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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello ASSP Northwest Chapter Members,

With our chapter's locations in various states of closure, the Chapter Officers have decided to take this time to do things differently with the opportunity to reach more of our geographically diverse membership.

Our April meeting was supposed to be in-person at the 3M facility in Red Wing. Because ASSP has suggested that all in-person events be

rescheduled through May 15th, we are taking the April meeting online! 3M has generously offered their Zoom platform to us and we have lined up an amazing speaker, Dr. Lisa M. Brosseau, who will present on the topic of COVID-19 Aerosol Transmission & Implications for Masks and Respirators.

Learn more about Lisa and register for the meeting

here: [https://northwest.assp.org/events/webinar-covid-19aerosol transmission implications for masks-respirators/](https://northwest.assp.org/events/webinar-covid-19aerosol-transmission-implications-for-masks-respirators/)

This virtual meeting will be offered to our members for free! At registration, you have the opportunity to support an organization that has stepped up recently to help families in need. All donations received will be sent to the [Minnesota Central Kitchen](#) that is working with Second Harvest Heartland to provide meals to those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As with our usual monthly technical meetings, you will earn 0.1 CEUs for attendance at this virtual meeting.

We hope you will take the time to join us for this virtual meeting, and turn your camera on so we can see your face! However, with the increase in these types of meetings, we totally understand if you want to just listen :)

Our chapters region, Region V, is hosting another educational opportunity this month, registration is limited to the first 150 paid registrants. More info at this link:

<https://northwest.assp.org/events/assp-region-v-adaptive-decision-making-webinar/>

If you were planning to go to Orlando for Safety 2020, make sure to follow along with updates at [www.assp.org/coronavirus](http://www.assp.org/coronavirus) for the latest news. At that landing page, you will see a familiar face, ASSP President Diana Stegall is giving video updates frequently from the society. This information is also available on our chapter homepage, [northwest.assp.org](http://northwest.assp.org)

Last, look for news in early May on another virtual chapter meeting opportunity. We look forward to serving you as we all navigate our new normal.

Make sure to stay in touch through our Facebook page and LinkedIn group too!

[www.facebook.com/ASSPnorthwest](http://www.facebook.com/ASSPnorthwest)

[www.linkedin.com/groups/4589747](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/4589747)

"See" you soon!

Abby Ferri

ASSP Northwest Chapter President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

#### COVID-19 Aerosol Transmission & Implications for Masks and Respirators Webinar

**Tuesday, April 28th | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

This webinar will be conducted via the Zoom meeting platform thanks to the generous support of **3M**. We will send out a secure Zoom link to all registered participants by email prior to the meeting.

***CEUs will be awarded for this event.***

REGISTER HERE

**Speaker:** Dr. Lisa M. Brosseau, ScD, CIH



Dr. Lisa Brosseau is a solutions-oriented Industrial Hygiene Consultant with expertise in the areas of respirator performance, infectious and biological aerosols, occupational exposure guidelines, exposure assessment and outcomes-based education.

Lisa received her Masters and Doctoral degrees in Industrial Hygiene from the Harvard School of Public Health. She spent her career as an academic researcher at the University of Minnesota and University of Illinois at Chicago, teaching graduate-level industrial hygiene courses and conducting research on respiratory protection and small business workplace safety interventions. Her early research with respirators focused on filter performance, comparison of surgical masks vs. respirators and respirator use in healthcare settings. More recent research focused on better understanding how respirators fit during work. Recently retired from academia, Dr. Brosseau continues to consult and advise on respirator topics.

Lisa has recently provided articles for the University of Minnesota Center for Infectious Disease Response and Policy (CIDRAP).

**This event is FREE, but please consider adding a donation to your registration.**

All donations received will be sent to the [Minnesota Central Kitchen](#) that is working with Second Harvest Heartland to provide meals to those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic.



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## **ASSP REGION V Adaptive Decision-Making Webinar**

**April 29, 2020 | 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Learn the importance of making critical decisions about adaptive challenges facing your organization.

### **Topics include...**

- What are adaptive challenges and how do they cause uncertainty?
- How does uncertainty and stress affect our ability to make adaptive decisions?

- How do we practice emotional intelligence to improve our decision-making ability?
- What strategies can we use to address adaptive challenges facing our organization.

**Presenters** Dr. Dan Ebener & Kevin James

[www.QCLeadershipConsulting.com](http://www.QCLeadershipConsulting.com)

*\* Proceeds of this webinar are being donated to those in need as a result of the of the coronavirus pandemic.*

Register Now

**Registration limited to the first 150 people who register and pay.  
Registrants will be sent a GoToMeeting link prior to the event.**

## MEMBER UPDATES

### PPE DONATIONS

As the need for PPE continues in many of our Chapter member home states, we are offering information on some locations for donations and volunteering. Please share!

MN: <https://mn.gov/ppe/>

WI: <https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/Donations>

ND: <https://www.ndcf.net/>

SD: <https://ktiv.com/2020/04/03/siouxland-companies-come-together-to-donate-masks-and-other-personal-protective-equipment-to-hospitals/> (A risk manager is connecting donations with healthcare facilities highlighted in this news piece).

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### FINAL CALL FOR CANDIDATES!!

Have an interest in getting more involved with the Northwest Chapter? Contact [Kurt Von Rueden](#) for details on open positions and where you can make a difference!

## NEWS & RESOURCES

### ASSP COVID-19 Articles of Interest!

[Three Keys to Addressing COVID-19 in the Workplace](#)

[Safety News You Need: Personal Protective Equipment](#)

### American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Offers

**Guidance:** Recommendations for Use of Cloth or Disposable Face Coverings in the Workplace During COVID-19 [Read More](#)



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