



**NORTHWEST
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Announcing today! The Northwest Chapter PDC is offering a discount starting now! A Groundhog discount.

Starting now a \$50 discount is available to any new PDC attendees until 11:55 PM on February 2nd 2019! Use the discount code **groundhog** in the discount code area of registration for the PDC.

Register ASAP at northwest.assp.org

Act Fast this discount expires in a few days!

Here is the line up:



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Professional Development Conference

February 12, 2019

Mystic Lake Center – 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd NW, Prior Lake, MN

7 a m - 8 a m	Registration & Continental Breakfast, Expo Hall opens			
8 a m - 9 : 1 5 a m	Keynote: The Energized Approach to Effective Leadership Michael Melnik, MS-OTR – The Energized Approach®			
9:15am-9:45am	Dedicated Expo Hall break & Student Poster Sessions			
9:45am-10:45am	Keynote: Dysfunctional Practices That Can Kill Your Safety Culture			
10:45am-11am	Dedicated Expo Hall break & Student Poster Sessions			
11am-12pm	Opioids, Medical Marijuana & Workplace Safety Adele L. Abrams, Esq., CMSP	Regulatory Failure & Corporate Negligence: The 2013 Lac-Mégantic Rail Disaster Bruce Campbell	NFPA Updates for General Industry & Construction Joe Schommer	Decreasing Employer Risk of Workers Comp Injuries Melissa Gill, DPT and Mick Hannafin
12pm-1:15pm	<u>Awards Luncheon with ASSP speakers</u> Kurt VonRueden, Northwest ASSP President Diana Stegall, ASSP President-Elect Rick Pollock, ASSP Past President 2012-2013 Abby Ferri, Northwest ASSP President-Elect, ASSP WISE Administrator			
1:15-1:45pm	Dedicated Expo Hall break			
1:45-2:45pm	Understanding the NEC and NEMA for Locations with Combustible Dust Terry P. Keenan	Technology Advances to Support an Early Intervention Model to Decrease Musculoskeletal Conditions Melissa Gill, DPT	Your Guide to World Domination as a Part-Time Safety Consultant Paul Serafini	Rigging & Lifting: Small Things That Can Cost Us Greatly Jim Canfield
2:45p-3:15pm	Dedicated Expo Hall break & Exhibitor Drawings			
3:15pm-4:15pm	Ergo Toolbox for the Safety Practitioner Mirtha I. Perazza	Handling OSHA Inspections in 2019 Aaron Dean	Understanding ASSP Communities & the Path to Leadership Abby Ferri	Slip, Trip, Fall Prevention for the Third Age of Safety and Beyond Mark Lenling

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MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

Join us for our March 2019 meeting as Ergodyne is again generously opening their award winning workspace to our chapter!



Topic: Biopsychosocial Approach: Innovative Care Solutions for Comprehensive Worker Health

March 12 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Ergodyne | 1021 Bandana Square, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55108

This presentation will highlight the real-world impact of treating the whole person/worker with same objective getting them back to their lives/work. Data will be provided on outcomes experienced by the speaker. Strategies for training personnel on ergonomics and health data to decrease absenteeism will be discussed with case studies.

See what ASSP's President, Rixio Medina, recently said about the NIOSH Total Worker Health initiative [in this article](#) from ASSP.

Speaker: Todd Ginkel, D.C.



Dr. Ginkel is the Founder and CEO of Physicians' Diagnostics Rehabilitation Clinics (PDR Clinics). He received his chiropractic and acupuncture training from Northwestern College of Chiropractic in 1990 and graduated from Russian State Medical University in 1996. Dr. Ginkel received further training at the University of California, San Diego, Department of Orthopedic School of Medicine in 1993; and the University of Florida, Colleges of Medicine and Health and Human Performance in 2001. He is a certified acupuncturist and has lectured to medical audiences on many topics related to the non-operative management and rehabilitation of spinal disorders. Dr. Ginkel is a

member of the American Back Society. He has served on Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) task force for acute and subacute lowback pain, and MN Community Measurement's Lumbar Spine Surgery Measure Development Work Group. Dr. Ginkel is also a member of the Board of Trustees for Northwestern Health Sciences University.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Time to Celebrate Your Profession at the PDC



Just after I returned home from work on December 28th, I received a phone call from a client informing me that there was a fingers amputation injury earlier that day in their facility. One of their Maintenance staff was attempting to make an adjustment on a belt while the machine was being shut down but the belt was still moving. The employee's hand was pulled into the pulley which severed the tips of two fingers.

Area where injury occurred



My client was calling me to let me know about the incident and to find out what to do next. I advised them to contact OSHA within 24 hours to report the

incident and to gather as much information as possible including the events leading up to this injury. I also recommended that they prepare for a possible onsite OSHA investigation within the next couple of weeks. After adjusting my schedule, I made a two-day trip the following week to go see this client and assist them with the investigation, additional training, and procedures development. Lost in all of this activity was the Maintenance employee who sustained a life-altering injury.

Thinking back over the last month about this injury and all of the events that followed, reminded me of how important our profession is and how life is so much better when an organization has a proactive safety culture instead of a reactive safety culture. All injuries have some effect on a company, but the more severe injuries and fatalities have a deep impact that use up company resources, decrease productivity, lower employee morale and even affect quality. The list goes on and on about the consequences, which makes you ask yourself “isn’t life much better when our safety program and culture is a step ahead and we have minimal or no incidents?” Of course, the answer is “yes” and we should all feel proud to be Safety & Health Professionals who make a difference with worker’s lives every day. It is not always easy and can be a challenge to get there but you are not alone. Many of your peers who deal with similar experiences in their positions will be attending the Northwest Chapter ASSP Professional Development Conference at Mystic Lake Casino & Conference Center on Tuesday, February 12th. You’re invited and if you have not already registered, then please consider attending. This educational and networking event will help “recharge your battery” on your journey to success as a Safety & Health Professional. We will see you there!

Respectfully,

Kurt VonRueden, CSP, CET, SMS

Chapter President

MEMBER UPDATES

MN Distracted Driving Legislation Update & Call to Action

The distracted driving bills are moving through the MN Senate. Please reach out to members of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee to voice your

support. ASSP Northwest Chapter has sent a letter in support to representatives at each round of committee meetings. This next round is very important!

<https://www.echopress.com/news/government-and-politics/4561018-hoping-add-teeth-texting-and-driving-law-minnesota-lawmakers?amp>

Committee contact info and meeting schedule

https://www.senate.mn/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3099

NEWS & RESOURCES



3M Occupational, Health & Safety Scholarship 2019 Announced

For the past 32 years, 3M has awarded scholarships to over 100 graduate students studying in the field of Occupational Health and Safety in the United States.

3M's Personal Safety Division (PSD) is pleased to announce the 2019 Occupational Health and Safety Scholarship Program. Three \$5000 scholarships will be awarded to qualified graduate students, studying in the US, to help pay for educational expenses. The three awardees will travel to the American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition held May 20-22, 2019 in Minneapolis MN, USA. 3M PSD will provide airfare, accommodations for up to four nights, conference registration and a \$50.00 USD per diem per award winner.

Questions and scholarship applications will be accepted at psdtechnicalsupport@mmm.com. Applications are due by March 15, 2019.

The application form is also available at <https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/1650240O/psd-ohs-scholarship-2019.pdf> and will be available, in early February, on the 3M PSD website at: www.3M.com/PPESafety.

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