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## Message from the President

Our Annual Meeting on Friday, December 10, 2005 will wrap up the year of 2004. During the Annual Meeting important items of business will be brought up for the proper functioning of our Local Section.

While the ABIH has indicated that we would not receive any CM points for a combined Annual business meeting and a presentation by our Board Co-ordinator. This should not prevent you from attending. In the past they have given 1/6 of a CM point (0.5 CM/3 meeting for this type of meeting. A tentative Agenda is as follows:

- CIHC Report - Joanne Myers
- Treasurer's Report - Steve Smith
- Nominations Committee Report - Bill Collier
- President's Report - Morie Oberg
- "Update from AIHA National - Marshall Denhoff, AIHA
- Board Co-ordinator
- Bylaws Committee Report - Morie Oberg
- Presentation of Awards

Morie Oberg

## Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 Meeting

### Update from AIHA National

Marshall Denhoff, our AIHA Board Coordinator will provide an update on events, policies, and happenings from the national association perspective. The location has changed from the last newsletter – it will now be held at the Luau Garden Royal Buffet, 1931 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA. [One block off Highway 50, exit at Sunrise Boulevard, turn left (North), left again at Zinfandel Drive. (916) 852-6900] See the announcement page on the calendar page at:

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

## Future meeting dates:

### CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION

Sacramento Chapter of ASSE has invited Sacramento Section of AIHA to join them in their Christmas Party on Thursday, December 16, 2004. The Christmas party will be held at Piatti's Restaurant in the Pavilions (571 Pavilions Lane, Sacramento). A time schedule is as follows:



7:45 PM	Arrive
8:00 PM	Dinner
	Raffle
8:30 - 10:30 PM	Jazz Band Plays

Entree choices include lasagna, chicken or rib eye. Meal includes butter leaf salad and creme brulée for dessert. The Jazz Band (music Professor and Company) is from the American River Community College. Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1/ticket both before and after dinner. Cost is \$30/person which can be paid by either cash or check made out to ASSE. Reservations can be made by e-mailing either Sally Andrews ([andrews@surewest.net](mailto:andrews@surewest.net)) or Dave Wolf ([dnwolf@quiknet.com](mailto:dnwolf@quiknet.com)).

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## Treasurer's Report

### Steve Smith, CIH

**SVS Income and Expenses.** In November, the annual symposium only had 8 attendees to hear about Diffusion Monitoring on 11/17. The \$1,025 of income from those 8 attendees did not cover the \$1065 in expenses for that presentation which included paying for an airfare/transportation for one speaker from Utah and lodging and meals for Morie and the 3 speakers. Therefore, the local section symposium ended up with a net operating loss of \$40.

**2005 Membership Dues.** In November we started to collect dues for 2005 that remains at the same level \$30. In November, 5 members renewed their memberships for 2005. I also sent out final reminders to 17 members from 2003 that did not renew their membership this year and as of this month those 17 IH will no longer be listed on our roster or receive our notices and newsletters. 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' or '2005' 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 2005 dues, the website has an online renewal form at <http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/SVS/Documents/2005dues.pdf> that can be filled out and submitted with your \$30 payment.

The dues form for 2005 is now posted. See the [Web Site Membership Page](#) 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.

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## CIHC News

### Joanne Myers

Sacramento Section has consistently supported CIHC financially, but currently has only one delegate, since Robert Stepp moved to the San Diego area. Joanne Myers is the remaining delegate. On November 16, Joanne's flight from Fresno to LAX was cancelled due to fog, so she checked in by telephone.

Our legislative advocacy consultant, Cathy Barankin, reminded us that in the upcoming legislative session, there will be many new legislators who do not have any prior connection with CIHC or with the profession of industrial hygiene. The coming legislative session is an unknown, but it could well have an impact on workplace health and safety, indoor or outdoor environmental issues, or public health and safety. In order to have an early influence on bills which could impact our profession, Cathy urged us to reach out to new members of the legislature.

She suggested that we write a letter from each Section to each new legislator who comes from a district in which we have members.

First, congratulate them on their election.

Then let them know the areas of our professional interest and expertise. Offer to help them to understand some of the technical issues that they may face as bills are developing in any of these areas.

Follow up with an offer to meet with them in their district office. Most legislators have home district office hours, for meeting with their constituents. Our local section members are constituents of someone, and if that someone is a new legislator, this is a good opportunity to let them know What in the World is an Industrial Hygienist, and how this may be relevant to their future legislative activity. (Although Cathy didn't specifically discuss this next point, we are also constituents of other local officials who administer regulations which may have components which interest us as professionals. So the same courtesies may be appropriate for city and county and school board newbies, who also may someday aspire to legislative office.) It is all about relationships.

