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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year,

I hope that you and your families are having a great holiday season. It's been a while since we put out a newsletter. We are getting back on track for the New Year. Our first meeting is **this week** on January 19 at Luau Garden. Please sign up on the website. Captain Alvin Chun from the US EPA will be speaking on Risk Communication and Crisis Communication. I heard this was great presentation. Also Mike Alvarez from Cal/OSHA will be speaking on the role OSHA has been playing in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Come hear these terrific speakers and also receive certification maintenance points.

It's a little delayed, but we are looking for nominations for the board. If you are interested in becoming a board officer or if you would like to nominate someone, please submit your name or nomination to any of the board members. Feel free to call any of the board members and find out about their position.

We are looking for ways to increase membership in our section. If you have any ideas to share in the effort please let a board member know. If you would like participating in a membership drive or assist in any portion of the board contact any of the officers to see how you best provide assistance.

We are always looking for new topics to be presented at our meetings. If you would like a topic presented at a meeting please let us know. Also, if you would like to present a subject at our meeting that would be terrific. The Sacramento section has a variety of industrial hygienists in different fields. It would be great to hear from the local members.

2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES.

It is time to renew your membership for 2006. The dues for 2006 remains at the same level \$30 since 2003. As of January 1st, we have 43 paid members for 2005. There are 11 past members who have not yet renewed their 2004 memberships and those individuals will no longer be on the membership roster unless they renew this month. If you are not sure you have renewed your membership, please check the roster on our website: (<http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/SVS/members/svs-members.asp> password: *svsmember*). You can also check the roster to make sure we listed your contact information correctly. To send in your 2006 dues, the website has an renewal form can be filled in online at

<http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/SVS/Documents/2006dues.pdf>. Please fill out the 2006 membership renewal form and mail to Steve Smith with your \$30 payment.

With Best Regards,
John

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Thursday, January 19, 2006
**Risk Communication and Crisis
Communication**

Presented by Captain Alvin Chun, Director, National Center for Risk Communication & Public Involvement OSA, ORD, USEPA – Postponed from December, it has been awarded CM points by ABIH (#05-2170 for 0.5 CM). Also, there will be a mini-talk about Cal/OSHA's experience assisting with the Hurricane Katrina disaster. See you there...

Future Sacramento Valley Section Meetings- (for you to reserve the dates...)

February 9th, "Indoor Air Quality". Mark your calendar for next months meeting is on Feb 9. The topic for the meeting will be on indoor air quality and the use of the Q-Trak. The speaker is Check Fellan from TSI.

March 9th, " Office Ergonomics ".

August 2005 Treasurer's Report

By **Steve Smith, CIH**

The Annual Report is at the end of this newsletter.

2005 Membership Dues. The dues for 2006 remains at the same level (\$30) since 2003. If you have not yet sent in your 2006 dues, the website has an renewal form can be filled in online at <http://www.aiha.org/LocalSections/html/SVS/Documents/2006dues.pdf> and mailed to me with your \$30 payment.



Thanks,
Steve

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.

AIHA SVS Board Nominations

AIHA/SVS Bylaws call for ballots for officers and directors to sent out during the month of October. October will soon be arriving. As Past President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee I am calling for responses from officers and directors willing to serve another term and nominations from any member for the offices of President elect (to serve as President at the conclusion of the current President's term), Secretary, Treasurer and 3 director positions.

If you have any nominations or would like to volunteer yourself, please contact Morie Oberg at MOberg@dhs.ca.gov.

Jobs

California Industrial Hygienist Positions

California often has job openings for Industrial Hygienists. Check their web site at:

http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/search_p.cfm?classcode=3855	Assistant IH
http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/search_p.cfm?classcode=3856	Associate IH
http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/search_p.cfm?classcode=3852	Senior IHs
http://www.spb.ca.gov/employment/search_p.cfm?classcode=3841	Supervisory IHs

Currently, the job listings are:

Job Title	Aprox. Salary	Job Type	Dept. & Location	Posted	Deadline
ASSOCIATE INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	\$4,635.00-\$5,587.00	Full Time Permanent	INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF SACRAMENTO - Ex. Ed. & Training, SACRAMENTO	09/15/05	Until Filled
ASSOCIATE INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	\$4,635.00-\$5,587.00	Full Time Permanent	WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, STATE Riverside, SACRAMENTO	05/27/05	Until Filled
ASSOCIATE INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	\$4,635.00-\$5,587.00	Full Time Permanent	CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, DEPARTMENT OF 4241 Williamsborough, Sacramento, CA 95823, SACRAMENTO	12/22/05	Until Filled
SENIOR INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST	\$5,264.00-\$6,353.00	Full Time Permanent	JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF Division of Law Enforcement, SACRAMENTO	01/05/06	01/19/2006

Other Training Opportunities

JANUARY

Thursday, January 19th, 2006, Risk Communication and Crisis Communication, AIHA SVS at the Luau Garden Restaurant, Rancho Cordova. Additional details at:

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

Monday, January 23, 2006, ASSE Sacramento, Luncheon Meeting. Speaker is Terrie Norris, the Region One Vice President for ASSE. Additional details at:

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

Wednesday, January 18, 2006 and subsequent Wednesdays until April 26th, Hazardous Substances Management & Control Seminar Series (weekly on Wednesdays). Here is an inexpensive, convenient way to earn ABIH/BCSP CM Points! UC-Berkeley COEH is offering a 13-session seminar series. Each session will qualify for 0.5 ABIH point. It is a new graduate MPH course that is also open to members of the professional industrial hygiene and safety communities. Speakers come from

varied background - regulatory agencies and local employers as well as the University. All have professional standing in their specialty (physicians, industrial hygienists, regulators, etc.). The series is coordinated by Barbara Plog, CIH, CSP - Director of COEH Continuing Education, and Hank McDermott, PE, CIH, CSP - Industrial Hygiene/Safety consultant.

