



Pittsburgh Local Chapter

551 Center Church Road-McMurray, PA 15317
<http://www.aiha.org/pittsburgh.htm>



2004-2005 Elections

The 2004-2005 election ballots were mailed on February 5th. Thanks to all who expressed an interest in running for office or participating in a committee. Member participation is critical to the survival of our organization. The candidates are as follows: President-Elect, John Holleran; Treasurer, Paula Durkota and Harry Trout; Director, George Bender. Please complete and return your ballot before February 25, 2004. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Warren Houseman, Chairman of the Nominations Committee.

Executive and Section Committee Members:

President
Frank Pokrywka, CIH
University of Pittsburgh
412-624-8641
fpokrywka@ehs.pitt.edu

President-Elect
Julie Panko, CIH
jpanko@chemrisk.com

Secretary
Barry Momyer, CIH
AM Health & Safety, Inc.
412-429-0560
bmomyer@amhealthandsafety.com

Treasurer
Jeffrey Hill, CIH
Michael Baker Corp.
412-269-6027
jhill@mbakercorp.com

Past President
Warren Houseman, CIH
The Shaw Group
412-858-3917
warren.houseman@shawgrp.com

Directors
Irwin Dobrushin, CIH
Westinghouse Electric Co. LLC
412-374-6094
dobrusis@westinghouse.com

Thomas L. Blank, CIH, CSP
L. Robert Kimball & Assoc.
412-262-5400
blankt@lrkimball.com

Newsletter Coordinator
Daniel Hagerty
OMNOVA Solutions
330-628-6572
daniel.hagerty@omnova.com

Corresponding Secretary and Web Coordinator
Christy Kirsch
724-941-5084
ckirsch1@access995.com

PIHC Representatives
George Bender, CIH, Chairperson
Volz Environmental
412-828-8480 ext. 16
georgebender@volzenvironmental.com

Bernard Quinn, CIH
AM Health & Safety, Inc.
412-429-0560
bquinn@amhealthandsafety.com

Fred Elbel, CIH
Reliant Energy
724-934-4249
felbel@reliant.com

National AIHA Board Coordinator
Cathy Padolewski—440-836-7454

Meeting Announcement

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 19 for our next local section meeting. Tom Grumbles, CIH - President of the National AIHA will be the guest speaker. He will be giving us an update of what is happening at AIHA, what the "hot issues" are, and where the organization plans to go. He said he is open to hearing any questions and all concerns we might have about AIHA at the local and national levels. Tom is Manager of Product Safety and Occupational Health with Sasol North America Inc. in Houston, Texas. Please, come join us for some first-rate food as we give Tom a "warm" Pittsburgh welcome. The details are as follows:

- Date:** Thursday, February 19, 2004
- Time:** 11:30 A.M. to 2:00.P.M
- Location:** LeMont Restaurant, on Pittsburgh's Mt. Washington
- Speaker:** Tom Grumbles, current President AIHA
- Topic:** State of the Union in AIHA and current happenings in our organization
- Cost:** \$25
- Meal choices:** .Chicken St John - Breast of chicken stuffed with sundried tomatoes and proscuitto or Grilled Salmon with dill sauce. Includes a house salad and crème brulee for dessert.
- To register:** Contact Frank Pokrywka at fpokrywka@ehs.pitt.edu or 412-624-8641 or Christy Kirsch at ckirsch1@access995.com or 724-941-5084 no later than 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Corporate Sponsors

We would like to thank **Premier Safety & Service, Inc.** for becoming a Corporate Sponsor for the 2003-2004 operating year. *It's not too late to be a sponsor!* If your organization is interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, please contact Frank Pokrywka for details.

REMINDER

2004 Dues
To date, we have 55 members who have not paid their 2004 dues. Payment must be received by March 15 to remain in good standing. If you have misplaced your form, please contact Christy Kirsch.

ASSE to Develop Mold Standard for Worker Protection

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) announced that it would develop a standard aimed at protecting workers when dealing with mold remediation. The purpose of the standard, announced at the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists' (ACGIH) "Mold Remediation: The National Quest for Uniformity" symposium in Orlando, is to establish minimum requirements and recommended procedures to be implemented by employers to minimize employee exposure to mold. The proposed standard will not, however, establish an exposure level or action level for identification purposes or trigger remediation activities.

Because there is no one universally accepted consensus standard that can be held as the standard of care to protect mold remediation workers in an indoor environment, ASSE petitioned the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to be the secretariat of a canvass standard initiative, Z690, to address worker safety and health during mold remediation projects. ANSI approved the petition. For the full report, the position statement and more information, check ASSE's web site at http://www.asse.org/prac_spec_cops_issues.htm.

OSHA has also published "A Brief Guide to Mold in the Workplace" which can be viewed at (www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib101003.html).

For additional information on mold including "What's New: State of the Science on Molds and Human Health" please visit the AIHA website at <http://www.aiha.org/GovernmentAffairs-PR/html/prmoldsources.htm>.

Job Openings

Contract Industrial Hygiene Position Available:

Contact Person: Mr. Raffie Sessa, CIH
Bayer Polymers of America (BPOA), LLC
Phone: (412) 777-2724
Email: raffie.sessa@bayerpolymers.com

We have available a "contract" Industrial Hygiene position operating out of our Pittsburgh campus. This position will report in to the Manager of Industrial Hygiene in the BPOA Center of Health and Safety Excellence. An IH with approximately 3 to 6 years of experience is desired. CIH preferred. The contract IH selected will be responsible for carrying out IH and some safety programs at Bayer sites as directed. These include but are not limited to the exposure assessment program ergonomics programs, hearing conservation and hazard communication programs. A fair amount of IH monitoring will be needed.

This position will require between 30 and 40% travel. The person selected should be "customer-oriented" in their approach since a good bit of the work done is consultation.

Send resumes or questions to the contact person above.

WESTERN PA SAFETY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

May 25, 26 & 27, 2004

Three great conferences
combined in one:

1. America First
2. First Annual Security Conference
3. 79th Annual Safety, Security, Health & Environmental Conference & Exhibit

Register now and receive
early bird rates to exhibit.
Call 1-800-345-9772 or
check our website -
safetypa.org

Our Sponsors:



World leader in sampling technologies

Over forty years of proven leadership have made SKC the number one choice for air sampling equipment. Health and safety professionals worldwide know that the SKC name stands for people and products that solve problems.

Professionals rely on SKC for:

- Technical Support
- Proven Reliability
- Service, Service, Service

For SKC products in Pittsburgh
contact Chuck Nachreiner at

800-752-8472

SKC Inc. Eighty Four PA USA
Tel: 724-941-9701 Fax: 724-941-1369 www.skcinc.com



Phone: 1-800-828-1080

Fax: 1-800-828-1090
Email: premier@premiersafety.com
Online Order: www.premiersafety.com

Two Industrial Park Drive
Oakdale, Pennsylvania 15071