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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear ASSP Northwest Chapter Members,

It has been a whirlwind of an interesting chapter year of service to you all! As I reflect on the past year, I can't help but add a few more pieces from my 17 years as an ASSP member to frame this message. The past four years, I have served as the Assistant Administrator (2yrs) and Administrator (2yrs) of the ASSP's Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) common interest group.

When I put my name in the hard hat to run for chapter Vice President in the

special election to replace a member leaving the area, I did it out of instinct. I looked at the recent history of the chapter, the engaged leaders and volunteers, and I did not see many faces that looked like me.

As I moved through the President-Elect position into President, time seemed to speed up, and my intentions of recruiting several diverse volunteers to run for chapter leadership did not come to fruition as I'd hoped. The good news is that the chapter bylaws anticipate that a President cannot do everything they may strive to do in one year. I look forward to continuing to serve the chapter as a Delegate and as the Nominations & Elections Chairperson beginning July 1, 2020.

A common refrain in ASSP leadership circles is "we are volunteers." Yes, we are volunteers, we have day jobs, we have lives and hobbies. I'm a weirdo who considers safety her hobby, my profession is an extension of me, and the lines are often blurred. If there's anyone else reading this who feels the same way, reach out - I'd love to help you get involved with volunteer opportunities or even elected leadership at the chapter, region, or society level. I'm in a unique position now to have a little bit of clout and just enough knowledge to help you find a solid leadership fit that will be rewarding for you. There's a place for you, your voice is important, and you can have an impact - let's do this!

Thank you to the members of this chapter, all over Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota! It has been an honor to learn more about you and find creative ways to bring us together under our common goals. I look forward to working with John Breskey - your new chapter President, and Jen Ellinwood - your new chapter President-Elect, and the rest of the chapter board in the coming years.

See you at a future chapter event, and if things continue virtually, you can always find me on the internet as SafetyAbby!

Sincerely,

Abby Ferri

Future Past-President of the ASSP Northwest

UPCOMING EVENTS



Summer Boat Cruise for EHS Professionals Cancelled

I am sure that many of you have been seeing cancellation after cancellation of popular summer events due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social-distancing recommendations. We want you to know that, after observing events and discussions, a decision was made to cancel the Annual Summer Boat Cruise for EHS Professionals. This has been a popular event for many years, hosted by the ASSP, the AIHA, the AHMP, and the Minnesota Safety Council. We will now look ahead to planning an event for early August of 2021!

Watch for news on upcoming Northwest Chapter ASSP events.

MEMBER UPDATES

Northwest Chapter Announces New Executive Board Leadership for 2020-2021

The Northwest Chapter is pleased to announce the newly elected members to the Chapter Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 Chapter year.

Vice President - Scott Huberty, ARM



Treasurer - Chris Flegel, CSP



Members At Large

Victorio Angulo Escudero, PE CSP, CIH



Nick Ravetto, CSP



Bill Wuolu, CSP, CHST



House Delegates

Jeffrey Jarvela, CSP, OHST



Megan Rooney, CSP



Congratulations to all!!!

Northern Plains Section Elects New Board Members for 2020-2021

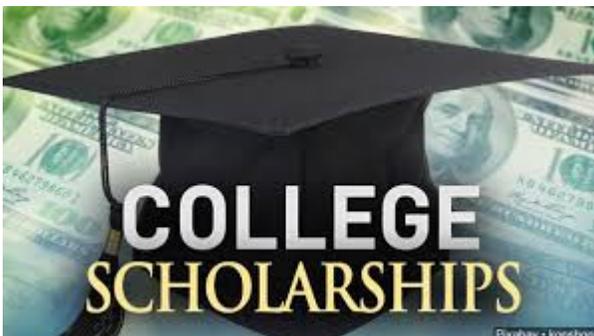
Vice Chair - Mike Scarski, CSP

Secretary - Anthony Stoner, CSP

Member at Large - Jennifer Seibel, MS, CSP, ASP

Welcome New Leaders!!

Northwest Chapter Awards Scholarships



The Northwest Chapter is pleased to recognize four students and their academic performance with scholarship awards.

Recipients for the 2020 Chapter Scholarships are:



Alyson Harding - University of MN School of Public Health



Dadee Saye - University of MN School of Public Health



El'gin Avila - University of MN School of Public Health



Luke Fena - University of MN Duluth

Scholarship amounts ranged from \$800 to \$1,200 each and recipients were selected in a competitive process by the Chapter Scholarship Committee.

Each year in the spring the Northwest Chapter has been able to award scholarships to students from area EHS college programs. Funds for scholarships come from proceeds from the annual Chapter PDC. These scholarships are in addition to contributions the Chapter makes to the ASSP Foundation.

[Learn More About the 2020 Scholarship Winners Here!](#)

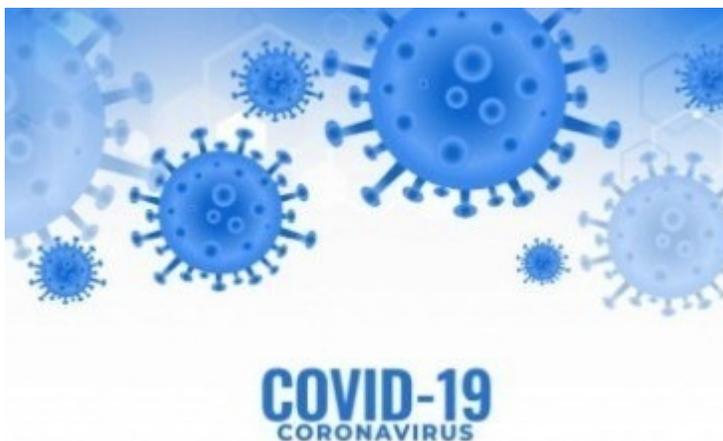
NEWS & RESOURCES

You've got Files!

Visit northwest.assp.org and click on Files, on the next page, look to the right for several awesome archived presentations including the last two virtual chapter meetings, and presentations and related materials from our 2020 PDC keynote speaker Eldeen Pozniak!

Check out this ASSP safety podcast for:

COVID-19 Return to Work Strategies



Job Searching?

There's a few new job opportunities posted at <https://northwest.assp.org/jobs> - check them out or pass them on to someone you know that is looking for their next opportunity.

Mentorship

ASSP has opportunities for both those who wish to provide mentorship to Chapter members, as well as members who are undergoing job search, job change, and in some cases, difficulties in navigating professional challenges at work.

This service is voluntary, confidential, and has proven helpful to a variety of members over the years. If interested, please contact Mark Nichols, Chapter Membership Committee Chair, at marknichols1344@comcast.net .



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