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Message from the President

"Building Systems and Mold Investigations" on January 15, 2004 was well received. Some 23 persons (approximately 1/2 of our total membership attended). Were one of those who missed out on this opportunity? Lance Lister, Roman Worobel, Carol Lawson, Morie Oberg and Richard Stepp attended the SMUD "Advanced Moisture, Mold and the Building Envelope", training on February 5, 2004 (listed above) and learned about factors which could lead to mold problems i.e. roof construction, wall condensation, sealing and caulking on outside walls.

The Board is still looking for a Secretary and a person to serve on membership development. Would someone who is sitting in the back row please step forward and volunteer. The person for secretary will need to be a member of AIHA National. Student Interns are hard working and always looking for a paid job. If you have a vacancy or know know of a job opportunity please let Morie Oberg know at moberg@hq.dir.ca.gov. Remember that Board meetings are held on hour before the regular meeting and beginning at 10:00 AM.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2004 beginning at 11:00 AM at the Buggy Whip Restaurant. See also notice below and the Meeting Announcement for further details. Attendance of Board Members is important as we have a number of items of business that has to be acted on.

Morie Oberg

Thursday, February 19th Meeting

Occupational Injuries and Illnesses in California

Gary Sears of the State Compensation Insurance Fund is the speaker ABIH has awarded this program 0.5 IH CM point, approval #04-415. See the registration form on the [Section web site](#) for details.

Future meeting dates:

March 18, 2004 Topic to be announced
April 22, 2004 "Professional Ethics Workshop" by Howard Spielman of Health Science Associates
June 10, 2004 Topic to be announced
July 22, 2004 Topic to be announced

Treasurer's Report Steve Smith, CIH

Seventeen members (15 paid members and 2 retirees) have paid their 2004 dues.

New members included;
Rick Bohrer, Kleinfelder
Mike Joseph, R-Safe Specialty
Vera Liou, SWRCB

Students (CALICO Lab interns) included:
Deepa Batni
Stephanie Ceguerra
Daniel Corrigan
Doan Duong
Chad Escoto

Stephanie and Deepa assisted with the registration and collection of dues and fees.

We took in \$340 and paid out \$366.85. Not bad since we subsidized 5 student lunches.

Please pay your dues for 2004. See the [Web Site](#) or contact Steve Smith for details.



Please send any address
and e-mail updates to:
[Steve Smith](#).

NOTE: We are now doing 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.



Photos from the Holiday Luncheon have been posted on the AIHA/SVS Calendar Web Page. Start at <http://www.aiha.org/svs.htm> and select the calendar from the menu.

Jobs

Industrial Hygiene Technician wanted in Walnut Creek, California for busy environmental consulting firm headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona. Qualifications: Candidates should have a BS degree and at least (3) years experience, or a MS degree and (1) year experience. Candidate must be a California OSHA certified Asbestos Consultant and must be able to manage multi disciplinary projects and develop and maintain client relationships. Please send all resumes to kkurtz@environomics.biz or atheos@environomics.biz.

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Asbestos/Lead-Based Paint Project Manager -- IHI Environmental: This position involves a full range of responsibilities including technical supervision of field technicians, client relations, abatement management, surveys, inspections, sample collection, assessments, operation and maintenance planning, air monitoring, training, and final report preparation. Other industrial hygiene-related duties may include indoor air quality investigations, safety and health program development, mold investigations, and environmental site assessments. Qualifications: Candidates should have a BS and three years experience, or an MS and one year experience. The required certifications for this position include Cal/OSHA Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC) and California DHS Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor. The required skills for this position include the ability to manage multi-disciplinary projects and develop and maintain client relationships. General applicant strengths should include multi-task abilities, teamwork, and good writing/communication skills. Please send resume and references to Paul Robbins at: robbins@ihi-env.com ; 1260 45th Street, Emeryville, CA 94608-2907 Fax: (510) 923-1468

