



Pittsburgh Local Chapter

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2004-2005 Election Results

The 2004-2005 election has come to a close. Next year's Executive Committee will be as follows: President—Julie Panko, President-Elect—John Holleran, Secretary—Barry Momyer, Treasurer—Paula Durkota, Past President - Frank Pokrywka and Directors—George Bender and Tom Blank. Congratulations to the new members of our Executive Committee!

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Meeting Announcement

The Pittsburgh local sections of the AIHA and ASSE are pleased to welcome Paul Hewitt from Exposure Assessment Solutions, Inc of Morgantown, WV to our luncheon meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 2004. Mr. Hewitt's presentation will cover an introduction to the topic of Control Banding. Growth in the use of chemicals in small and medium size businesses (SME's) and in emerging economies, where access to people with the experience to assess and control exposure to chemicals is limited, has led to the development of a new approach to the control of chemicals. Called Control Banding, the approach uses information that is readily available to users from the suppliers of chemicals taking the users through a series of simple steps allowing them to choose practical control solutions that should reduce exposures to levels which present no danger to health. Please join us to learn more about this important movement within the health and safety profession.

- Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2004
Time: 11:30 A.M. to ~2:00.P.M
Location: Holiday Inn , Greentree (Pittsburgh)
Speaker: Paul Hewitt, Exposure Assessment Solutions, Inc.—Morgantown, West Virginia
Cost: \$17 (due at the meeting).
Meal: Lunch buffet including soup, salad, choice from 5 entrees, dessert and soft drinks.
To Register: You may now register using our [online registration form](#). However, if you wish to register by phone, please contact Julie Panko at 412-445-2196 or email at jpanko@chemrisk.com. Please register before Thursday, March 26, 2004.

April Meeting: April 20 - Tour of Draeger Facility - Luncheon provided by Draeger followed by a tour of the facility and presentation on issues surrounding Homeland Security/Domestic Preparedness. A meeting announcement will be emailed and posted on our website when the details are finalized.

WEBSITE UPDATES

We are continuing to improve and update our Local Section Website. This month we have posted a new Meeting Announcement page with an on-line registration form. The CM Points and Executive Committee pages have also been updated and revised. We hope to have our membership directory posted soon—Stay Tuned!

2004 Member Survey

We are currently conducting a membership survey to determine what changes can be made in our AIHA Local Section meeting structure to increase attendance and better serve the changing needs of our members. On February 29 an email went out to our members asking them to complete the on-line survey. The one-page survey consists of various questions related to meeting attendance, age, business/industry, and asks you to comment on why you do/do not attend meetings. The survey also asks you to rate several factors (cost, time of day, length, location, etc.) on a scale of 1 (least important) to 5 (most important) in terms of how influential each one is in your decision to attend local section meetings.

If you haven't already completed the survey, please use the following link <http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/Pitts/Survey2004.htm> to complete the survey. It takes less than 5 minutes and your responses are anonymous. Your candid responses will help the Executive Committee in determining how to modify our meeting structure to improve attendance at our local section meetings and increase member involvement. We hope to share the results of the survey in our April newsletter.

Science Fair 2004

We are again pleased to sponsor one Science Fair student award in the field of Industrial Hygiene and related sciences in the 65th Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair which connects more than 600 of our region's youth with the science and engineering technology community. This year's Science Fair will be held at Heinz Field on April 2, 2004. The following members of the Pittsburgh Chapter AIHA Public Affairs Committee will serve as Sponsor Award Judges: Betty Goodman-Klein, Frank Pokrywka, Paula Durkota, and Daniel J. Flanagan. Betty Goodman-Klein will also serve as a Sponsor Award Presenter. A photograph will be taken of the award winner with his/her project and will be sent to our organization following the Fair.

Job Openings

SENIOR SITE EHS MANAGER— SEAGATE RESEARCH CENTER

The Seagate Research Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has an immediate opening for a Senior EHS manager. This position has key strategic planning, partnership and program implementation responsibility for the dynamic, Pittsburgh R&D operation. The Pittsburgh research facility is newly constructed and incorporates exploratory technology processes in an advanced clean room setting. The individual selected for this position should have a minimum of 15 years of progressively increased EHS management responsibility with experience in the electronics industry. Requirements include a minimum of a BS in science, safety, engineering or related field, preferably with professional certification in industrial hygiene and safety. The individual should have strong leadership skills and have expert knowledge of regulatory requirements and experience with chemical management, laboratory safety, clean room tool/equipment safety and comprehensive knowledge of other traditional EHS programs. Seagate offers a competitive compensation and benefits program. Seagate is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer. Please forward your resume to: Ed.K.Thode@Seagate.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

The PA Chamber of Commerce will hold its **2004 Annual Environmental Laws and Regulations Conference and Trade Show**, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 13 and 14 at the Harrisburg-Hershey Marriott. This program offers the opportunity to hear from **EPA Region III Administrator Don Welsh** and **PA DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty** and a sweeping overview on Hazardous and Residual Waste, Brownfields, Storage Tanks, Clean Air, and the Water laws- and includes a **Special Session on Terrorism Response for Environmental Managers**. For more information visit www.pachamber.org.

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