



Welcome to the February Newsletter

President's Message

The Northwest Chapter just finished its' biggest event of the chapter season, the annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) hosted at the Graduate Hotel on the University of Minnesota campus. The PDC looks to have the best attendance ever and we cannot thank all the presenters enough for their interesting and formative educational sessions!

Personally, I really enjoyed the opening conference speakers and their unique experiences in the National Football League (NFL). They did a superb job of tying in their work as NFL referees and safety on the playing field to our similar efforts in the Safety and Health profession in more traditional work environments. I am truly amazed at how much preparation, the depth of knowledge and skill sets of each referee and the extensive collaboration that goes into managing the risk of injury to players in each 3 hour plus NFL game.

The Northwest Chapter cannot host an event like this without the commitment of our sponsors and exhibitors. We would like to extend our thanks again for their amazing support! Last but not least, the Chapter would like to recognize the PDC planning committee members and all the volunteers who helped make the 2018 PDC a great success!

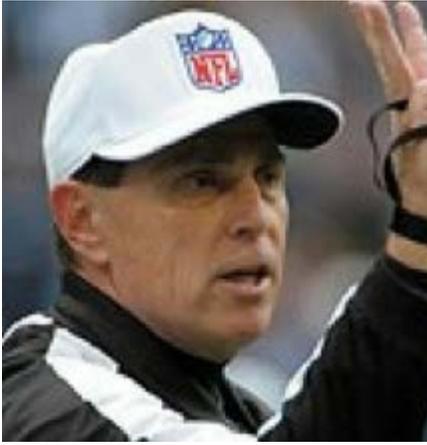
If you missed the PDC, we have some exciting events coming up in March, April and May. Please refer to the website for updated announcements. Go to northwest.asse.org to see the events.

Don't forget to sign up for the ASSE annual PDC in San Antonio, TX. Registration is at www.asse.org.

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



Last Call for Northwest Chapter Student Scholarships!!

March 7th - Application Deadline!

The Northwest Chapter of ASSE is once again pleased to announce its 2018 Student Scholarship application is now available! Multiple Scholarships totaling \$4000 will be made available for students pursuing a graduate degree, Master of Science in Risk Control, at University of Wisconsin-Stout, Master of Environmental Health & Safety, at the University of Minnesota-Duluth or Master or Doctorate in Public Health or an Occupational Safety, Health or Environmental field of study at the University of MN

U.S Postal Users must have their application postmarked by March 7th, 2018 and last minute filers must deliver their application in person or as a PDF file via email no later than 4:30 pm CDT on March 9th, 2018.

[Click here to download the 2018 Scholarship Awards Program application.](#)

Any questions can be directed to [Tim Flint](#) at 763-241-3133.



Northwest Chapter March Event with Ergodyne in St. Paul

When: Tuesday, March 13, 2018
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Where: Ergodyne 1021 Bandana Square, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55108

Topic: Using Technology to Create Worker-Driven Safety Communities

Technology, including connected devices worn by workers, can equip them with the information and technology to communicate with peers in real time. This technology can dramatically decrease costs related to time spent conducting inspections, preparing for or participating in training, and incident investigation. The rewards for forward-thinking organizations are great! This meeting will help you jump-start your connected safety strategy.

Speakers: Corvex co-founders Ted Smith and Joe O'Brien.

Ted and Joe bring together decades of experience and deep expertise in safety and enterprise software. Corvex, headquartered in Eden Prairie, MN, is the first IoT solution that puts the power of connected safety in the hands of workers, creating a safer, more engaged workforce through real-time information sharing. The platform has applications in industries including construction, manufacturing, food processing, oil and gas, energy and utilities, lumber, pulp and paper, waste management, assembly and more. To learn more about Corvex, visit <http://www.corvexsafety.com/>.

The Team Approach (Joint Meeting of ASSE, AIHA, AHMP-NSC, and MAOHN) invites you to hear Kathy Bray's perspective on "Pills and Weed: Managing Injury Risks"

Learn how to manage injury or re-injury concerns related to prescription drug use in the workplace, without running afoul of disability discrimination laws. Get an update on Minnesota's medical marijuana law and its implications for workers' compensation.

When: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

Where: Radisson Hotel Roseville - 2540 North Cleveland Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113

\$35 (members and guests) \$30 (students and retirees) includes lunch and CEU's

1.5 Contact Hours CHMM · 0.15 CEUs CSP · 1.5 Contact Hours CIH · 1.8 Nursing Contact Hours

Register for this event at the Minnesota Safety Council's Website:

<https://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/courses/>

Kathy Bray



Since 2007, Kathy Bray has been with Lynn, Scharfenberg & Hollick, Attorneys for SFM Mutual Insurance Company. She previously was in private practice for 15 years, representing employers in workers' compensation and employment matters. Kathy lives in Duluth, where she serves as Board President for Animal Allies Humane Society.

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About ASSE – Working together for a safer, stronger future in 2018!

For more than 100 years, the American Society of Safety Engineers has been at the forefront of helping occupational safety and health professionals protect people and property. The nonprofit society is based in the Chicago suburb of Park Ridge. Its global membership of over 37,000 professionals covers every industry, developing safety and health management plans that prevent deaths, injuries and illnesses. ASSE advances its members and the safety profession through education, advocacy, standards development and a professional community. Visit www.asse.org and the Northwest Chapter of ASSE at www.northwest.asse.org to get involved with your local Chapter in 2018!!

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