



**NORTHWEST  
CHAPTER**

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### Event and Recognition

#### **September 21st Virtual Chapter Program**

On September 21st, we held our annual kick-off meeting with a discussion around what is new with Federal and State OSHA. James Krueger (Minnesota), Scott Overson (North Dakota), Sheila Stanley (South Dakota) and Mary Bauer (Wisconsin) joined us for the facilitated update and discussion by Scott Huberty. Thank you to our participants!

#### **September 29th Boat Cruise - Registration is Still Open**

There is still time to register for our September 29th boat cruise on Lake Minnetonka from 2pm-5pm. Find more information and registration details [here](#).

#### **Save the Date - October 12th Chapter Program**

Make plans now to participate in the Northwest Chapter Virtual Meeting for October. The session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12 at the usual time of 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The program in October features Matthew Wells from Sunbelt Rentals. Matt is a training and education specialist with Sunbelt Rentals and is based in Illinois. He frequently works with customers in our

area so he is familiar with what's happening regarding aerial lifts here. Matt will lead a presentation that deals with the hazards associated with aerial lift operations and hazard solutions. Aerial lifts are frequently associated with construction, but there are many applications found in general industry where aerial lifts are in use, so this will be a program with application to nearly all safety professionals! Keep a close eye on our [Chapter Website](#) for registration details!

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### **CONGRATS - Northwest Chapter Named Platinum for 2020-2021!**

### **CONGRATS - Abby Ferri, CSP, Named Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) in Several Categories!**

### **We are seeking Chapter and Region Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Nominees!**

To nominate someone for the ASSP Northwest Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY), please review and complete the forms linked below and return to the Chapter's Awards & Honors chairperson, Abby

Ferri [awards@northwest.assp.org](mailto:awards@northwest.assp.org)

Chapter SPY forms: <https://northwest.assp.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/454/2019/09/assp-chapter-spy-packet.pdf>

To learn more about the history of the SPY program and past honorees, please visit: <https://northwest.assp.org/awards-honors/>

## **Region 5 Update Video - Proposed Governance Change and Member Survey**

### **A Message from Todd Loushine, Region V ASSP:**

I hope this message finds you well, and looking forward to autumn (my favorite season!),

We have society business to consider for a very important upcoming House of Delegates meeting on September 28th. If you haven't already heard, the ASSP Board of Director is proposing a governance change which effectively

dissolves the House of Delegates and consolidates authority to the Board of Directors; meanwhile it creates a new "Member At-Large" committee that will meet regularly to bring member/chapter/section issues directly to the BOD. **If you're a chapter delegate, you need to register for the Sept 28th virtual HOD meeting by Sept 14th at**

<https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Events/ASSP-Educational-Events-Calendar/Meeting-Details/productId/226094659>

If you have questions and need more information, please visit the ASSP governance info page:

<https://www.assp.org/about/assp-governance> where you can find detailed explanations and links to Email questions.

I provide my opinion of the proposal, along with other region 5 business in a 7-min. youtube video:

<https://youtu.be/VPlIXJhk6b0> At the end of every month, I will create similar videos with updates and announcements. *Hit the "subscribe" button and turn on the notification bell on my youtube channel to receive notifications of future videos.*

**\*\*Lastly, Please complete a short, anonymous Region 5 survey (only 12 questions, should take under a minute of your time):**

[http://uwwhitewater.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_000AfZuVMQb4J7w](http://uwwhitewater.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_000AfZuVMQb4J7w)

The results will be analyzed and reports will be generated to assist chapter/section officers to better serve our members. No personal identifiers are collected, and results will only be reported in aggregate.

If you have any questions from the video or about the survey, please Email me.

Best regards my friends!

-Todd, VP, Region 5, ASSP

*Feel free to reach out to Abby Ferri (abbyferri@gmail.com) directly with any questions on the proposed changes for the House of Delegates.*

## Other Topics/News

### Deepest Sympathies

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Cary Swenson on September 8, he has been a dear friend to the ASSP Northwest Chapter. We wanted to make sure our members were made aware of this news.

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### Call for ChapterWISE Involvement

Woman In Safety Excellence (WISE) Group seeks to connect ASSP Members and WISE Common Interest Group Members on a local level. ASSP's Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) Common Interest Group advances ASSP members and the safety profession through education, mentorship, networking, collaboration, research and innovation. Please reach out to Abby Ferri (abbyferri@gmail.com) with any questions.

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### MCOHS-ERC Pilot Projects Research Training Program - Request for Proposals

Application deadline is December 10th, 2021

**Grants ranging from \$5,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 are available to occupational health and safety (OHS) researchers in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.** Areas of OHS include industrial hygiene, occupational and environmental health nursing, occupational and environmental epidemiology, occupational and environmental medicine, injury epidemiology and safety, ergonomics, toxicology, health physics, and occupational health psychology.

The [Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#) is applicable only to educational institutions and targets (1) newly-independent principal investigators (PIs); (2) experienced PIs pursuing OHS as a new direction for research; and (3) doctoral research trainees working under the supervision of a PI.

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### ASP/CSP Exam Prep Courses

The Minnesota Safety Council has released information on upcoming ASP and CSP Exam Prep Courses:

[ASP Prep Course Information](#)

[CSP Prep Course Information](#)

## Carrer Opportunities

Did you know there are currently 13 jobs posted on our job board! Check them out [here](#)!

We are always looking to network and find out if there are job openings. The jobs must be in an Environment, Health and Safety function. If you have a job to post, please submit the job posting [here](#).



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