



**NORTHWEST
CHAPTER**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Join us April 12th from 11:30am-1:00pm for our Chapter Virtual Meeting:
Applying Ergonomics to the Real World for Real Results**

Presenter: Maria Sall, Tailored Injury Prevention Solutions, Inc

One of the most common workplace injuries experienced by workers involve soft tissue injuries; often referred to as strains and sprains. There are various strategies used to help reduce and prevent such injuries and this program will

explore how these strategies can help control various ergonomic risk factors and the injuries they generate.

[Register here!](#)

OTHER TOPICS

Are You Interested in Taking Your ASSP Membership to the Next Level? The ASSP Northwest Chapter is looking for candidates to serve on our Northwest Chapter Board!

The Nominations and Elections committee invites all ASSP Northwest Chapter members to run for elected board positions. As an ASSP volunteer leader, you will benefit from connecting with a vast professional network, receiving leadership training, and accessing insights on the latest safety trends and innovations. These opportunities can spur career growth and ultimately lead to better job opportunities. Below are a description of the open position. For more information or to nominate yourself for an elected position, please email John Breskey at john.breskey@wuxiapptec.com

- **Vice President (1 open):** The chapter vice president assists the chapter president in providing direction and support to the chapter to create a meaningful and high-quality experience for chapter members. Automatic succession to the President-Elect position in following Chapter year.
- **Treasurer (1 open):** The chapter treasurer ensures the chapter's financial ability to serve its members. This volunteer leader manages chapter resources and funds, maintains and updates the chapter's

financial records, and provides leadership in financial responsibility and fund allocation.

- **Delegate (2 open):** The chapter delegate to the House of Delegates serves as the liaison between the chapter's members and ASSP. The delegate represents chapter members' interests to the House of Delegates, keeps chapter members informed on House of Delegates actions and proposed actions, and acts on House of Delegates ballots on behalf of the chapter's membership.
- **Board Member At Large (3 open):** The chapter Board Member At Large participates in Executive Board meetings, serve as advisors to Chapter Officers by contributing ideas and suggestions for the development and upgrading the Chapter, and serve as committee chairs when appointed by the Executive Board.

Recent House of Delegates Voting Outcome

The House of Delegates has been deliberating two motions on the selling of ASSP's headquarters building and a proposed governance change. The e-ballot vote on these motions, which was open Jan. 28, 2022, to March 14, 2022, has concluded, and we are pleased to share the following results:

- Motion 1: Grant real estate transaction authority to the Board of Directors to sell ASSP's headquarters building in Park Ridge, IL. **Approved**
- Motion 2: Approve revised bylaws enacting the governance changes approved by the Board of Directors. **Approved**

The voting report is [attached](#). This report is provided and verified by Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS), an independent third-party partner that supported the voting process and distributed ballots to all delegates on record.

Next Steps

Based on the approval of the real estate motion, the Board of Directors and professional staff are now working to complete the sale of the Park Ridge, IL, property. We will share updates with you, other volunteer leaders and members as the process moves forward.

In addition, because the governance motion was approved, professional staff will update the bylaws on the website and begin the process of implementing the advisory group and its operations. To prepare for the 2022-23 program year, we will begin actively recruiting at-large members soon. Please look for additional information on advisory group activities in the near future.

2022 ASSP Northwest Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY)

Congratulations to Jenn Carlson, our 2022 ASSP Northwest Chapter SPY!

Jenn's commitment to the Northwest Chapter is like no other. She has served in several roles on the Chapter board, including chapter Delegate, Vice President, and Secretary. When she relocated for work at the end of 2017, her absence was felt by all. The Chapter Board was overjoyed to have her return to the role of Secretary for the 2021-2022 chapter year, and she jumped back in like no time had passed.

In her current role of Secretary, Jenn is instrumental in ensuring smooth board meetings and recording clear and concise minutes. She communicates the most up to date information to Chapter members by sending out monthly newsletters with news beyond just the local level, but region and society level as well. She sends CEU certificates after monthly meetings and has actively participated in Region V leadership conferences.

Simply put, the Northwest Chapter is better because Jenn Carlson is part of it. Please congratulate Jenn the next time you see her virtually or in person!



ASSP NEWS

[How to Promote Mental Well-Being for Black Americans on Your Work Site](#)

Mental well-being must be part of your risk management, say Georgia Bryce-Hutchinson and Kahlilah Guyah - with a focus on inclusion and psychosocial safety. [Read more](#)

[Q&A: Why Your Safety Management System Needs Prejob Briefings](#)

Prejob safety briefings are a useful tool for strengthening your organization's safety management system. Bill Connor and John Mulroy explain why. [Read more](#)

Encore Presentation: Proper Ergonomics for Your Home Workspace

In this episode of The Case for Safety Podcast, we revisit a conversation with Rachel Michael. She has tips for creating an ergonomically sound home workspace. [Listen Now](#)

The Environmental Practice Specialty Has 3 Lessons for Building Community

Environmental Practice Specialty Administrator Richard Olawoyin shares three tips for overcoming challenges and building community in a hybrid environment. [Read more](#)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently 13 job openings posted on our Northwest Chapter Job Board - check them out [here](#)!



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