Although it is OK to let them know that we as constituents or as members of CIHC support or oppose this bill or that, wouldn't it be better to have some input while they are thinking about introducing a Bill? To help them craft a Bill that we can support? That is where relationships count.

After Sac Advocacy did their presentation, the discussion focused on the upcoming CIHC conference. The content promises to be high caliber, as in prior years, but if you have not yet registered, you will be missed. If you know of anyone who might have an interest in attending, urge them to do so. Registrations are currently running behind last year's numbers. The Section web page has a link to the CIHC registration, or go to the CIHC website. This year, ASSE has a day of special sessions, in addition to the IH sessions. If you know of someone who not a local section member, this is a great way to get maintenance points, and possibly a way to encourage local section participation as well.

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## Jobs

1. **Associate Industrial Hygienist**, State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, \$4635-\$5587 per month plus health and retirement benefits

Incumbents perform the full range of professional journey-level industrial hygiene work related to the Cal/OSHA program, including inspections of unhealthful places of employment, accident investigations, and consultations.

**Requirements:** Three years of increasingly responsible professional or technical experience in identifying, evaluating, and controlling health hazards in workplaces, and developing, evaluating, and implementing occupational health standards. This experience shall include at least two years in a position comparable in level, responsibility and duties to that of an Assistant Industrial Hygienist in the California state service. Must also have graduated from college with major work in industrial hygiene, environmental health, engineering, chemistry, biology, physics, medicine, public health or in a field directly related to occupational safety and health. (A Master's Degree in chemistry, engineering, environmental health, industrial hygiene, public health, or a closely related curriculum may be substituted for one year of the required general experience.) (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.) Positions located statewide.

*Download State applications from the DIR website, [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov), and mail to: Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health Attention: Joyce Richardson, P. O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA 94142*

2. 8 New Job Postings from Respected Employers & Recruiters
  - ~ Environmental Safety Coordinator - Ohio University
  - ~ Safety Engineer - Human Genome Sciences, Inc.
  - ~ Industrial Hygienist/Indoor Air Quality Consultant - SkyeTec
  - ~ Certified Industrial Hygienist - Sequent, Inc.

Postings by EHS/HR Recruiting Specialists:

- ~ Safety Manager
- ~ Occupational Hygiene Coordinator
- ~ Radiation Safety Officer - The Jackson Laboratory
- ~ Corporate Ergonomics & IH Programs Manager

Visit [www.aiha.org/CareerAdvantage.htm](http://www.aiha.org/CareerAdvantage.htm) to view the complete descriptions

## Other Training Opportunities

### DECEMBER

*December 1-3, 2004*, 14th CIHC Conference: *Health and Safety: New Beginnings*, Redondo Beach, CA For more information, see: [www.CIHOnline.com](http://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?*" A\$1060, Fremantle, West Australia. For more information, see:

<http://www.aioh.org.au/>

*Wednesday, December 8, 2004*, Student Thesis Presentations, SDAIHA, Mission Valley Inn, Hotel Circle in Mission Valley, San Diego, CA. Additional details at

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

*Thursday, December 9 - Friday, December 10, 2004*, Ergonomic Evaluation & design of Tools, Workstations & Tasks; Preventing Musculoskeletal Disorders in the Workplace, COEH, \$495, \$595 after November 4, Holiday Inn, Emeryville, CA. Additional details at

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce/registration.htm>

*Thursday, December 9, 2004*, Dinner Meeting, OCAIHA, Turnip Rose in the OCMA Conference Center, 300 S. Flower Street. Additional details at

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

*Monday, December 27, 2004*, TBD, TBD, Sacramento Chapter of ASSE, \$15, Luau Garden Royal Buffet, Rancho Cordova, CA. Additional details at

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

### JANUARY 2005

*Tuesday, January 11, 2005*, January Dinner Meeting, NCSAIHA. Additional details at

<http://www.aiha-ncs.org/cde.cfm?event=72680>

*Thursday, January 13, 2005*, Past president's Night, SCAIHA, UCLA Faculty Center. Additional details at

<http://www.scaiha.org/calendar.htm>

*Monday, January 24, 2005*, TBD, TBD, Sacramento Chapter of ASSE, \$15, Luau Garden Royal Buffet, Rancho Cordova, CA. Additional details at

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

*Monday January 24 - Friday January 28, 2005*, Comprehensive Review of Industrial Hygiene, COEH, 5.0 CM credits. Additional details at

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce/registration.htm>

## **FEBRUARY**

*Monday, February 7 - Friday, February 11, 2005*, Hawaii Second Annual, 5-day, Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review Course, \$495 plus transportation to Hawaii. Additional details at