Entry-Level Industrial Hygiene Technician - IHI Environmental: The candidate will be responsible for managing assigned project fieldwork, sample collection, and report writing. Asbestos and lead-based paint survey and abatement management experience is preferred. Other responsibilities may include indoor air quality investigations, environmental site assessments, and industrial hygiene monitoring for workplace exposure. Qualifications: Candidates should preferably have an AA or BS with at least one year of experience as a Cal/OSHA Site Surveillance Technician (SST) or Certified Asbestos Consultant (CAC). However, because this is an entry-level position, IHI is willing to assist applicants in preparing for and obtaining the certifications required for this position. General applicant strengths should include multi-task abilities, teamwork, solid writing skills, and good communication. Please send resume and references to Paul Robbins at: robbins@ihi-env.com , 1260 45th Street, Emeryville, CA 94608-2907 Fax: (510) 923-1468

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Training Opportunities

Wednesday, February 18, 2004, "Ergonomics in the Work Place", 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM, Joint Breakfast Meeting with Orange County Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (OCASSE), Ayers Country Inn and Suites, Costa Mesa. Additional details at

<http://www.ocaiha.org/ocmeet.htm>

Thursday, February 19, 2004, AIHA/SVS, "Occupational Injuries and Illnesses in California" Gary Sears of the State Compensation Insurance Fund will be the speaker, \$20 members/\$40 non-members, Buggy Whip Restaurant, Sacramento, AIHA/SVS

Monday, February 23, 2004 "Using Technology to Reduce Ergonomic Risk; Hewlett Packard Case Study", John Gargiulo, Luau Garden, Rancho Cardova, CA, Sacramento ASSE. Additional details at

<http://assesacto.homestead.com/Index.html>

March 1-2, 2004 "Second International Control Banding Workshop: Validation and Effectiveness of Control Banding," at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza in Cincinnati, Ohio. This two-day practicum is also cosponsored by AIHA, ACGIH[®], the International Labour Organization, the IOHA, NIOSH, the National Safety Council, OSHA, and the World Health Organization. Control banding helps to protect workers by focusing resources on exposure controls - an approach which is complementary to other safety and health efforts already in place. A chemical is assigned to a "band" based on its hazard classification according to international criteria, the amount of chemical in use, and its volatility/dustiness. The outcome is one of four recommended control strategies: 1) employ good industrial hygiene practice; 2) use local exhaust ventilation; 3) enclose the process; or 4) contact a professional industrial hygienist. This approach has been incorporated by the United Kingdom into its recommended tools for compliance with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health regulations and is being increasingly applied worldwide.

www.acgih.org/events/course/controlbandwkshp.htm

March 11, 2004 "Meeting and Presentation," Southern CA Section AIHA, Location to be Announced. Additional details at <http://www.scaiha.org/>

March 23, 2004 "Respiratory Protection Update: Critical Topics and Regulatory Update" James Johnson, \$165 by 2/24/04, additional details at

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce/courses.html>

Thursday, March 25, 2004, SMUD, "HVAC Fundamentals", \$40, Pre-registration required, 1.0 CM (ABIH Approval # 04-224), additional details at

<https://usage.smud.org/yourAccount/ETCstudent/ClassDescription.asp?id=80>

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Tuesday, May 18, 2004 "HVAC System Design for Indoor Air Quality", \$40, Pre-registration required, 1.0 CM (ABIH Approval # 04-225), additional details at

<https://usage.smud.org/yourAccount/ETCstudent/ClassDescription.asp?id=82>

AIHA Government Affairs News

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2004 BUDGET CYCLE CONCLUDES – 2005 BUDGET CYCLE BEGINS

After waiting nearly four months to conclude action on the 2004 fiscal year budget, Congress finally approved an omnibus appropriations bill upon their return in late January. The government is now running on a budget, albeit one that is a little short on revenue.

Now we begin to look at the President's proposal for the 2005 fiscal year that is set to begin on October 1. As outlined by the President in his early talks about the budget, he has held to his pledge that non-discretionary spending will be limited to a one percent increase. That is exactly what has been proposed for OSHA. However, within the total budget, one can see that enforcement and compliance assistance are to receive some increases, while the training grants are again slated to again be on the cutting table.

