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Message from the President

As you can see from the following items, the Fall season is filled with many different activities. For our October meeting we are very pleased to have Chuck Fellan from TSI Inc. in Shoreview Minnesota as our program speaker. I have attended various training sessions from TSI and can highly recommend them. As you may recall, one year ago we had Dr. Tom Cahill from UC Davis talk to our section on "Fine Particles and the World Trade Center". Evaluation of ultrafines will be taking an increasing role in conducting future indoor air quality investigations.

We are now close to a final program on Diffusive Monitoring. Outstanding experts from throughout the country with differing backgrounds have been lined up to provide a well rounded program. Gus Manning will be serving this next year as Chairman of the AIHA Sampling and Laboratory Analysis Committee. The cost for this technical symposium is in line with other similar symposium and should generate a revenue for our local section.

I would like to welcome Ed Bartosh and Betty Taylor as our first international members to the Sacramento Valley Section. Ed's e-mail has remained the same. If you would like to send them a Christmas card, you can find their new address in Australia under the Membership Information Tab.

Morie Oberg

Thursday October 14th Meeting

Indoor Air Quality and the P-Trak Ultrafine Particle Counter

Chuck Fellan (Certified in Indoor Air Quality), TSI, Inc., will present this technical session at the Buggy Whip Banquet Room, Sacramento, CA; 0.5 CM (ABIH Approval #04-153)

<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/SVS/calendar.htm>

Future meeting dates:

November 9, 10 or 11, 2004, "Diffusive Monitoring", Warren Hendrix, OSHA, Salt Lake City, Linda Coyne, SKC, Inc. Eighty Four, PA and Gus Manning, Assay Technology, Pleasanton, CA, AIHA/SVS, 1.0 CM (Applied for), Buggy Whip Banquet Room, Sacramento, CA. Additional details to follow at <http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/SVS/calendar.htm>

December 1-3, 2004, 14th CIHC Conference: *Health and Safety: New Beginnings*, Redondo Beach, CA. For more information, see: www.CIHOnline.com

Treasurer's Report

Steve Smith, CIH

SVS Income and Expenses: In April, the Lunch meeting had a good attendance of 17 members and non-members hear the Ethics and Mold sampling presentations on April 22nd. However, the \$370 of income from those 17 attendees did not cover the \$499 expenses for that presentation which included paying for an additional 3 lunches for the presenters and airfare for Howard Spielman to come up from LA to present the Ethics topic. Therefore, the April local section meeting ended up with a net operating loss of \$129.

In June, the Lunch meeting had another good attendance of 17 members and non-members hear the Respiratory Protection Program presentations. Speaker costs for this presentation were much less than in April so the local section ended up with a net gain for June of \$43.

In August, the 2004 CIHC dues of \$1175 was paid for the 47 paid members we have in our local section. With that payment to CIHC, our local section now has a remaining account balance of \$2580.

2004 Membership: In April and June, 5 additional members were added to the section bringing our 2004 paid membership totals to 47. There are still another 19 members from 2003 who have not yet renewed. So if you are not sure you have renewed your membership for 2004 check the roster on our website (<http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/SVS/members/svs-members.asp>) to see if you have a '2004' listed after your name. You can also check to see if the roster has the correct contact information for you. If you have not yet sent in your 2004 dues, the website has an online renewal form that can be filled out and submitted with your \$30 payment. Dues for 2005 will also be accepted if you want to pay before December 31st to get that tax deduction for this year. So look for a 2005 renewal form to added to local section website soon.

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.

Local Sections Council Report from the AIHCe Atlanta

Joanne Myers, CIH, CSP, CHMM

The following items were discussed which may be of interest to our members:

- Local Section Officers and Directors are now eligible for inclusion in a policy arranged through the national AIHA with Admiral Insurance Company. The named insureds are Past, Present or Future duly elected or appointed Director, officer, the entity(SVS-AIHA) and subsidiaries, volunteer, trustee, committee and staff members and employees, including part time, seasonal and temporary.

A few local sections do have paid administrative staff. A student chapter would probably be counted as a subsidiary.

A claim is defined as any written demand for monetary or non-monetary relief, civil, criminal, regulatory or administrative proceedings for monetary or non-monetary damages. National AIHA must be notified as soon as any such claim is made or any such information is available to a local section officer.

Policy is written on a claims made basis.

Individual sections would have to purchase tail coverage if they closed. There is a \$2500 deductible for each claim, which would be applied to the defense of the claim.

Historically, Most claims at non-profit organizations involve employment practices.

- Steve Davis, Executive director, reported that non-dues revenue is up and now exceeds dues revenue.
- There has been considerable revision of staff at AIHA headquarters. The new Director of Scientific Affairs is Mary Ann Latko.
- The AIHF made an appeal to receive donations for the Foundation scholarships fund. They also offered to administer scholarships which might be granted by local sections to local schools. There is a tax code provision which limits the amount of cash which can be held by a non profit local section without triggering reclassification. That amount is \$25000. It was suggested that a donation to the Foundation would be one way to stay under the \$25000 limit.

