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Message from the President

As you can see, the March calendar is quite full. Some dates may have several activities on the same date, so beware! On Wednesday - Thursday, March 17 - 18, 2004 AIHA/SVS and the Sacramento Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers are co-sponsoring an information booth at the "16th Annual Plant Engineering & Facilities Show" at the Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and "K" Streets in Modesto, CA. We will be handing out free literature from the professional associations to assist employers have a healthy and safe workplace. We could use some volunteers to help staff the booth on Wednesday March 17. On Wednesday Session 3 on "Water intrusion and Mold" will be presented by JoAnn Copperud, President of RGA Environmental, Inc. from 10:05 - 11:05 AM which may be of interest to our members.

We have our regular meeting at the Buggy Whip on Thursday, March 18, 2004, so be sure to mark your calendar. Meeting materials for our February 19, 2004 meeting on Occupational Illnesses and Injuries" are available on the AIHA/SVS website by clicking on "View handouts form 2/19/04 Meeting" which is found under "SVS Member Only Index" at the bottom of the "Membership Info Tab". Insect bites are a recordable injury when they occur in the work environment or while on company time as reported by Rick Hight of the CAL/OSHA Consultation Service while talking on the CAL/OSHA Form 300 Requirements at our February 19, 2004 meeting.

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. 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, March 18, 2004 beginning at 11:00 AM at the Buggy Whip Restaurant. Attendance of Board Members is important as we have a number of items of business that has to be acted on.

Morie Oberg

Thursday, March 18th Meeting

The Role of the Industrial Hygienist in Emergency Response

We have two speakers for this topic. Jack Oudiz, CAL-OSHA will speak on the "The Role of CAL/OSHA During the Southern California Wildfires and the World Trade Center" and LCDR Joselito Ignacio, USCG, will speak on "The Role of the Industrial Hygienist in Emergency Response." See the registration form on the [Section web site](#) for details.

Future meeting dates:

April 22, 2004 "Professional Ethics Workshop" by Howard Spielman of Health Science Associates
June 10, 2004 "Respiratory Protection Programs"
July 22, 2004 One Day Symposium on "Diffusion Sampling" (Tentative)

Treasurer's Report

Steve Smith, CIH

2004 Membership Dues. As of March 1st, all members should have renewed their membership and sent me their \$30 annual dues. As of 3/1, I have received payment of 2004 dues from 37 members (with another 25 members in 2003 not yet renewed). Ed Bartosh and I have updated the roster on website to list all the members for 2003 and 2004 members. So check the roster to see that we have the correct contact information for you. (You will need the password * * * * *) If you have not yet sent in your 2004 dues, the website has a renewal form that you can use for submitting your payment too.

SVS Income and Expenses. In February besides the membership dues mentioned above, we had a net income of \$55 from the Lunch meeting that had 11 members attend the Workers Compensation presentation. For expenses, we paid \$191 or 25% of the travel cost (AIHA paid 75%) for Morie to attend the Leadership training at AIHA headquarters for 2 days in January.

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.

CIHC Representative's Report

Joanne Myers, CIH, CSP, CHMM

The major portion of our section dues goes to California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) and the major portion of CIHC funds each year has gone to Sacramento Advocacy for two types of service.

1. Sacramento Advocacy is a Governmental Affairs consultant which tracks legislation and advocates for its clients in matters which involve client interests . This kind of activity is also called lobbying. But Sacramento Advocacy has also provided information and training to CIHC and its members concerning the workings of State Government, the importance of timing relative to committee hearings and so on. They have also provided a legislative bill review each spring which is intended to give us a basis for tracking specific bills as they go through committee hearings and are amended before final vote, if they get that far. From time to time, Sacramento Advocacy has written letters to or made contacts with legislative committee members on behalf of CIHC. In the early days of CIHC, Sacramento Advocacy helped to get a title protection bill passed in California, and has helped in subsequent years to get recognition of the CIH credential inserted into other health and safety legislation. For this service they are paid a monthly fee.
2. The other service that Sacramento Advocacy has provided to CIHC for several years and through several contract periods is conference management for the annual CIHC conference. Although technical aspects of the program such as obtaining speakers on specific topics has generally been done by CIHC board members, Sac Advocacy has taken care of program printing, registration processing, hotel selection, negotiation of rooms and meals and publicity for the event. For this service they have been paid a monthly fee plus a share of conference net income.

