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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE - The Summer Boat Cruise Tradition Continues!

Thursday, August 4 from 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Make plans now to participate in the 2022 Summer Boat Cruise for EHS Professionals. This event has become a popular summer networking tradition and the Planning Committee is pleased to announce that we are going back to Stillwater, MN for an afternoon of cruising on the scenic St. Croix River.

The date is Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 2:00 – 4:30 PM and we will gather at Stillwater River Boats at the Port of Stillwater. This is the same place as the last St. Croix River cruise, which was way back in 2014 – my how time flies! So, mark your calendar now and “stay tuned” over the next few months as details are announced.



Save the Date for a Special Safety Event

Even though we do not have regular meetings during the summer months, it does not mean there is nothing going on with the Northwest Chapter. Mark your calendar for a special Twin Cities-area offering on August 3rd! The Northwest Chapter has the ability to support a special seminar opportunity taking place at the Marsh McLennan Agency Office in Golden Valley. The event is called "Demo Day Minneapolis" and is a complementary event in which we can learn more - and experience - the new technology of exoskeletons for workplace safety. Stay tuned for details and registration information!

OTHER TOPICS

Northwest Chapter Board Election Results

Results of the Chapter Board Election are in! All candidates have been elected to their respected positions. Please see below for the results:

- Vice-President - 92.2%: Jon Eichman, MBA
- Treasurer – 94.3%: Chris Flegel, CSP
- Member At Large – 94.5%:
 - Jason Hunter, CSP, SMS
 - Tyler Murphy
 - Bill Wuolo, CSP, CHST
- Delegate/Advisory Board Member – 95.7%:
 - Jeff Jarvela, CSP, OHST
 - Jamison Harrell-Latham, CSP
 - Victorio Angulo Escudero, PE, CSP, CIH

Please extend a congrats the next time you see these folks, virtually or in-person!

Meet Alanna Lee, CSP

We're profiling some Northwest Chapter members. [Alanna Lee, CSP](#) Lee is a graduate of UMD's master's program. Here's her story:

Alanna Lee started her undergraduate journey in Chemical Engineering at the University of Minnesota Duluth. She realized she likes to talk to people more than engineers do, so she transitioned into a Chemistry undergraduate plan with a minor in Environmental Science. As she was getting close to graduation, she didn't know what she wanted to do, but she knew she didn't want to get a Master's in Chemistry and didn't want to be in a lab all day long after graduating. A friend of hers was already in the Master's of Environmental Health and Safety program and she invited Alanna to a pizza party they were hosting to get more students! She figured she would go, mainly for the free pizza! After learning about the program, Alanna decided that the ability to get the Master's degree in one year combined with the great job prospects after graduation, it was worth a shot! She had experience working in the Environmental office at Northshore Mining the previous Summer, so it melded well with her Chemistry and Environmental Science degree. She applied and was accepted into the program. She was a member of the Student chapter of ASSP and was awarded one of the scholarships.

That Summer, Alanna got an internship with the St. Louis County Safety & Risk management team and her knowledge of Safety grew and she became more excited about the MEHS program. Before graduation, she was fielding job offers and was ready to dive into her 'big girl job'. Alanna and her husband moved the day after she graduated, and she started in the consulting field where she gained a TON of experience and got to travel a bunch! From there, she grew into an EHS Manager role with Cambria and spent over 7 years with them. Again, a great experience which helped her grow personally as well as professionally. COVID happened and Alanna and her husband decided that after 10 years of living in Southern Minnesota, they wanted to move back North where they were from. Closer to their family, cabin, etc. Alanna accepted a position with Cirrus Aircraft and has been here since August 2020. She continued to be an ASSP Member throughout each of these roles and became the Vice President of the NW Chapter in 2021.

Safety is Alanna's passion. She truly loves working to ensure that each of their team members goes home with all of their fingers and toes. She enjoys challenging current processes and implementing new, safer, procedures. Her favorite part of the Safety profession is that it is always changing as well as getting to know the people you work with. The more relationships you build, the easier it is to get their buy in.



Congrats to Abby Ferri, CSP - Named ASSP's Safety Professional of the Year

The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) has named Abby Ferri, CSP, its 2022 [Safety Professional of the Year](#). The risk management and safety consulting expert has been an ASSP member for 20 years and has helped advance occupational safety and health in many ways.

