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August 2014 Newsletter



President's Message

Sad to say, but summer is almost over and I don't know about you, but I haven't gotten half of what I wanted done. That said, we are looking forward to a new chapter year and the many events and opportunities this will bring each of us.

Your new chapter board is already hard at work. We had our first official meeting just prior to the boat cruise in Stillwater. Committee reports show that the board members and committees are busy planning events for the coming year including meetings and the PDC. President-Elect Jamison Harrell-Latham has already filled the calendar with great speakers for the monthly meetings (see additional new item) and the menus are being selected. Several board members attended a web-ex hosted by our very own Rick Johnson, so we could learn the intricacies of maneuvering through the chapter website, enabling us to post meetings, information, events and registrations.

Things are off to a good start for the year, but if we are going to have an even more successful year than last, we need one more thing - your participation. The northwest

chapter is nothing without its members. We each have a lot to offer our fellow members, but we can't do that if we don't get to know who they are. I know we are all busy. It seems that our schedules are getting more and more packed as the years go on and yes our employers are demanding more from our time than ever before, but if we are going to be the best at our profession, we need to make time to gain new knowledge and develop new resources. So put a little time on your schedule this year to learn and grow and be a part of the great organization that the northwest chapter of ASSE is. I think we are going to do some great things this year and I look forward to meeting each of you at an upcoming chapter event. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

- Tom Cone

2014 Boatstock a Big Hit

Though a bit removed from Yasgur's Farm and the Summer of Love, members of several health and safety organizations from the area gathered at the St. Croix Boat and Packet Company docks in Stillwater, Minnesota on August 6, 2014 for the annual HSE professionals summer outing.

Greeting attendees at the dock was our very own Alice B. Toklas (ASSE's Scott Huberty) with a hefty plate of "magic" brownies.

This has always been a fun event for everyone with good food, abundant beverages and great opportunities to socialize with like-minded professionals.

Attendees were also given the opportunity to get a close-up inspection of the bridgework being done on the new Stillwater bridge.

So if you weren't able to make it this year, be sure to save some space on your calendar for the boat cruise next summer. This event is usually well attended and a good time for everyone.





September Chapter Meeting

Register here: <http://northwest.asse.org/event/?ee=44>

Topic: Minnesota OSHA Update: Get recent updates on MNOSHA, their current focus, and what you should be aware of for your workforce.

Speaker: James Kreuger, Director of Minnesota OSHA

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 9th, 2014

Registration and Networking: 11:30 am

Lunch Service: 12:00 pm

Program: 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm

Location: Grumpy's in Roseville, MN

Cost: \$20 pre registered (before September 5th).

Discount for students and between jobs.

\$25 at the door

Chapter Discussion in North Dakota

On August 14, past-president, and Region V VP, Diana Stegall, participated in a meeting of the MonDaks Safety Network – a group of people with safety responsibilities working in the Bakken area. The group has been meeting on a monthly basis and averages 45 people per meeting. We have experienced growth in our membership in North Dakota, and have had several members express interest in having regular meetings in the area.

Diana was made aware of the existing group through Steve Hansen in chapter services and was able to get in touch with leaders of the group to gain a better understanding of their objectives and how ASSE might be of assistance. They agreed to provide information about ASSE at an upcoming meeting and advertised the meeting in an email.

After months of planning, she flew to ND and presented to the 30+ attendees on risk assessment, spent a few minutes talking about ASSE and the professional development opportunities that are available – as well as the services that the northwest chapter provides. Several of the attendees are already ASSE members and many expressed an interest in joining. After the meeting, Dennis Schmitz, the chair of the group provided additional insight into the needs in this area and the potential opportunity for the chapter is tremendous. We currently have over 60 members in North Dakota and people are being moved into the safety field every week to handle the growing needs in construction, transportation, and the oil and gas industry.

For those in North Dakota, if you would like more information on how you can get involved, please contact Diana at diana.stegall@charter.net.





Coming Attractions

Hey northwest chapter members, we have some great topics and speakers lined up for the months finishing out 20124 so plan on registering early so you don't miss these great learning opportunities:

September 9th - Minnesota OSHA Update with Jim Krueger

October 14th - The effects of Sleep Deprivation with Jennifer Herberg-Blum

November 11th - The Safety of Unmanned Aerial System in the Workplace with David Sullivan-Nightengale

December 9th - Gamification with Abbi Ferri

There will be more information on each of these events in future newsletters and on the chapter website.

CEU's at the Midwest Center for Occupation Health and Safety

The Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety is pleased to be able to offer a variety of professional continuing education courses this fall. CEU's will be available for all 2014 courses below:

September 15-19 - Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review

September 17 - Ethics in the Practice of Industrial Hygiene

October 1 - Hands-On Indoor Air Quality Assessment

October 20-21 - NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Training

October 22-24 - Occupational Hearing Conservation Training

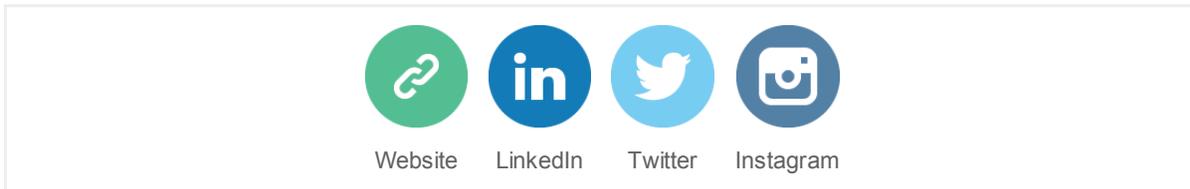
October 27 - NIOSH-Approved Spirometry Refresher Training

October 28 - Occupational Hearing Conservation Refresher Training

For more information, or to register, please visit: <http://sph.umn.edu/ce/trainings/>

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