Other agencies of interest to AIHA show that the Mine Safety and Health Administration would receive a 3 percent increase from \$269 million to \$276 million. On the other hand, the Environmental Protection Agency would take a pretty big hit (7.2 percent) with its budget dropping to \$7.76 billion. One program within EPA that would take a large chunk of this reduction is the science and research budget, taking a hit of about \$100 million. No word on the specific dollars to be appropriated to NIOSH, but the news doesn't look good. The budget proposal includes a \$408 million cut (8.9 percent) for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. NIOSH is a part of the CDC.

Here is a complete look at the OSHA budget:

	Budget Authority (Dollars in Millions)		
	FY 2004	FY 2005	Change
Safety and Health Standards	\$15.9	\$16.1	\$0.2
Federal Enforcement	166.0	171.0	5.0
State Programs	92.0	91.7	(0.2)
Technical Support	21.6	20.9	(0.7)
Federal Compliance Assistance	67.0	71.4	4.4
State Consultation Grants	52.5	53.8	1.6
Training Grants	10.5	4.0	(6.5)
Safety and Health Statistics	22.2	22.4	0.1
Executive Direction and Admin	10.0	10.2	0.1
Total OSHA Budget Authority	\$457.5	\$461.6	\$4.1

Ergonomics

Even as OSHA completed its ergonomics symposium to discuss the state of research on the origin and prevention of work-related MSDs in late January, the state of ergonomics efforts around the country seems to be at a near standstill.

In 2003, the biggest defeat to those in favor of ergonomics standard was the vote in the state of Washington that repealed the state's ergonomics standard. Washington state officials have said they will now focus on education efforts on ergonomics.

A 2003 bill in Minnesota that would create ergonomics standard is stalled in committee and stands little chance of receiving any action.

In Rhode Island, a commission was to have been set up to consider the need for an ergonomics standard. This was passed in June 2002 but has yet to be established. The outlook isn't too good. The commission was to report back by February 1 of this year and the commission will expire on April 1.

Michigan has attempted to move forward. An ergonomic steering committee has been formed and been meeting to discuss whether or not the state should consider an ergonomics standard.

In 2004, a couple of states continue to address the issue:

- Kentucky has introduced legislation to provide a tax credit for making ergonomics improvements in the workplace. Kentucky also has legislation pending that would create a board to study the feasibility of adopting an ergonomics standard.
- Washington has a couple of bills pending pertaining to a requirement that employers post notices of repetitive motion injuries.

OSHA Increases Role in Homeland Security

While many occupational health and safety professionals and organizations have been concerned about the fact that OSHA did not seem to have a very large role in homeland security issues, OSHA has now taken the step of increasing their presence by clarifying agency policies during responses to national emergencies.

OSHA has issued its National Emergency Management Plan, a new directive that outlines procedures to ensure that personnel are in place to provide technical assistance and guidance within the emergency response structure. The new directive also establishes an Emergency Preparedness Executive Steering Committee and Specialized Response Teams will be created.

This directive should increase awareness of the role OSHA plays in homeland security as well as provide health and safety protection for emergency responder and recovery workers.

State Legislation

Activity is growing each and every day in the state legislatures. Most have now convened for their 2004 session and AIHA government affairs spends a considerable amount of time reviewing legislative introductions to determine any interest to the industrial hygiene and occupational health and safety profession.

To give you some idea of this review process, between January 1 and February 9 approximately:

- 650 legislative measures reviewed
- 50 legislative measures of interest

- 60 different state reports sent out with new legislation and updates on previous legislation
- 10 letters from AIHA to sponsors of legislation

