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NEXT LOCAL SECTION MEETING

Monday September 15, 2008

(12pm-1:30pm)

Joint AIHA/ASSE Meeting

LOCATION:

Figlio Tower Restaurant
209 W 46th Terrace
Kansas City, MO 64112

TOPIC:

Annual OSHA Update

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

By: John Zey, President

It is a pleasure to serve as President of the Mid-America Chapter for the next year. We have an outstanding team of officers working to keep you updated on key events. This promises to be an exciting year for the Mid-America local section. We will have seven meetings including a ½ day symposium, and a Teleweb. More information will be forthcoming on these issues in the near future.

My goal is to keep the momentum strong that has been built up over the years from the work of past officers and members. Dr. Popov did an excellent job of leading the Mid-America Chapter in the past year. I depend on his guidance to help guide me during my term as President. We need your support to keep this chapter strong. In the past, I have relayed to national how impressed I am with the support the Mid-America Chapter gives to our student chapter at UCM. The student chapter greatly appreciates your support.

For this to be a great year we need to hear from the members. Tell us what issues are important to you and we will do what we can. Working together is always better than trying to go it alone. We can use some help in recruiting new members. There are several industrial hygienists in the area who are not members. Please help with recruiting by reaching out and inviting someone who is not a member to attend one of our meetings.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our future meetings.



MID-AMERICA LOCAL SECTION

SPRING SYMPOSIUM

March 2009

Information Coming Soon...

Please Help with the Newsletter!

We need your help... If you have something to share with the rest of the local section members and would like to use this newsletter as a means to communicate your message, please contact Greg Lemke at 913-681-0030 or email at AIHAMidAmerica@live.com

This newsletter will be distributed to section members on a monthly basis as we endeavor to make updated information available to you. We encourage you to forward this newsletter to anyone that you feel would benefit from it.

We will also be soliciting ***advertising in the newsletter*** to help with fund raising efforts for local section events, and philanthropy. We are very excited about the upcoming year, and hope to see everyone at all the section events.

Update your Website information!

Updated membership contact information is needed. Please contact **Saundra Harris or Greg Lemke** to update your contact information. This is a great opportunity for you to network with other industry professionals, and we want to help make sure that you have the contact information you need to be successful in your efforts.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

By: **Georgi Popov**, Past-President

I would like to thank everyone for a very successful year for our local section. As a past-president, I'm sure I'm leaving the section in very good hands.

Over the last year many people in our section have been active. As most of you know, Albert E. Stewart, Ph.D., CIH, CSP, P.E., and Samuel Allen Iske, Ph.D., CIH, CSP were selected as *Fellows for the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)* last spring. There are only about 220 AIHA Fellows worldwide. Considering that AIHA has over 10,600 members this is quite an honor.

Our president-elect, John Zey attended the AIHA leadership workshop. Lance Erickson, CIH, CSP, CHMM contributed to AIHA Control Banding publication. Congratulations Lance. I participated in the development and presentation of a very successful AIHA teleweb "Implementing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Decontamination". Many of our members have, and are still currently serving on committees and I want to thank each of you for your efforts.

We are very proud with the involvement the UCM students have with our section. They are involved in many research projects and are ready to enter the workforce. During the last year we were able to successfully mix live presentations and CD presentations of AIHA Teleweb courses.

Thanks again for your support and please call me or email me at anytime to discuss your thoughts or comments.

I'm sure next year will be more successful under John Zey's leadership



AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES

Questions: please contact AIHA director of government affairs Aaron Trippler at atrippler@aiha.org or call 703-846-0730.

OSHA Proposed Rule – Clarification of Remedy for Violation of Requirements to Provide PPE and Train Employees

Federal Register Notice: August 19
Request for Comment Deadline: September 18
Hearing Request Deadline: September 18
Volunteer Groups Contacted:
Respiratory Protection Committee
Protective Clothing and Equipment
Board Coordinators: Kevin Gara
RESULTS: **Pending**

EPA Proposed Rule – Lead – Fees for Accreditation or Training Programs and Certification of Lead-Based Paint Activities and Renovation Contractors

Federal Register Notice: August 21
Request for Comment Deadline: September 22
Volunteer Groups Contacted:
Construction Committee
Communication and Training Methods
Board Coordinators: Ellen Clas, Cindy Coe
RESULTS: **Pending**

EPA Asbestos NESHAP Project – Alternative Method to Control Asbestos During Demolition

Notification from EPA: July 22
Request for Comment Deadline: September 1
Volunteer Groups Contacted:
Construction Committee
Board Coordinators: Cindy Coe
RESULTS: **AIHA submitted comments provided by Construction Committee**

OSHA/DOL Assessment of Occupational Health Risks

Proposal at OMB: July 7
Request for Comment Deadline: None Given
Volunteer Groups Contacted: Risk
Assessment Committee
Board Coordinators Contacted: *All*
RESULTS: **Risk Assessment Committee provided comments and recommendation to oppose the DOL proposal. AIH submitted a letter to Secretary Chao in opposition to the proposed rule.**

