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Message from "Acting President"

The last board meeting was held on January 10, 2003. We covered a number of issues. Among them were budget, leadership conference (Jan. 31-Feb.2), upcoming seminars or training programs. We are anticipating that there will be training programs on ventilation, ergonomics, direct reading instruments, public communications. The ventilation program called IH Ventilation Lab is a two day symposium. The cost is \$50 and two full certification maintenance (CM) points will be available for those that attend. The program will be conducted at Sac State in the Environmental Health and Safety building. [See flyer for details.](#)

Joanne Myers is representing Sacramento Valley Section at the Leadership conference. Thanks Joanne.

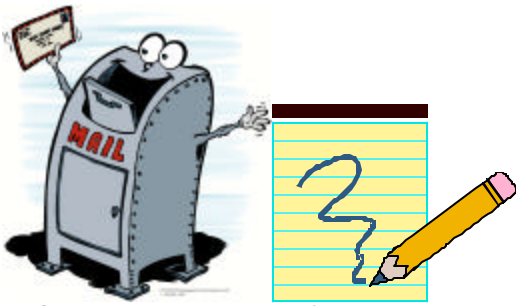
Currently we have \$3675.00 in the bank.

Certification Maintenance Points

AIHA Certification Points are included here in response to recent questions 2001-2002.

3/14/01HP Field Tour	0.5	#02-705
7/13/01 Practical and Legal Aspects of IAQ	0.5	#16034
1/29/02 Recent Advances in Air Monitoring	1.0	#02-674
2/21/02 IH Field laboratory	0.5	#021199
3/21/02 Bloodborne Pathogens	0.5	#02-1200
4/18/02 Sampling and Analytical Error	0.5	#02-1201

PAY DUES FOR 2003. SEE WEB SITE OR CONTACT MARK CAMERON FOR DETAILS. mcamerol@lanset.com



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NOTE: We are going to an all electronic-newsletter distribution. Please provide us with your current e-mail address so we can keep you informed. There are a large number of Ex-members and would be members who are missing out because their information is not current.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY DEGREE PROGRAM

California State University, Sacramento's Occupational Health and Safety program has been revised and expanded, effective Fall of 2002. In addition to offering a Bachelor of Science degree, the program will offer interested student the opportunity to obtain a minor in Occupational Health and Safety. The minor was developed for students interested in expanding their knowledge in the field of OH&S while completing an undergraduate degree in a related science or management related program.

Please contact Michael E. Nave at menave@csus.edu or (916) 278-6306 if your organization is interested in obtaining additional information on:

- The Bachelor of Science or minor degree programs,
- Providing student internship opportunities within your organization, (there are about 7 or 8 possible individuals as of March 1, 2002) or
- Providing a student the opportunity to observe industrial hygiene personnel at work.

TOP TEN ISSUES FOR INDUSTRIAL HYGIENISTS ACCORDING TO NATIONAL AIHA.

*By Aaron Trippler
AIHA Government Affairs*

FAIRFAX, VA (January 7, 2003)—Every other year the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) surveys its members to determine the top public policy issues of concern to occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) professionals in the next two years.

“OEHS professionals are on the front line in worker safety. This list helps us communicate to Congress about the important policy issues that impact the health and safety of all workers,” said AIHA President Gayla J. McCluskey, CIH, CSP, ROH, QEP. “This year the list has added importance as federal and state budgets are cut. Where there is less money for enacting and enforcing regulations, there is a greater risk that worker safety will be compromised. Associations need to play a greater role in moving these issues forward because the government dollars just won’t be there.”