The Foundation for Occupational Health and Safety (FOHS) is an affiliated organization with international scope. Developing countries need opportunities to train health and safety professionals. The World Health Organization is developing collaborating centers. Donations can be made to FOHS or to AIHF.

Since our dues go primarily to pay our CIHC assessment, we are not adding much to the bank account each year, but it is something to keep in mind.

- The Distance Learning Specialist- Stacey Talbot-explained how the DL program could be used to generate revenue for local sections. Basically, the Local Section would sign on for one fee and host a video link, and individual members or other interested community persons would attend the meeting and pay a meeting fee for each attendee. If the sum of individual fees exceeded the cost to host the meeting, this would be a fund raiser for the local section.

Jobs

1. Certified Industrial Hygienist

National Environmental Consulting firm headquartered in Phoenix, AZ needs a CIH with a B.S., M.S., or Ph.D. in Microbiology, Industrial Hygiene, Toxicology or related course for. We currently have openings in Walnut Creek, CA., Denver, CO and Phoenix, AZ. Position involves general consulting, project management, supervision of Industrial Hygienists, significant client interface, expert litigation support and testimony, document file review, risk evaluation, and report preparation and review. Microbial, expert witness, healthcare or construction experience would be a plus. We offer an excellent salary with full medical, profit sharing, and bonus plan. Please send resumes to Christine Mitchell, cmitchell@ultimatestaffing.com or call 602.707.1875

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2. Industrial Hygienist

The future of energy is being developed everyday at Pacific Gas and Electric Company as we create new and more innovative ways to supply 14 million Californians. We want our energy to become your power. We need your expertise to bring that power to the people. We are seeking a Nuclear Industrial Hygienist for our Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) in Avila Beach, California.

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Requirements:

- 3-5 Industrial Hygiene experience, in a power plant or refinery.
- 3-5 years Industrial Hygiene field monitoring experience

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Other Training Opportunities

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday - Thursday, September 23 -24, 2004, "23rd Annual Northern California Plant Engineering and Facilities Show and Conference, Santa Clara Convention Center. Free Registration. Register at

<http://proshows.com/pro/NCPE/index.po>

September 27-30 California Emergency Services Association (CESA) "Annual State Conference", Embassy Suites Hotel, Riverfront Promenade, in Sacramento,

<http://www.cesa.net/conferences.cfm?color=st>

Monday, September 27, 2004, What is Rapid Eye Check? Luky Maldonado, Alcohol and Drug Programs, Safety Center Inc., Sacramento Chapter of ASSE, \$15, Luau Garden Royal Buffet, Rancho Cordova, CA. Additional details at

<http://sacramento.asse.org/>

Monday, September 27, 2004, Toxic Inhalation Exposure" (Part of the 27th Annual Pacific Southwest Safety and Health Conference), Dr. Bernie Greenspan, Dr. William G. Hughson MD and Dr. William Cain, \$150, Radisson Hotel in Mission Valley, San Diego, CA. Additional details at

<http://www.sdaiha.org/>

Tuesday, September 28, 2004, "Demystifying Electrical Safety Keith Gershon CSP, Electrical Safety Engineer, LLNL, COEH UC Berkeley, \$195. Elihu Harris Office Bldg., 1515 Clay street, Second Floor, Room 1, Oakland, CA. Additional details at

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/%7Ecoehce/courses-reg/demyselctricsafety.htm>

Tuesday, September 28, 2004, "Principles of Lighting", SMUD, \$25, Pre-registraion required, Sacramento, CA. Additional details at

<https://usage.smud.org/yourAccount/ETCstudent/ClassDescription.asp?id=122>

OCTOBER

October 2 -5, 2004, 19th Annual PCIH, *Passport to New Horizons*, Le Centre Sheraton Hotel , Montréal, Canada. Topics/sessions include:

- Risk Assessment Symposium
- Management Certificate Program: Finance and Accounting Principles for Non-Financial Managers
- Professional Development Courses
- General Sessions
- Workshops
- Luncheon Discussions
- Concurrent Sessions
- Technical Tour

For more information, visit: <http://www.aiha.org/pcih.htm>

Tuesday, October 5, 2004, "Occupational Health Challenges in the Underground Economy", COEH UC Berkeley, \$60. Elihu Harris Office Bldg., 1515 Clay street, Room 2, Oakland, CA. Additional details at

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/%7Ecoehce/courses-reg/industrial-hygiene-3.htm>

Wednesday, October 13, 2004, "Safety Management as a Profit Center", Sacramento ASSE Chapter Construction Committee's PDC. Additional details at

