



Local Section News

President's Page

President – Bonnie Jenkins

I held our first board meeting the 2000-2001 Officers. We have many things we want to accomplish the year. Goals I have set for the year are to Increase Membership and Meeting Attendance, Quarterly Newsletter, Update Membership Directory, Maintain Web Page, Increase Student Section Support, and provide assistance with Membership Education (CEUs). I look forward to serving you this year.

News from the Board

Board Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2000.

Several issues were discussed, including the following:

- An Alabama Local Section membership directory will be published in September. Members in good standing by September 1st will be included on the list.
- The board discussed the issue of whether student members should pay dues. Historically, there has been an inconsistency in the Section's policy on student dues. The board decided that student members will be charged \$10 for annual dues if

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June Meeting

Ergonomic Rotations

Solutia Plant Tour, Decatur, AL

Sam Forbes, with Solutia, hosted the local section for our June Meeting. He gave us an overview of their process and arranged for a tour of their plant. For those who have not seen this process it proved fruitful.

Our speaker for the night was Rachael Sarnacki on "Rotation Recommendation Strategies". Ms. Sarnacki is president of ErgoDynamics, an ergonomic consulting company specializing in industrial ergonomics. During her presentation, she highlighted some of the key elements in determining job rotation sequence. By determining "joints at risk" and "utilized muscle groups", Health and Safety Professionals can recommend job rotations that provide temporary relief of ergonomic job stressors. If these elements are not considered, job rotation can create additional health problems and actually camouflage real problem areas within the rotation sequence. By considering muscle groups and skeletal joints used, more practical rotations can be developed to provide rest to those areas of the human anatomy. These considerations provide only temporary relief until permanent controls can be made available.

If there are any questions regarding the presentation or technical assistance issues, Ms. Sarnacki can be reached through the Bevill Center for Environmental Technology located in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. ❖

they choose to be a full member (which places them on our mailing list). As for non-student members, we will provide information regarding meetings and other Section activities to faculty at UAB and UNA so that students wishing to participate in activities may do so **without joining**. We will continue to subsidize student meals. We will need to open this for discussion and vote as a section to include or not include this in our bylaws.

- The Secretary/Treasurer reported a Section account balance of \$1113.98.
- Activity planning for the Section was discussed.
- Section goals for the year were discussed including increasing membership, facilitating five meetings, and instituting CEUs for full or half-day meetings.

Committee assignments were made:

- Communications Committee: Bonnie Jenkins
- Program Committee: Jim Tillery, Judy McBride
- Member Develop. Comm. / Student Section / Member Needs : Joe Seigel, John Horwarth
- Nominating Committee: Brent Bailey
- Financial Committee – Regi Jennings ❖

Our 2000-2001 Calendar

October 19 –UAB, Dr. Mike Harper

Topic: "Lead Sampling"

November 29 Golden Flake, Birmingham Tentative

February 8 TBA

April 19 UNA Florence

Topic: Student Presentations

June 28 TBA

OSHA INTRODUCES NEW 'PLAIN LANGUAGE' WORKPLACE POSTER

OSHA introduced a new workplace poster aimed at informing workers of their rights to a safe workplace. The posters are free and may be downloaded from the OSHA Web site. Re-designed as part of President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's plain language initiative, it gives workers and employers information they need to make sure their workplace is a safe workplace." OSHA is part of the Labor Department.

Employers are not obligated to replace the posters they already have, but they are required to post an OSHA

notice of employee rights in a prominent location. In keeping with the goals of the National Partnership for Reinventing Government, the new poster tells workers in plain language that they have the right to a safe workplace, how they may file a complaint, report an emergency, or seek OSHA advice, and that they have a right to confidentiality. To get copies of the poster: write the OSHA publications office, Room N3101, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210; or call any OSHA office, or download from the Web site at www.osha.gov.oshpubs/poster.html. ❖

OSHA RECOMMENDS PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR OUTDOOR WORKERS EXPOSED TO UV RADIATION

To help protect outdoor workers exposed to sunlight, OSHA issued suggestions to safeguard employees from harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

OSHA's pocket card on harmful sun exposure recommends that workers who spend time outdoors protect themselves from UV radiation by wearing protective clothing that does not transmit visible light; broad-brimmed hats that protect the face, ears and neck; and UV ray-blocking sunglasses. Workers also should frequently apply sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor of 15 or higher, and seek shade, if possible, when the sun's intensity is at its peak—between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunlight is the main source of UV radiation, which can cause eye damage, premature aging of the skin, and skin cancers, such as melanoma. Melanoma accounts for more than three-fourths of skin cancer-related deaths each year, though most skin cancers can be cured if detected early enough. Skin cancers and deaths resulting from melanoma are increasing rapidly in the U.S. even though fewer cases of most other cancers are being reported. Unprotected employees working in sunlight risk exposure to UV radiation. Outdoor workers with fair skin and hair, freckles, or numerous or irregular moles are especially susceptible to sun damage.