Upcoming Events of Note

2008 National ACHMM Conference

September 7-9, 2008

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, Minnesota

MANUFACTURING SUMMIT – 2008

September 12, 2008

LOCATION: Harrah's North Kansas City
1 Riverboat Drive
North Kansas City, MO

TOPIC: Featuring Bright Ideas and Insights
About Manufacturing, Innovation,
and Sustainability

HOSTED BY: Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

Treasurer's Report

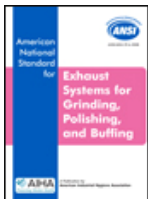
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Fees/Dues	
Meeting Fees	2,355.00
Membership Dues	730.00
Total Fees	3,085.00
Expenses	
Food/Hotel	1,593.98
Gifts	520.00
Tele-Web	295.00
Total Expenses	2,408.98
Net Income	676.02
Beg Bank Balance 8/07	3,177.28
Fees/Dues	3,085.00
Expenses	(2,408.58)
End Bank Balance 7/08	3,853.70

RESOURCES AND NEW PUBLICATIONS



ANSI/AIHA Z9.6-2008 Exhaust Systems for Grinding, Polishing, and Buffing

By the ANSI/AIHA Z9.6 Subcommittee

Newly updated, this standard provides the process of ventilation for grinding, polishing, and buffing operations that conforms to current accepted practices. It also incorporates the preferred two-column ANSI format.

The rules and engineering principles described represent the minimum criteria intended to: protect the health of personnel engaged in and working in the vicinity of grinding, polishing, and buffing operations; and control contaminants generated by those operations. It applies to those establishments and operations that use power-driven machinery to grind, polish, or buff a product without the use of coolant. The Standard is auditable by those trained in ventilation. An audit form is provided in the Appendix.

A CALL FOR LOCAL MEETING TOPICS

We would like to know what your interests are this year. We currently have two monthly meetings scheduled for early 2009 that do not have topics.

If you have an interesting topic (and speaker) that would be available to present in either January or February please contact Vicki Bender or Georgi Popov.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

OSHA Proposes Clarification of Requirements for PPE and Training

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor

OSHA is proposing to amend its regulations to add Language clarifying that noncompliance with the personal protective equipment (PPE) and training requirements in safety and health standards in these parts may expose the employer to liability on a per-employee basis. The amendments consist of new paragraphs added to the introductory sections of the listed parts and changes to the language of some existing respirator and training requirements. This action, which is in accord with OSHA's longstanding position, is proposed in response to recent decisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. The amendments add no new compliance obligations. The amendments simply clarify the remedy for violations of these requirements.

(<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-18991.htm>)

\$16.25 Mil Jury Verdict in Asbestos Case

NEW YORK, Aug 11, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- On Friday, June 27, 2008, A \$16.25 million verdict in an asbestos lawsuit on behalf of Marvin Penn, 71, diagnosed with the asbestos-related cancer mesothelioma, and his wife Josephine Penn. The jury attributed 20 percent of the liability to the sole defendant at trial, Kerr Corp., a dental supply company. The case, which clears a new path to justice in asbestos litigation, is believed to be the first successful asbestos verdict against that type of defendant.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

AIHA Government Affairs Department

DOL Risk Assessment Proposal Receiving Considerable Opposition

If you haven't heard by now, the Department of Labor is having difficulty in finding much support for its proposed rule on risk assessment. Seems the opposition keeps building requesting The Dept. of Labor to withdraw its proposal. This opposition now includes AIHA, when we sent a letter this week to Labor Secretary Elaine Chao asking her to withdraw the proposal.

Congress has also become involved, asking DOL to withdraw what Congress calls a "secret rule". DOL says they will continue to move forward with their proposal to change the way risk assessment calculations are made within DOL when they consider future rules. DOL states that since this proposed rule amends "internal decisions" and does not change any requirements for employers DOL is not required to move the proposed rule through the normal rule-making process.

Obviously, AIHA and numerous other organizations disagree. AIHA not only disagrees with the process being used but has now come forward with opposition to the rule itself. If you wish to see a copy of AIHA's letter to Secretary Chao please contact AIHA government affairs.

OTHER ISSUES

Silica – NIOSH recently announced that workers exposed to crystalline silica at levels no higher than 0.5 milligrams per cubic meter should wear half-facepiece respirators with filter ratings of at least N95. The policy statement says that because of improved respirator technology and a change in respirator selection processes, the new recommendation provides greater safety. The recommendation is also now in line with that of OSHA for crystalline silica exposure.

Diacetyl – OSHA chief Edwin Foulke told Congress last month that a diacetyl standard will be proposed by the end of 2009. That's right, 2009! Obviously, this didn't sit too well with Congress, but with the session nearing its conclusion, it is doubtful that Congress will move on legislation requiring OSHA to speed up its work on diacetyl. On another note, legislation in California that would have addressed a diacetyl standard looks as if it is dead for the remainder of this legislative session.

Combustible Dust – Democratic lawmakers, OSHA and the Chemical Safety Board all have views on the issue of combustible dust. The Chemical Safety Board and Congress believe that a combustible dust standard needs to be put in place as soon as possible. OSHA believes existing efforts to control this hazard are adequate. Legislation introduced to force OSHA to move forward on a standard will likely stall.