<http://sacramento.asse.org/>

October 13 – 14 EH&S seminar for the Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA) at our Reno campus

www.cshema.org

October 13 – 15 2004 Northwest Occupational Health Conference, Portland Airport Sheraton, Portland, Oregon

<http://www.pnsaiha.org/Documents/NOHC%20Program.htm>

Thursday October 21, 2004, Joint SC and OC AIHA Symposium (Topics include: Environmental Forensics, Professional Liability, Emerging Water Contaminants and Dealliing with the Media and the Public, \$150, Long Beach Marriott Hotel, Long Beach CA. Additional details at

http://www.scaiha.org/courses.htm - annual_symposium

Friday, October 22, 2004, "Promoting Primary Prevention in the California Workers' Compensation System" COEH UC Berkeley, \$70. Elihu Harris Office Bldg., 1515 Clay street, Auditorium, Oakland, CA. Additional details at

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/%7Ecoehce/courses-reg/coehsymposium.htm>

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 11 (Veteran's Day), 2004 Joint SCAIHA and ASSE meeting with Dinner, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

DECEMBER

December 1-3, 2004, 14th CIHC Conference: *Health and Safety: New Beginnings*, Redondo Beach, CA For more information, see: www.CIHOnline.com

Thursday, December 2, 2004, OCAIHA Dinner. Location TBA. Speaker TBA

December 4-8, 2004, AIOH 22nd Annual Conference, " *Occupational Hygiene - A Change in the Air?*" Fremantle, West Australia. For more information, see: <http://www.aioh.org.au/>

Wednesday, December 8, 2004, SDAIHA "Student Thesis Presentations", Quality Resort, Hotel Circle in Mission Valley

AIHA Updates

AIHA Looking for Board Members

During the first quarter of 2005, the annual election will be held to fill AIHA Board of Director positions to be vacated in May 2005.

Open positions will be vice president, treasurer-elect, and three directors.

The AIHA Policy Manual stipulates that "Each officer and member of the AIHA Board upon election and installation assumes a professional and fiduciary responsibility to the membership of the AIHA. Included in these responsibilities are requirements to actively and honestly represent and pursue the best interest of the Association, its members and the profession. Officers and Directors are expected to carry out all duties required by the Bylaws of AIHA and any additional assignments made by the President. Officers and Directors should participate actively in Board decision-making and support formally derived decisions of the Board. Personal involvement as a member of a technical committee or other professional activities is commendable, however, during service on the Board it is expected that Board members' association time and energies be directed to Board activities and assignments. It will be the responsibility of the Chair of the Nominating Committee to formally inform all candidates for election to the AIHA Board of Directors of this policy so that they are fully aware of their responsibilities. Interested members should contact AIHA for more information on the application process through their web site at www.aiha.org.

You can find AIHA's recent press releases at <http://www.aiha.org/GovernmentAffairs-PR/html/publicrelations.htm>.

AIHA "Happenings from the Hill"

Congress Returns – Now the Work Begins

Congress returned from its extended summer vacation last week and now faces a considerable workload if it is to adjourn in mid-October. Leading the list of things to be accomplished before the adjournment is the 9/11 Commission report, the war in Iraq, other homeland security issues and the economy. However, one of the things that Congress must finish is the fiscal 2005 budget. If the budget is not approved before adjournment, there is a chance that Congress will have to return following the election. No one likes the thought of a "lame duck" Congress returning to conduct business.

All eyes are on the upcoming November election, which makes it even more difficult to get anything accomplished. The Republicans are attempting to push through some of their legislation and the Democrats are delaying when possible – with the thought that after January 1 their party could be in charge. Only in Washington!

'05 Federal OH&S Budget Taking Shape

Congress has finally begun to move on the fiscal '05 budget for OSHA and NIOSH. Earlier this week, a Senate Committee marked up its version of the bill that controls the finances of these agencies. Now the bill goes to the full Senate for approval. After that, the House and the Senate must get together to work out the differences and then the final bill can be approved and sent to the President. Sounds like a lot of work left, but a major hurdle is now cleared.

So how did OSHA and NIOSH fare? As for OSHA, the Committee recommended approximately \$469 million. This compares to the '04 budget of approximately \$458 million. It is also an increase over the President's recommendation and the House-approved total of \$462 million. It should be noted that the Senate Committee, for the second straight year, restored money to the Susan Harwood training grants. The President had recommended these grants be cut. Most of the increase in funding by the Senate Committee resulted from restoring these funds.

As for NIOSH, the Senate was much kinder than the President or the House. The Committee recommended approximately \$295 million. This compares to the '04 budget of approximately \$277 million. It is also an increase over the President's request of approximately \$279 million.