<http://www.aihahawaii.org/2005cihevent.html>

*Monday, February 14 - Wednesday, February 16, 2005*, "Building Science; Understanding and Controlling Moisture in Buildings", AIHA Professional Development and Continuing Education, Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf 1300 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, CA. Additional details at

<http://www.aiha.org/MeetingsEducation/html/building.htm>

*Tuesday, February 15, 2005*, Industrial Hygiene Forum 1 - Confined Space rescue: Perspectives of Business and the Fire Department, COEH. Additional details at

<http://www.aiha-ncs.org/cde.cfm?event=77174>

*Wednesday, February 16, 2005*, Joint OCAIHA and OCASSE breakfast meeting, "Cal/OSHA Update", Peter Riley, Ayers Country Inn and Suites, Costa Mesa, CA. Additional details at

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

*Monday, February 28, 2005*, TBD, TBD, Sacramento Chapter of ASSE, \$15, Luau Garden Royal Buffet, Rancho Cordova, CA. Additional details at

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

## **MARCH**

*Monday, March 7 - Thursday, March 10, 2005*, "Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene", AIHA Professional Development and Continuing Education, Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf, 1300 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, CA. Additional details at

<http://www.aiha.org/MeetingsEducation/html/FIH.htm>

*Tuesday, March 8, 2005*, "OSHA Inspections – Practical considerations; A Compliance Officer's Perspective" Garrett Brown, NCSAIHA, Spenger's Fish Grotto, Berkeley, CA. Additional details at

<http://www.aiha-ncs.org/cde.cfm?event=72683>

*Friday, March 11 - Sunday, March 13, 2005*, 2005 AIHA National Leadership Workshop (for local section President-elects and technical committee chairs), Falls Church, VA

*Thursday, March 17, 2005*, "IH Technology Update", Hank McDermott, \$160, \$195 after February 10, Elihu Harris state Office Building, 1515 Clay Street – Second Floor, Room 2, Oakland, CA. Additional details at

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce/registration.htm>

Monday, March 28, 2005, Arc Flash", Juli Smith, Joint meeting of AIHA/SVS and Sacramento Chapter of ASSE, \$15, Luau Garden Royal Buffet, Rancho Cordova, CA.. Additional details at

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

## APRIL

Thursday, April 7, 2005, Dinner Meeting, OCAIHA Turnip Rose in the OCMA Conference Center, 300 S. Flower Street. Additional details at

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

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 Industrial Hygiene Forum 2: Demystifying Electricity, COEH. Additional details at

<http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~coehce/registration.htm>

Monday April 25, 2005, TBD, TBD, Sacramento Chapter of ASSE, \$15, Luau Garden Royal Buffet, Rancho Cordova, CA. Additional details at

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

## MAY

Saturday, May 21 - Thursday, May 26, 2005, "AIHce 2005-Celebrating Innovation", Anaheim, CA. Additional details at

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

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## AIHA Updates

### AIHA "Happenings from the Hill"

#### Congress Concludes Budget Negotiations – Session To Conclude In December

With most of Washington still contemplating the ramifications of the November election, Congress returned to town in mid-November to finish up several important items before adjourning the 108th Session.

Tops on the agenda for the "lame-duck" session was the revamping of the intelligence agencies pursuant to the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. On this issue, Congress could not reach an agreement and no one is quite sure what will happen next. Congress plans on returning to Washington for a couple of days in December and this issue may yet be on the agenda.

On the budget front, it looks as if things have finally been worked out. With Congress approving a budget that included 13 separate appropriations measures totaling nearly \$400 billion dollars, looking out for OSHA and NIOSH in this massive document was not easy. In the end though, these agencies should be somewhat pleased with the final result.

## OSHA

Here is the breakdown for the 2005 fiscal year budget for OSHA:

2004 appropriations	\$457,541 million
Presidents request for 2005	\$461,599 million
House appropriation	\$461,599 million
Senate appropriation	\$468,645 million
<b>Conference report</b>	<b>\$468,109 million</b>

As expected, the final appropriation was much closer to the Senate report than the House report. The difference between the House and Senate was the Senate's wish to continue funding for training grants. Other differences between 2004 and 2005 were increases of just over \$5 million in federal enforcement dollars and an increase of over \$4 million in federal compliance assistance.

However, hidden within the report language of the OSHA budget was one additional request from Congress. The Conference Committee accepted House report language regarding OSHA's enforcement of the Respiratory Standard as it applies to tuberculosis. The conferees advised OSHA to take no further action with regard to respiratory protection for occupational exposure to TB until such time as the CDC has completed the ongoing revisions of its TB guidelines. The actual bill language states "that none of the funds appropriated shall be obligated or expended to administer or enforce the provisions of the General Industry Respiratory Standard to the extent that such provisions require the annual fit testing (after the initial fit testing) of respirators for occupational exposure to TB".