Ferri played a key role in a recent ASSP governance change that involved creating a diverse advisory group to replace the Society's House of Delegates and enable the Board of Directors to fully govern the organization. She served on the Governance Task Force that researched association governance trends, interacted with ASSP members and developed the recommendations that were later adopted to strengthen the Society.

Over the past decade, Ferri has been a speaker at more than 100 regional, national and international events while appearing on dozens of safety and health podcasts. In 2020, she co-founded a podcast called “The Safety Justice League,” which has been influential in exploring a wide range of safety and health issues. It consistently ranks on Apple Podcasts’ Top 200 business and career charts.

“Even with a demanding career, Abby makes time to give back to her fellow safety professionals and the future of the profession through volunteer leadership, standards development and innovation in how safety professionals interact with each other,” said Kristin Herman, CSP, CHMM, CPEA, chair of the Awards and Honors Committee for ASSP’s Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) Common Interest Group. “Abby enthusiastically leverages her experience and knowledge to advance occupational safety and health in countless ways.”

Ferri led WISE from 2018-20 as the group’s administrator. Her continued involvement in WISE, including mentoring safety professionals and identifying future leaders, has increased the inclusion and advancement of women in the safety and health industry. In 2021, Ferri was named Safety Professional of the Year in four ASSP groups: WISE, Council on Practices and Standards, Region V and the Northwest Chapter.

“Abby continues to build and strengthen relationships with industry groups that aim to reach women and recruit the next generation,” said Jen Ellinwood, CSP, president of ASSP’s Northwest Chapter. “Her leadership has been instrumental, especially for those who have not had a voice or adequate representation.”

Ferri is the author of two Kindle books, “The Safety Habit” published in 2020 and “The Safety Consultant’s Toolkit” published in 2021 that shares her knowledge of starting and running a safety consulting firm.

“I have worked with Abby on several occasions, and the goals she accomplishes are accompanied by a passion, dedication and can-do attitude,” said Tim Page-Bottorff, CSP, CIT, member of ASSP’s Board of Directors. “She clearly is committed to being a leader, and her mentoring has definitely influenced my leadership skills.”

Ferri is a senior risk control consultant at Gallagher, which provides insurance, risk management and consulting services. She works with clients in construction, manufacturing, healthcare, transportation, education, real

estate, hospitality and restaurants. She resides in Eden Prairie, MN, with her husband, Andrew, and daughter, Moselle.

Each year, ASSP honors an occupational safety and health professional who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the safety field while making significant contributions to advancing the profession. Visit the [ASSP website](#) to see past recipients of the Society's Safety Professional of the Year Award.

Northwest Chapter Speakers at Safety 2022

Our Northwest Chapter is well-represented at Safety 2022 in Chicago, which takes place June 27 - 29. We have a lot of experience and talent in our Chapter and this list is an example of that! Congratulations to our Presenters:

Sharath Smith, Patrick Nelson, Carol Keyes, Thomas Sleder, Mark Lenling, Abby Ferri, Scott Gesinger, Daniel Sanborn, Elizabeth Vold, Nancy Bendickson, Thomas Goeltz.

Remember that September 28 is the deadline for applications to be a Presenter at Safety 2023, which is scheduled for June 5 - 7, 2023 in San Antonio.

NEWS TO SHARE

Mindfulness and Safety Professionals: Tips For Changing Your Focus

Understanding the foundations of mindfulness can help you stay out of the stress zone, avoid burnout and improve your safety leadership. [Read more](#)

4 Skills That Will Help You Drive Change at Your Organization

Too many safety managers address noncompliance with discipline first, says Cory Grimmer, and it can critically damage culture. Hone these four skills instead. [Read more](#)

Using the Z16.1 Standard to Improve Safety Metrics and Performance Measures

The Z16.1 standard can help you develop a process for selecting metrics to achieve your goals. Z16 Committee leaders Alexi Carli and Steve Newell explain how. [Read more](#)

[Sharing Your Expertise With the Safety Community](#)

Tina Angley, editor of *Professional Safety Journal*, joins The Case For Safety Podcast and explains how writing articles can change your career and profession. [Listen now](#)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a new career opportunity? Be sure to check out the Northwest Chapter Jobs Page on our [website](#). There are a number of recent postings, so you'll want to check it out if you haven't been there for a while!



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