Our contract with Sacramento Advocacy expired in December 2003 and a new contract is being negotiated, which would run until December 2005.

This time CIHC is considering splitting the contract into two parts, with Sacramento Advocacy doing the legislative tracking liason as a separate contract. Conference Planning has a larger field of potential vendors and it may be possible to find one which could provide the service more economically to CIHC.

There have been several proposals and counterproposals and as of last week when I checked with CIHC president Jackie Luca, Sacramento Advocacy had not signed the latest counterproposal from CIHC for the legislative services contract. There also had been no decision on offering conference planning to another vendor, although several alternate vendors have been investigated by our President and Treasurer.

Our Current Treasurer Jaime Lyle - Steadman is doing a very good job of reviewing the financial details of our contract with Sacramento Advocacy and has made recommendations to promote greater accountability and documentation for expenditures and reimbursements . These recommendations have been incorporated into the current contract negotiations.

Given that our next Board meeting is scheduled for March 25 in San Diego and that this Board meeting is usually devoted to reviewing the current crop of legislative bills to decide CIHC's position, time is running short for getting a contract if we wish Sacramento Advocacy to play the role that it has

in past years. However, the Board has determined that the upward trend of fees to Sac Advocacy must be held in line .

The Sacramento local section has been prompt in its support of CIHC through payment of its annual assessment. Most of the member sections did not pay their assessments last year until the very end of the year, after several requests.

The reasons for other sections to delay their support are unclear. Fluctuating membership fees may be one reason, but another could be the sense that nothing much has happened since title protection several years ago and that was the main reason for forming CIHC.

Apart from any legislative advocacy that may be done through CIHC, I believe that the annual conference is a reason to continue CIHC activity. This conference has had very good presentations over the years and is accessible to many California IHs who can not attend the national conferences. And I believe that we should not underestimate the potential for these conferences to build public awareness, at the local level, of our profession and skills.

Cal OSHA Programs Update

Steve Smith, CIH

OES Presentation. In December, Deborah Gold, Cal/OSHA Sr IH gave a powerpoint presentation to a meeting of state agencies that the Office of Emergency Services (OES) holds on statewide emergency response issues. Her talk gave the other state agencies an overview of Cal/OSHA's emergency response role and provided some examples of our response to the World Trade Center and the So Cal Fires. Posted is an outline of the talk (0312-OESoutline.pdf) and her phone number to call with questions is 415-703-5115.

Professional Development. An update was given to all Cal/OSHA IHs about ongoing efforts to support their professional developments. It was noted that Cal/OSHA currently has at least 40 CIHs, and 3 Local Section Presidents. Any Cal/OSHA IHs staff who plan to become certified or make presentations at the AIHCE were encouraged to work with Steve Smith and Jack Oudiz who will assist them in preparing for those events.

Proposed Title 8 Health Standards Under Development. The Cal/OSHA Research & Standards Health Unit in San Francisco is working on several potential changes to Title 8. Here is a list of some of the more significant rulemaking projects and the R&S staff person you can contact if you would like more information:

- The Section 5155, Airborne Contaminants Advisory Committee will meet next on March 12th in San Francisco to consider new and revised PELs including Quartz and 1-Bromopropane. Another meeting will be held on March 30th in Sacramento on other substances including Acetone, Beryllium and Propylene oxide. If these substances maybe of interest or you have questions about the PEL revision process contact Bruce Wallace at 415-703-5165.
- Section 5148, Prohibition of Smoking in the Workplace was adopted by the Standards Board last month. This new standard once approved by OAL will be added to Title 8 in order to bring down the provisions of LC section 6404.5 in response to a 2003 Appeals Board Decision after Reconsideration. The intent of this new section is to allow the Division to enforce the Labor Code prohibition of smoking in Bars, Taverns and other workplaces when those employers had been cited 3 or more times in a year at the local agency level. The contact person for this proposal is Bob Barish at 415-703-5161.