NIOSH – CDC Reorganization Cited

Even more important than the funding level may be the Committee Report language regarding the upcoming CDC reorganization. Over the past couple of months, CDC has received considerable criticism about plans to place NIOSH in one of the new "coordinating centers" within CDC. AIHA and many other stakeholders have opposed this move. Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of CDC, recently hosted a meeting of the stakeholders to discuss the reorganization, but failed to convince any of the attendees that this move was in the best interest of occupational safety and health.

Since that meeting, AIHA and others have expressed concerns directly to many on Capitol Hill. It now seems that several Members of Congress have the same concerns. In the Committee Report detailing the NIOSH budget, language was inserted that expressly directs the CDC to maintain the status quo with respect to the "direct reporting relationship of the NIOSH director to the CDC director." The Senate Report "further directs the CDC to: (1) make no changes to

NOSH's current operating procedures and (2) ensure that no funds or personnel will be transferred from NIOSH to other components of CDC by means other than traditional reprogramming of funds."

What impact will this report language have on the reorganization? It is doubtful that the October first planned reorganization will be altered. However, it is abundantly clear that not only occupational safety and health stakeholders have concerns about the plan. With Congress looking over the shoulder of CDC, if this reorganization continues to receive intense scrutiny, there will hopefully be alternatives offered.

Occupational Health and Safety Legislation at a Standstill

With Congress expected to adjourn sometime in October, it looks as if all of the pending legislative measures addressing occupational health and safety will have to be reintroduced next year. Frankly, few of these measures received serious consideration. Yet, there were a couple of measures that would have had significant impact on occupational health and safety.

The legislative package of Rep. Charlie Norwood remains stalled in the Senate after passing the House. Rep. Norwood is still attempting to have someone in the Senate assume the lead on this issue, but it looks as if no one has stepped up. Senator Michael Enzi also has a major OSHA reform bill pending in a Senate Subcommittee. However, Senator Enzi has indicated that he has no serious plans on moving this issue anymore this year. AIHA provided a letter of support for this legislation and commented extensively on most of the sections. If you are interested in seeing AIHA's comments, please refer to the government affairs section of the AIHA web page.

One other Republican measure that will return will be legislation introduced by Rep. Todd Tiart. His legislation would revise OSHA's enforcement policy in various ways, including requirements to give OSHA 30 days to issue a citation and provide employers 30 days to contest one; provide employers with 72 hours to correct a violation in order to avoid a monetary penalty; and change the criteria for issuing repeat citations.

Republicans aren't the only ones preparing for occupational health and safety issues in the next session. Democratic Senators Ted Kennedy and Patty Murray have announced that they hope to introduce OSHA reform legislation in the next session. Senator Murray stated she believes material safety data sheets and the global harmonization system are of particular importance. She also cited ergonomics and personal protective equipment as important.

OSHA Continues to Provide More Ergonomics Guidelines

Employers and workers in the poultry industry are the latest to receive ergonomics guidelines from OSHA. The guidelines were released in early September and become the third set of guidelines released by OSHA. The first two were guidelines for nursing homes and retail grocery stores. No word on when the next set of guidelines will be released.

National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Lists Priorities

At the most recent meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) listened to the directors of OSHA and NIOSH about priorities for the coming year. After much discussion, the group determined that there should be three main focus areas for the coming year: Hispanic worker issues, occupational motor vehicle safety, and emergency response.

The discussion also focused on the many alliances and partnerships created by OSHA, as well as talk about the upcoming CDC reorganization that will place NIOSH in a new coordinating center. Notwithstanding the concerns expressed at the NACOSH meeting, the Committee was told that NACOSH has no authority to look at this issue; as such reorganization is beyond the scope of NACOSH.

Emergency Planning and Response

With the continued discussions regarding emergency response issues, OSHA has developed a new publication to assist employers, safety and health professionals, training directors, and others in ensuring they are aware of the agency's requirements for emergency plans. The publication "Principal Emergency Response and Preparedness" provides an overview of OSHA standards for emergencies. Check the OSHA website for further information.

State Activity Winding Down for Year

With nearly all of the state legislatures adjourned for the year, it's time to start gearing up for 2005. First, a quick look at this past year found AIHA government affairs reviewing just over 2,000 legislative measures that were introduced. Of these, government affairs reported 96 of these measures to be of sufficient interest that they were sent on to the local sections, with AIHA national submitting comments on many of the bills. Government affairs provided the local sections with nearly 250 weekly reports detailing legislative and/or regulatory activity.

As we look at 2005, we are already seeing activity. At least one bill is being drafted that would require licensing for individuals conducting mold activities – AIHA has already submitted extensive comments to the sponsor. AIHA has received requests from local sections in at least three states that may be interested in introducing professional recognition/title protection legislation. To assist those interested, AIHA has put together a new model bill for consideration. Contact AIHA government affairs if your local section is interested.

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