AIHA has identified the following as the top public policy issues for 2003–2004:

- **Emergency Response and Preparedness (Including Biological Monitoring, Hazard Communication, and Risk Assessment)**

“While it is no surprise that emergency response and preparedness made the list, it received more interest than expected,” said McCluskey. “The concern for emergency preparedness illustrates that OEHS professionals are more important than ever. Homeland security is as vast as the transportation system and as personal as the individual workers in need of protection. OEHS professionals are crucial to the ongoing safety of every part of our society.” AIHA began efforts on this issue following September 11, 2001, and continues to move forward. In addition to internal association efforts at building programs to supplement federal homeland security efforts, AIHA has been working on a joint effort with the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine on issues such as Disaster Medical Assistance Teams.

- **Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)—Updating**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) PELs are consensus-based limits that indicate how long an individual can be exposed to a particular substance without experiencing harmful effects. However, many of these PELs have not been updated since the 1970s. Science in this area has matured, but the PELs have not. AIHA continues to facilitate a working group of industry and labor in reaching a consensus on the best way to update the PELs. The working paper being finalized will provide details on how a legislative fix could work. This has been an ongoing project since the American Industrial Hygiene conference and exposition (AIHce) in 2001.

- **Mold—Exposure, Inspection, and Remediation issues**

As the mold issue heats up around the country in the media, courtrooms and legislation, consumers, businesses and lawmakers are looking for sound data and information on how to handle mold. AIHA has an abundance of AIHA Top Occupational and Environmental Safety Issues. Material available on the AIHA web page, as well as a brochure “The Facts About Mold.” AIHA has monitored and commented on nearly a dozen federal and state legislative issues and has a task force looking at future activities and potential involvement.

- **OSHA Reform Issues—Including Third Party Workplace Reviews**

Congress may consider reforms to a number of OSHA policies. As was the case in the 106th and the 107th Congresses, AIHA will continue to make recommendations and monitor any potential changes at OSHA that may impact occupational health and safety. AIHA expects to play a major role in any legislation in the 108th Congress that addresses third party workplace reviews and increases in criminal penalties for willful violations of OSHA regulations.

- **Ergonomics**

AIHA remains convinced of the need for an ergonomics standard, yet supports OSHA’s release of voluntary industry-specific guidelines. In addition to the considerable information available on AIHA’s website, the recently signed AIHA/OSHA alliance is intended to focus most of its efforts on ergonomics issues. AIHA will be spending considerable time working with OSHA on ergonomics issues within the alliance.

- **Indoor Air Quality Issues (Other Than Mold)**

Notwithstanding the fact that the indoor air quality standard is no longer a part of the OSHA regulatory agenda, AIHA continues to monitor all indoor air quality issues.

- **Professional Recognition/Title Protection Legislation and Regulation**

This issue continues to appear in the top public policy issues for the association, as it has since 1993. Professional recognition/title protection allows industrial hygienists and others who have already met industry standards for education, or who have received certain certifications (such as Certified Industrial Hygienists) to be recognized as competent to perform certain work without the need for repetitive educational requirements. While professional recognition/title protection legislation has been enacted in 17 states, AIHA continues to assist other states with this concept, as well as promoting the qualifications and competency of the profession in other legislation (i.e., mold, lead).

- **OEHS Small Business Assistance—Legislation and Regulation**

In the 107th Congress, legislation passed the House and a Senate Committee that would have provided for competent health and safety individuals to assist small business. AIHA will continue to push for efforts to assist small business with occupational health and safety issues. AIHA is also working with OSHA to see if a program can be developed that would aid small business with some type of pro-bono assistance.

- **Injury and Illness Prevention Programs (Written)**

The injury and illness prevention program rulemaking at OSHA has now been removed from the regulatory agenda for the coming year. However, AIHA will continue to support this effort and push for voluntary efforts.

- **Laboratory Accreditation Issues**

Accredited laboratories are the best way to ensure that test samples from food facilities, workplaces, and homes are analyzed accurately. Over the course of the last several years, AIHA has been working to see that the AIHA laboratory accreditation program is noted in federal and state legislation as one of the programs with national recognition. This issue continues to be an important part of both scientific and government affairs activity around the country.