- Section 5147, Respiratory protection for M. Tuberculosis is proposed for repeal in response to a December, 2003 OSHA final rule. The intent to the OSHA change is to require respirators worn to protect against TB to be covered by the general respiratory protection standard (section 5144). The contact person for this proposal is Bob Nakamura at 415-703-5160.
- Section 5194, Hazard communication is tentatively proposed for a Standards Board public hearing in April. Several different changes are proposed to make our standard at least as effective as the federal standard on the issue of MSDSs being required for wood dust and some other issues. For more information contact Deborah Gold at 415-703-5115.

Jobs

I'm working with a building supply manufacturer in Orange County who is seeking some junior level talent. If you could post these opportunities on your chapter's site, that would be great.

Two Industrial Hygienist positions are open at this time, as well as a couple of Safety Coordinators, and a couple of EHS Managers, all for the same client. I've attached job descriptions for all of three job opportunities. Please have interested candidates email their resumes to me as Word .doc attachments, janet@fpcboise.com and let me know what income level they are seeking, as well as to which opportunity they are responding. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 800.783.5190.

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Position: Division Industrial Hygienist-Building Products
Location: Orange County, CA
Salary: Commensurate with Experience
 Relocation Allowance approved

Job Description:

Our Client's division EH&S team is based out of their state-of-the-art facility in California. The industrial hygienist will be responsible for management of the Client's Silica Program, as well as conducting in-depth surveys at each of their nine facilities in the US. In addition, the candidate will be responsible for working with independent consultants to develop corrective actions, providing guidance to the engineering department on necessary equipment/process changes and assisting in the corporate auditing program. Sampling will include: dust exposure monitoring with a focus on silica, indoor air quality surveys, noise exposure surveys, ventilation assessments and lighting surveys.

Job Requirements:

- BA/BS Industrial Hygiene, Industrial Health and Safety, Environmental Engineering/Science or similar degree, a Masters degree is preferred.
- Three or more years "hands-on" Industrial Hygiene experience in a manufacturing or consulting environment.
- Knowledgeable in OSHA, NIOSH and ACGIH regulations and sampling techniques.

- Excellent written and verbal skills, as well as PC- based word processing, spreadsheets and presentation graphics software.
- [ABIH] certification preferred.
- Experience in the paper industry or wood products is a plus.
- Effective presentation skills a plus.
- This position requires approximately 50%

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Position: Safety Coordinator
Location: Orange County, CA
Salary: Commensurate with experience
 Relocation Approved

Job Description:

We are currently seeking high potential people to join our client’s state-of-the art manufacturing plants. Must be high energy, self-motivated, team players whose approach to safety is to reduce injuries and illnesses through the creation of a pro-active health and safety culture by using systematic anticipation, identification, evaluation and control of health and safety hazards. Must be able to demonstrate a history of continuously reducing worker injury and illness.

The Safety Coordinator will report to the EH&S Facility Manager. Safety Coordinators will be responsible for assisting the EH&S Manager in overseeing and managing the overall development and implementation of the Plant’s EH&S practices and programs with the goal of an Incident Free Workplace.

Within your first six to eighteen months of employment you must be willing to consider relocation for promotional opportunities at client’s other manufacturing facilities, with locations around the country.