The pocket card is not a new standard, and it creates no legal obligations. It is advisory. The [pocket card](http://www.osha.gov) is available at the OSHA website (www.osha.gov) under publications or from the OSHA Publications Office, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3101, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C., 20210.

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Financial News

THE SECTION ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF
SEPTEMBER 11, 2000 IS \$1250.21.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

OUTSTANDING DUES !

Dues for the 2000-2001 year are \$10. If you have not paid your dues, please mail a check to the following address.

**Attn: Regi Jennings , US Steel, PO Box 599,
MS SAFE, Fairfield, AL 35604.**

Dues are used for speakers, for subsidizing student meals, donation to the Vernon Rose Endowment Fund, newsletter and mailing costs. ❖

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Directories are out. If for some reason we do not have your information correct , please notify Regi Jennings. ❖

RECORDKEEPING STANDARD DELAY

Charles Jeffress has announced that the recordkeeping standard will **not** be published by January 1, 2001 and will therefore not be implemented at least until January 1, 2002. ❖

AIHA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY SUMMARY

Results of the most recent AIHA Membership Survey are out. This survey is conducted every three years. Below are some highlights of the summary:

Thirty-Six percent of respondents were under the age of 40, with 38% between the ages of 40-50, and 26% were 50 and older. Seventy-three percent of respondents were male in contrast to 77% in 1997. Female membership continues to grow.

Thirty-three percent of respondents have been members fewer than seven years, 14% have been members for 7-9 years and 53% have been members for 10 years or more.

Thirty-four percent have been in the profession 10 years or less compared to 18% in the 1997 survey. There were 28% of respondents with 11 to 19 years and 38% with 20 or more years in the profession.

Three out five (62%) reported holding an MS, MA or MPH degree. Three out of ten (28%) hold bachelor's degree and one in 16 (6%) hold doctorates.

What area are professionals spending their most time in? Respondents are spending 54% of their time in Industrial Hygiene, 23% in Safety, 11% in Environmental and 11% in other areas.

The Top Five Most Important Professional Issues were :Risk Assessment (18%), Indoor Air Quality (13%), OSHA Reinvention (12%), Occupation Health & Safety Management Systems (12%) and Professional Recognition (10%).

A flyer with your August AIHA Journal has the complete AIHA 2000-2001 Membership Survey Summary. ❖

WEB PAGE NEWS!

Our local section web page is now being hosted from the AIHA National Web Site. It has our current officers, newsletter, and job postings, along with our 2000-20001 Calendar of Events. If you have anything you would like to add to our site (job postings, seminars, etc.), please contact Bonnie Jenkins at 256-552-1172 or by email at bonnie.jenkins@appl.ge.com ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN UPDATE SEPT. 26TH

UNDERSTANDING WORKER'S COMP. SEPT. 27TH

COMPLYING WITH OSHA RECORDKEEPING, SEPT. 28TH

RESPIRATOR FITTING WORK SHOP, OCT. 5TH

CONFINED SPACE ENTRY & RESCUE OCT. 11-13TH

FUNDAMENTALS OF INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE, OCT. 16-20TH

FOR INFO DEEP SOUTH CENTER, BIRMINGHAM, AL

PHONE: 205.934.7178 FAX: 205.975.7179

<http://www.uab.edu/dsc/calendar2000.html#sept>

OSHA 10 HOUR, SPANISH VERSION, SEPT. 28-29TH

ERGONOMIC INTRO CLASS, OCT 30TH

COMPREHENSIVE ERGO CLASS, OCT. 30TH-NOV. 1ST

For INFO Contact Bevill Center, Muscle Shoals, AL

Phone: 256-331-5385

State of the Art Conference, PCI Oct. 28-Nov. 1st

Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN

For INFO: 847-818-1800 ext. 374 or 371.

MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENT

When: October 19 2000 at 5:30 p.m

WHERE: UAB CAMPUS, RYALS BUILDING,
BIRMINGHAM, AL

How MUCH: FREE

Meeting Agenda

5:30-6:15 p.m.

Social Hour

6:15-7:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Speaker

Dr. Martin Harper Topic: "Metal Working Fluids"

Directions to Ryals Building

I-65 to Birmingham, Exit at University Boulevard and bear right at the end of the ramp.

Travel to 15th Street and turn right.

Take your next left, which is 9th Avenue South.

Travel about 1/4 mile and you'll see a sign that says "School of Public Health Parking" on your left that directs you to an open lot. Once you've parked, walk straight Down the stairs from the lot and you're at the Ryals Building.

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