Scanning the News -

- OSHA has posted four new letter interpreting standards governing steel erection, trenching, idling construction vehicles and underground floor openings. Find them on OSHA web site, under “laws and regulations”, then “standards interpretations”.
- OSHA expects its Crane and Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to complete its proposed revision of the OSHA rule by mid-year.
- A recent report by The Conference Board shows that companies that have good health and safety records also believe that business benefits from safety and health. The companies also believe that those benefits are received directly through reduced costs. Proves what occupational health and safety professionals have been saying for years. The difficulty is convincing more and more employers about the benefits.
- OSHA recently held a hearing on the proposed assigned protection factor table that would be added to the respiratory protection standard. There is still considerable debate over whether an APF of 5 or 10 should be used for elastomeric and half-masks and for filtering facepieces and quarter masks. OSHA states the final rule will be based on the best available scientific evidence on the performance of these types of respirators.
- In addition to OSHA withdrawing its proposed TB standard this past December and revoking its 1971 TB portion of the general industry respiratory protection standard, OSHA has now announced that it will delay until July 1 several provisions of the general industry respiratory protection standard that now govern workers exposed to TB. The two main provisions delayed pertain to annual fit testing and medical evaluations for covered workers.
- On another budget front – the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board budget for 2004 was approved at \$8.25 million, plus an additional \$450,000 for an emergency fund for accident investigations. The President’s 2005 budget request is for \$9 million, plus the additional \$450,000 emergency fund.
- In Canada – regulatory changes have been made to permit Nova Scotia’s occupational health and safety officers to issue tickets for common offenses related to compliance. Inspectors can issue a \$351 ticket for individuals for organizations who do not provide the department with a compliance notice and a \$624 ticket for failing to comply with an order.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

Visit the AIHA Federal Legislative Action Center to stay abreast of national issues important to occupational health and safety. The center can be found within the members-only section of the AIHA web page.

Members are able to monitor all federal legislation of interest to AIHA. This includes access to legislation by subject matter, legislative text, current status of the legislation, and AIHA position on the legislation. Members also have access to a directory of all elected officials and senior agency personnel, including the opportunity to send e-mail messages to their elected officials indicating support or opposition to any piece of legislation or simply find the address and telephone number of specific offices – all with a few clicks on your computer.

STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER NOW ON-LINE

AIHA members can now check out the latest addition to the government affairs web site. The State Legislative Action Center is now on-line.

This center offers AIHA members the opportunity to monitor all state legislative sites, scan IH professional recognition/title protection laws in states where adopted, and even review and follow all state legislation being monitored in the state legislatures throughout the year. Included under each state site is access to the various state agencies, including the Governor's office and OSHA state plan sites. If professional recognition/title protection legislation has been enacted in a particular state, this law can also be found.

Another important feature will be member access to each of the weekly legislative/regulatory reports sent to each state. With this access, members can follow any piece of legislation that may be of interest to occupational health and safety.

AIHA COMMENTS ON CONTRACTOR SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM RULES PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

AIHA has submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on its proposed rulemaking addressing the obligations of DOE contractors to provide safe and healthy workplaces for employees. AIHA believes that, with changes, the proposed rule has the potential to significantly improve the health and safety of DOE workers and to serve as a model for others to follow.

The proposed regulations would require contractors responsible for a DOE workplace to make sure that it is free from recognized hazards likely to cause injury or death. Contractors would also be responsible for ensuring that work is performed in accordance with the contractor's safety and health program, which would have to be approved by DOE.

"If the review and approval process stipulated in the proposed rule is rigorous and conducted by qualified staff, there would be a significant incentive for contractors to improve their programs over past performance," notes AIHA President Thomas G. Grumbles, CIH.

AIHA has long been a proponent of strong health and safety programs. A white paper adopted by the association in 2000, "AIHA's View of Occupational Health and Safety on a National and Global Scale," states that the goal of occupational health and safety can best be achieved "when effective and efficient health and safety programs are viewed as an asset."

AIHA suggested several areas for improvement that DOE should address prior to final rulemaking. Recommendations included:

- The addition of a strong policy statement supporting the use of safety and health programs and compliance with national standards;

- Requirements for technically qualified personnel to design, implement, and improve safety and health protection programs;
- An explicit statement that conformance to applicable OSHA standards and case law interpretations should be mandated as a minimum requirement; and
- Requirements for all occupational injuries and illnesses to be reported to allow monitoring of program performance, effectiveness, and improvement.

AIHA also submitted specific comments on numerous sections within the proposed rule.

“AIHA members recognize the growing need for the reform of occupational safety and health policies to better reflect prevailing business practices and increased knowledge,” says Grumbles. “The policies that will be promulgated in a final rule warrant a thorough review and analysis not only because of the implication they will have for DOE workers but also because a successful reform has the potential to be a model for others.”

AIHA Sacramento Valley Local Section

<http://www.aiha.org/svs.htm>