Job Requirements:

- BA/BS industrial health and safety or similar degree; a Masters degree is preferred.
- One to three years “hands-on” safety experience in a manufacturing environment
- Experience working with OSHA
- Excellent written and verbal skills
- Experience with PC-based word processing, spreadsheets and presentation graphics software.
- Experience in the wood products or pulp and paper would be a plus.

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Position: EH&S Facility Manager
Location: Orange County, CA
Salary: Commensurate with experience
 Relocation Approved

Job Description:

We are currently seeking high potential people to join our client’s state-of-the art manufacturing plants. Must be high energy, self-motivated, team players whose approach to safety is to reduce injuries and illnesses through the creation of a pro-active health and safety culture by using systematic anticipation, identification, evaluation and control of health and safety hazards, and can demonstrate a history of continuously reducing worker injury and illness.

The EH&S Facility Manager will be responsible for overseeing and managing the overall development and implementation of the plant's EH&S practices and programs with the goal of an Incident Free Workplace.

Within your first six to eighteen months of employment you must be willing to consider relocation for promotional opportunities at our client's other manufacturing facilities located around the country.

Job Requirements:

- BA/BS industrial health and safety or similar degree; Masters degree is a plus.
- ASP or CSP certification preferred.
- Five (+) years "hands-on" safety experience in a manufacturing or construction environment
- Experience working with OSHA
- Excellent written and verbal skills
- Experience with PC-based word processing, spreadsheets and presentation graphics software.
- Experience in the wood products or pulp and paper would be a plus.

Training Opportunities

Thursday, March 11, 2004 "Keeping Safety Professionals and Management Out of Jail - How the District Attorney Enforces Safety Code Violations", Karen I. Doty, Deputy District Attorney, San Diego Office of the District Attorney, SCAIHA, Proud Bird Restaurant, Los Angeles, CA. Additional details at <http://www.scaiha.org/calendar.htm>

Wednesday - Thursday, March 17 - 18, 2004, "16th Annual Plant Engineering & Facilities Show", AIHA/SVS and Sacramento Section of ASSE, Modesto Centre Plaza, 10th and "K" Streets, Modesto, CA. Free Registration. Register at <http://www.proshows.com/shows/attend.php?cmd=cvpe>

Thursday, March 18, 2004, "The Role of CAL/OSHA During the Southern California Wildfires and the World Trade Center", Jack Oudiz, Professional Development and Training for CAL/OSHA and "The Role of the Industrial Hygienist in Emergency Response", LCDR Joselito Ignacio, USCG, AIHA/SVS, Buggy Whip Banquet Room, Sacramento, CA. Additional details at <http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/SVS/Meetings/040318.htm>

Tuesday, March 23, 2004, "Respiratory Protection Update: Critical Topics and Regulatory Update" James Johnson, \$165 by 2/24/04 COEH, Oakland, CA. Additional details at <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce/courses/respiratory-protection-1.html>

Tuesday, March 23, 2004, "What's New with CAL/OSHA, Len Welsh, JD, CIH, Acting Chief, CAL/OSHA, AIHA/NCS, Spenger's Fish Grotto, Berkley, CA. Additional details at <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce/courses.html>

Thursday, March 25, 2004, "HVAC Fundamentals", SMUD, \$40, Pre-registration required, 1.0 CM (ABIH Approval # 04-224), Sacramento, CA. Additional details at <http://usage.smud.org/yourAccount/ETCstudent/ClassDescription.asp?id=80>

May 8-13, 2004, "AIHce 2004 - Promoting OEHS Excellence" in Atlanta, Georgia. THE premier conference for OEHS professionals.

Register TODAY at www.aiha.org/aihce.htm , and find detailed information about AIHce 2004 speakers, symposia, abstracts and expo. ~ SAVE MONEY ON REGISTRATION- Early Bird rates are in effect until 3/12/04.