All in all, with Congress tightening the purse strings on numerous federal departments and agencies, OSHA fared pretty well.

## NIOSH

As for NIOSH, there were two very important issues. One involved the total appropriations for the Institute and the other dealt with the ongoing CDC reorganization that would place the Institute under a new coordinating center within CDC.

Here is the breakdown for the 2005 fiscal year budget for NIOSH:

2004 appropriations	\$277,000 million (approximate)
Presidents request for 2005	\$278,100 million
House appropriation	\$280,186 million
Senate appropriation	\$294,587 million
<b>Conference report</b>	<b>\$287,745 million</b>

Included in this final appropriation are increases of \$1.5 million for the Education and Research Centers, \$2 million for the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), and \$1.4 million for the National Personal Protective Technologies Laboratory.

## Congress Concerned About CDC/NIOSH Reorganization

But the most important language in the NIOSH appropriations dealt with the reorganization of the Institute. The Senate report language had questioned this reorganization and urged the conferees to adopt language that would maintain the existing structure and reporting relationship of the Director. The Conference Committee agreed with this request. The final report language states “the Conferees concur in the directives in the Senate report regarding the NIOSH reporting relationship with the Director of CDC, their operating procedures, and organizational structure”.

While this is certainly great news for occupational safety and health research, there is still some concern that the final bill leaves the door open for CDC to “reprogram” funds within the Institute. Over the next several weeks there will undoubtedly be numerous interpretations of this language.

AIHA, ASSE and numerous other organizations were firmly opposed to the reorganization plan and wrote letters, attended meetings and did everything possible to see that Congress fully understood the ramifications of the pending reorganization.

### **Election Results Will Mean Some Changes**

Notwithstanding the fact that President Bush and the Republicans retained their hold on the administration and both houses of Congress, there will be some changes on the horizon.

With the Republican majority in the Senate increasing from a previous 50-48-1 advantage to a 55-44-1 majority, we may see an increased effort to hold more hearings on OSHA enforcement and compliance assistance. This will most likely occur because Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY) is now in line to take over as Chairman of the full Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. There is also talk that Senator Enzi may also retain his chairmanship of the Subcommittee overseeing OSHA. If this is the case, Senator Enzi will have numerous opportunities to continue to push his OSHA reform legislation; i.e., a bill that creates a third party workplace review program and addresses the issue of MSDSs, among other issues. There is also talk of some sort of revision to the criminal penalties issue. All of this doesn't mean that the legislation will be enacted, because the Republicans still do not have a filibuster-proof majority; but look for more activity.

In the House, the Republicans slightly increased their majority, now holding around a 30-seat edge. Rep. Charlie Norwood will likely continue as Chair of the House subcommittee overseeing OSHA and will undoubtedly re-introduce his OSHA reform measures early in the next session.

As to the goals of the administration in the next four years, we don't see any change from the previous four years. The Bush administration will continue to pursue “business-friendly” regulations and standards, pushing for increased use of guidelines and compliance assistance.

That leaves us to discuss OSHA. John Henshaw has yet to hint about his plans for the next four years. Rumors have been flying for several months about whether or not John intends to remain on board or pursue other opportunities. Much of this may depend on whether or not the Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chou, decides to remain with the administration. Over at MSHA David Lauriski has already tendered his resignation as MSHA administrator, so things are moving fast.

### **Ergonomics Committee Concludes**

The National Advisory Committee on Ergonomics held what many believe to be their final meeting on November 17. The Committee was appointed two years ago and was formed to assist OSHA move

forward in addressing ergonomics in the workplace. The Committee's workgroups presented their final recommendations to the full committee for further presentation to OSHA.

Adding to previous recommendations on outreach and assistance, the Committee reached consensus that there is still a need to pursue a single definition of MSDs, ergonomics should be included in an overall comprehensive occupational safety and health program, OSHA should continue development of guidelines, and more research is needed to examine the existing techniques, models, and the cause of MSDs.

### **AIHA Public Policy Survey**

The AIHA government affairs public policy survey has been completed. Once the AIHA board reviews the results and approves the public policy issues for 2005-2006, government affairs will report the results to the membership.

### **State Legislative Activity Begins**

Several state legislatures are in the process of accepting bills for "pre-filing" for the 2005 legislative sessions. While nothing major has appeared as of yet, we have seen several bills addressing "mold" and expect several before the process is completed. There are also several AIHA local sections considering introduction of professional recognition/title protection legislation in 2005.

AIHA national government affairs is in the process of preparing the state and federal legislative activity centers for 2005. Be sure and visit these sites to learn more about issues in 2005.

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