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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello ASSP Northwest Chapter members!

Our Chapter's first venture into virtual meetings was a success! We were able to partner with the AIHA Upper Midwest section to offer a fantastic technical meeting on respiratory protection and the aerosolization of COVID-19.

Registration was free with the option to add a donation to Minnesota Central Kitchen, and attendees were very generous! We raised \$805 and our chapter

treasurer Scott Huberty hand delivered the check on a day that donations were matched! So our contribution was doubled to \$1610! Check out the photo of Scott observing physical distancing and face covering 🍷



To close out our chapter meeting year, we will have another virtual meeting, see details below and at northwest.assp.org

Abby Ferri

ASSP Northwest Chapter President

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY CHAPTER MEETING - Webinar

TELEHEALTH AND INJURY PREVENTION

Tuesday, May 19 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Due to the COVID-19 limitations on in-person meetings, we will once again be offering a timely webinar for our May Meeting. This month, we are using **GoToMeeting**. Upon registration, a confirmation link with the GoToMeeting link will be sent automatically.

Speaker: Beth Mayotte, OTR/L CIEE, PDRWorks Program Director
Physicians' Diagnostics & Rehabilitation Clinics



Beth Mayotte is an Occupational Therapist certified in industrial ergonomics and is the Program Director for PDRWorks. Beth earned her degree in Occupational Therapy from St. Catherine University in St. Paul and has over 20 years of experience in multiple settings, including outpatient, inpatient, home health, long term and transitional care. She has spent the last several years specializing in industrial and office ergonomics, onsite therapy, and employee focused health, wellness, and safety programming.

Beth has a passion for helping employees stay safe and healthy at work. Her expertise not only helps employees, it benefits the employer as well through reduced injury and absenteeism, and increased productivity. She takes great pride in working with employers and employees to create a culture of proactive safety and prevention. Beth is passionate about the role of ergonomics in injury prevention in both office and industrial settings, including job analysis, employee safety training and education, and developing customized programs for employers to reduce risks to employee health and safety.

.1 CEUs will be awarded for this event.

[Register Here](#)



Virtual Annual Meeting with Students - Research & Networking

Thursday, May 21st, 11:30am-1:00pm

Zander Yensan, J.D. of UW-Stout will present *Chagas Disease and Global Warming: Future Industrial Hygiene Concerns in America*.

Univeristy of MN graduate students will give a brief summary of their research that has been interrupted by the spread of COVID-19.

[Information & Registration Here](#)



Avetta Access Virtual Roadshow: Minneapolis

May 28th, 2020

If you're looking for more virtual content and engagement, Avetta is offering an event later this month. This virtual event will be moderated by Tom Cecich, Past President of the ASSP, and include roundtable conversations and presentations on culture, engagement, contractors management, and coronavirus impacts on supply chain.

Free registration includes an Uber Eats gift card courtesy of Avetta.

<http://events.avetta.com/avettaaccessminneapolis>

MEMBER UPDATES

Northwest Chapter Announces Candidates for 2020-2021 Board Election

The Northwest Chapter is pleased to announce its slate of candidates for the upcoming election to the Chapter Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 Chapter year.

Each of these candidates are well qualified and deserve your review. Details on the election are coming soon!

Read all about the candidates at this link:

<https://northwest.assp.org/encounters-news/northwest-chapter-announces-candidates-for-2020-2021-board-election/>

Can You Help with an Internship?



During this COVID-19 time, local students are having difficulty securing internships.

Students in EHS programs need not only knowledge but experience to bring to future employers. We have a great group of talented people at schools within our Chapter including the University of Minnesota, Duluth and the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

If you might have an internship or are looking for a high-quality summer staff person, please send an email to the student faculty and liaison contacts listed below.

UMD Student Section Faculty Advisor: Katie Schofield, PhD, CSP,
ARM umdfaculty@northwest.assp.org

UMD Student Section Liason: Jeff Jarvela, CSP umd@northwest.assp.org

UW-Stout Student Section Faculty Advisor: Brian Finder,
CIH uwstoutfaculty@northwest.assp.org

UW-Stout Student Section Liason: Garry Kroft uwstout@northwest.assp.org

Thank you!!

NEWS & RESOURCES

The 2020 Society elections are completed and ASSP welcomes its new leaders, whose terms begin July, 2020.

Meet your ASSP Leaders Here!

Looking for COVID-19 Resources - Check out these special ASSP Podcasts that address COVID-19 Workplace Challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected how workplaces function, how workers do their jobs and how OSH professionals protect them. ASSP's [Safety Standards and Tech Pubs podcast](#) has released several special episodes to help OSH professionals keep workers safe and healthy in this new work landscape.

Dan Hannan Sr. Memorial EHS Scholarship

This \$1000 scholarship was awarded last fall to Luke Fena. Luke will be graduating in May from UMD's Environmental Health and Safety program with a Masters Degree. Luke's responses to the application questions were well constructed and heartfelt.

Dan Hannan states, "I'm glad to give back to the profession and partner with the chapter to broadcast the opportunity."



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