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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 STATE ACTIVITY UPDATE

Mold

Government Affairs continues to keep a close eye on state legislation pertaining to mold. Through February, AIHA was monitoring more than 56 bills addressing this issue. Of these, about half are bills of such importance that AIHA submitted comments. To date, no legislation has been enacted but several are nearing completion.

All eyes have been on Texas where the Texas Board of Health was expected to finalize the nation's first state rules on mold qualifications. The original plan was for the Board to finalize the rules on March 8. However, because of the overwhelming number of comments submitted on the rule, final action was postponed to April 15-16, when the Board will be holding a meeting.

If you would like to see a complete summary of mold legislation being followed by AIHA, please visit the government affairs members' only section and look under state activity.

Professional Recognition/Title Protection

Legislation has been introduced in three states addressing the issue of professional recognition/title protection.

- Georgia: The bill would define and protect the titles of CIH, CAIH, CHST and OHST. The legislation passed the House on March 4 and is awaiting action in the Senate.
- New York: Bills have been introduced in both the Assembly and the Senate that would provide for licensing as an occupational safety and hygiene professional. Both AIHA and ASSE local members in New York support this bill. The bill has been around for half a dozen years and looks as though it may face obstacles again this year.
- South Carolina: Identical bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate to define and protect the titles of CIH and CSP. The Senate bill was passed on March 3 and awaits action in the House.

Ergonomics

The state of Michigan remains the lone state in 2004 addressing the issue of whether or not ergonomics standard is the way to go. The Michigan legislature created an Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee; however there continues to be debate over what was the "charge" to the new Committee. Michigan OSHA says the charge was to write a standard while industry groups say the charge was to determine if a standard was needed. The Governor of Michigan has yet to take either side in this debate. Regardless, most believe that if a standard is written it will literally take "years" to complete the process, according to MIOSHA.

Through February, AIHA government affairs has been heavily involved in state legislative activity:

- 997 legislative measures reviewed
- 67 legislative measures of interest
- 95 different state reports sent out with new legislation and updates on previous legislation

AIHA to Testify at Senate Subcommittee Hearing on MSDS

Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY), Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training has announced that he will hold a hearing to discuss material safety data sheets (MSDS) on March 25.

While an official list of witnesses has not yet been released, AIHA President Tom Grumbles has been asked to testify.

The issue of inaccurate or unreliable MSDSs has been in the news recently amid several accidents where inaccurate MSDSs were brought into question. This hearing is expected to focus on what the problem is and its solutions. In addition, there is expected to be discussion about international implications.

AIHA government affairs is working with the AIHA Stewardship and Sustainability Committee in drafting an official AIHA position statement on this issue that can be submitted at the hearing.

Scanning the News –

- OSHA continues to focus on high-risk employers. OSHA has announced that approximately 13,000 employers have been alerted that their injury and illness rates are above average. OSHA has offered these employers assistance in lowering their rates, including efforts to locate outside health and safety consultants to assist in their efforts.
- MSHA 2004 Initiatives. The Mine and Safety Administration has announced that their 2004 initiative will focus on addressing accidents before they happen. To address this initiative, MSHA plans to continue the “triangle of success”, which includes enforcement, technical support, and education and training.
- California has now decided to follow OSHA and withdraw its tuberculosis standard. The state will rely on a respiratory standard to protect workers.
- Legislation has now been sent to the Governor’s desk in Puerto Rico that would require the certification of industrial hygienists and occupational safety professionals. This legislation was tabled two years ago but made its way back this year. AIHA and numerous others have contacted the Governor urging a veto of this bill.
- OSHA has set up an intra-agency task force to look at the issue of workplace violence. Government reports show the number of workplace violence incidents on the rise. However, OSHA has announced that for now, the agency has no plans to issue a workplace violence standard.
- The Department of Energy has suspended rulemaking on proposed worker health and safety regulations. The proposed rule would have provided specific requirements for contractors working at a DOE site. AIHA submitted extensive comments on this proposal and had serious reservations about the proposal.