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Well, my tenure as President for the 2006-2007 calendar year is quickly passing.

We had a decent turn-out for our **14th Annual Industrial Hygiene Conference and Professional Development Conference** (PDC) in Bethlehem PA last month. It would be great to see more of our members coming out to these meetings. If you have ideas for topics or events, just let us know and we'll do our best to get them on the calendar!!

We would like to offer some opportunities for training and networking before the spring is over.

Currently, we have a half-day event to offer everyone. The first segment is a teleconference held by ASSE that will walk participants through an Arc Flash Hazard Analysis, which is required by NFPA 70E. I don't know about you, but I have had quite a few inquires about this topic lately. The teleconference will be followed by lunch and a presentation helping members understand how to deal with the media. Wrapping up the event will be a webinar hosted by ASHRAE: Indoor Environmental Design – Practical Solutions to Everyday Problems. More details are provided in the following pages.

Your continued support in our local section is greatly appreciated. Hope to see you soon!

Bruce D. Allen President



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2007 AIHA LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



Each year, AIHA invites the Board of Directors, a representative from each committee and task group, and the President-Elect of each local section to spend three days in Falls Church, Virginia for the Leadership Council. The Leadership Council allows these volunteers to spend time discussing issues important to the future of AIHA, sharing ideas on how AIHA can better serve the local sections and volunteer groups, and learning more about services and organizations, such as the Academy of Industrial Hygiene and the American Industrial Hygiene Foundation. The weekend is entirely funded by AIHA including travel costs, lodging, and meals during the conference events.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Jen Brown was not able to attend this year, so I volunteered to make the trip. I didn't attend the Leadership Council when I was President-Elect and I'm really glad to have had the opportunity to attend this year. The events included a media-training session, break-out sessions for local sections and committee members, and focus groups to discuss current challenges to our organization and profession. It was a great opportunity to meet some of the national board members and share ideas with local section leaders from the Mid-Atlantic area. We're hoping to put many of these ideas to work and make our local section even better at providing value to our membership.

In addition to the "work" events, everyone was invited to attend a dessert mixer on Friday night and a reception at AIHA headquarters on Saturday night. It's something to see 150+ industrial hygienists trying to socialize! It was actually very fun and gave us a chance to meet with the dedicated staff at AIHA, who provides a lot of support to our local section. After the reception, I found some time to explore Washington, D.C. with Ryan Graff from the Philly Section, Alan Lloyd from the South Jersey Section, and Percy Chua from the British Columbia/Yukon Territory Section.

So as we head into our 2007/2008 elections (recruitments), I would urge you to consider volunteering as President-Elect and take advantage of this great opportunity. I'm sure you will find the experience as rewarding and energizing as I have. If you have any questions about the responsibilities or time commitments involved, feel free to contact any member of the Executive Committee. Our contact information is posted on our website: <http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/lehigh/board.html>.

Blake Morris, MS, CIH
Director, LV-AIHA



LV-AIHA Half-Day Event – April 18th, 10 AM to 4 PM

Location: DSM Nutritional Products
206 Macks Island Drive
Belvidere, New Jersey 07823-1113

Cost: Free for Members who RSVP on or before 4/13/07
\$20 for Members after 4/13/07
\$50 for Non-Members

Agenda: 10 AM to 11:30 AM – Arc Flash Hazard Analysis
11:30 AM to 11:45 AM – Break
11:45 AM to 12:15 PM – Dealing with the Media
12:15 PM to 1 PM – Lunch
1 PM to 4 PM – Indoor Environmental Design

RSVP: Contact Bruce Allen, ballen@arbill.com, (215) 501-8235

ABIH Pts: Approval Pending

Details on Each Segment:

Arc-Flash Hazard Analysis -

The ASSE Technical Conference Series provides listeners with the most up to date information on issues that significantly impact the SH&E profession. On April 18, at 10:00 AM EST John Kolak will present “Arc Flash Hazard Analysis.” John is a CSP with 29 years of experience in industry. He is an award-winning author and has published internationally on the subjects of Electrical Safety and Managerial Safety.

The following topics will be covered in this 90-minute call:

- An overview of AFHA research that has impacted the understanding of Arc-Flash hazards
- The limitations of AFHA and how to compensate for those limitations when developing and Electrical Safety Program
- Key determinants of the severity of Electrical Burns
- An explanation of the benefits of using an Engineering software program over spreadsheets such as IEEE 1584 Arc-Flash Calculator
- Common “traps” when performing AFHA and how to avoid them
- Recommended Electrical Engineering methods for controlling Arc-Flash Hazards



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A link to a post-session assessment will be emailed to all registered participants following the live conference event. Participants are invited to submit questions ahead of time at conferencecall@asse.org. You may also submit questions during the session.

NOTE: Only CM Points are being applied for under the LV-AIHA registration. You must have an individual registration (\$95 – ASSE members, \$105 – AIHA/ACHMM members, \$115 – List Price) in order to apply for the CEU points. Participants in the “live” conference call via webinar are eligible for .15 CEU upon completion of all requirements, which include completing the on-line evaluation and on-line participation in polls, feedback and/or assessment sessions.

For more info - <http://www.asse.org/cartpage.php?link=cc07arce-ecd>

Dealing with the Media

Blake Morris will share the lessons learned at the AIHA Leadership Council’s session of Dealing with the Media. This presentation will cover how to make sure you are able to convey your message during a media interview, prepare for an interview, and understand how things can go wrong.

Indoor Environmental Design: Practical Solutions to Everyday Problems

This broadcast will present specific solutions to the everyday challenges of achieving indoor environmental quality within real-world budget constraints. Speakers will describe how you can provide ventilation air that helps protect the building from mold risk, how to avoid the three most common mistakes in ventilation system design and operation, how to achieve all three goals of IAQ, thermal comfort and noise control at lower cost through better air distribution decisions, and how to provide comprehensive filtration without breaking your budget. This program is sponsored by ASHRAE's Chapter Technology Transfer Committee.

For more info - <http://www.ashrae.org/education/page/557>



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The Expo, the Opening Session, and of course the sessions! It was all memorable. Thanks for a great event!
- AIHce 2006 Attendee

Register today to get first-choice hotels and PDCs and to save on your registration.

