Read more here about three recent ASSE efforts to produce safer work environments by helping to strengthen the role of the occupational safety and health professional.