Three convenient options: enroll in single seminars for \$50 each, or up to 7 seminars (up to 3.5 points) for \$250, or 8 - 13 seminars for \$400. Additional details at:

<http://www.aiha-ncs.org/cde.cfm?event=118805>

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 9th, 2006, AIHA SVS Meeting. "Indoor Air Quality", by Check Fellan from TSI. Please see our calendar for additional details when available at

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

Wednesday, February 15, 2006, UCLA-LOSH "8-Hour Refresher HAZWOPER". Additional details at

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

MARCH

March 7-8, 2006, UCLA-LOSH "8-16 Hour First Responder HAZWOPER". Additional details at

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

Thursday, March 9th, 2006, AIHA SVS Meeting. Office Ergonomics. Please see our calendar for additional details when available at

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

APRIL

Wednesday, April 26, 2006, UCLA-LOSH "8-Hour Refresher HAZWOPER". Additional details at

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

MAY

May 13-16, 2006, AIHce 2006 in Chicago: AIHce provides a forum to learn, to stretch your mind, to rejuvenate your skills. Sessions are designed for OEHS professionals, like you, looking for knowledge and practical ideas to solve everyday problems. Additional details at

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

May 13-16, 2006, VENT 2006 in Chicago: Practical Applications of Ventilation for Emission and Exposure Control. . Additional details at

<http://www.aiha.org/aihce06/vent2006.htm>

AIHA Updates

AIHA "Happenings from the Hill"

Congress Approves Spending for OSHA

After several months of debate and delay Congress finally approved, and the President signed, appropriations for the Department of Labor, including OSHA, on December 30th, three months into the new fiscal year. Now, hopefully, Congress can get back to other issues when they return from their end of the year break. The Senate is scheduled to convene on January 18 and the House is expected to return on January 31 for the start of the second session of the 109th Congress.

In the final budget package, it looks like OSHA will receive the following:

	2005 Budget	Approved for 2006
Safety and Health Standards	16,003,000	16,628,000
Federal Enforcement	169,652,000	174,318,000
State Programs	91,013,000	92,103,000
Technical Support	20,742,000	21,652,000
Compliance Assistance		
Federal	70,859,000	73,278,000
State Consultation Grants	53,362,000	53,896,000
Training Grants	10,218,000	10,218,000
Safety and Health Statistics	22,203,000	24,498,000
Administration	10,106,000	10,698,000
TOTAL, OSHA	\$464,158,000	\$477,199,000

A pleasant surprise indeed! Up until the very end, insiders predicted that OSHA may end up taking a hit to help fund the recovery efforts of Hurricane Katrina. That didn't happen. Not only did OSHA receive a \$13 million increase, but the total was \$11 million more than the President requested. The largest part of this difference was the inclusion of the Susan Harwood Training Grants (\$10 million) that the President had recommended be cut from the budget.

One should also note that federal enforcement, federal compliance assistance and safety and health statistics all received decent increases.

For comparison purposes, the Mine Safety and Health Administration received a very small increase, going from \$279,136,000 to \$280,490,000.

TB Enforcement Provision Included

On the negative side of the OSHA budget, Congress again included specific language that prohibits OSHA from using any of the appropriated funds to administer or enforce provisions of the General Industry Respiratory

Protection Standard to the extent that such provisions require annual fit testing (after the initial fit testing) of respirators for occupational exposure to tuberculosis.

NIOSH Budget Difficult to Decipher

As for NIOSH, it is difficult to determine exactly how they fared in the appropriations process. The difficulty comes from the fact that NIOSH is a part of CDC; therefore a breakdown of exact figures has not yet been forthcoming.

What we do know is that the National Occupational Research Agenda was again funded at dollars equal to the 2005 appropriation. The figure for 2006 is \$87,071,000. As for the other figures, NIOSH was appropriated \$198,970,000 in 2005. For 2006, the total is \$169,900,000, a decrease of \$29,070,000. However, most of this occurs because Congress is now removing many of the administrative expenses from the NIOSH line and placing this directly back on the shoulders of CDC. Until this is all worked out, we won't know the final total for NIOSH. However, we expect NIOSH to receive a small increase for 2006.

OSHA Hex Chromium Rule May Be On Hold

On April 2, 2003, the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit directed OSHA to publish a proposed hexavalent chromium rule no later than October 4, 2004 and a final standard no later than January 18, 2006. Over the course of the past year OSHA has provided the court updates on its progress and stated it was on a pace to meet the January deadline.

Now comes word that OSHA may be requesting a delay on this January 18 deadline. OSHA has stated that because of the extensive efforts put forward by the agency during the recent devastation in the Gulf Coast region, they have fallen behind on this rule. The rule must be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (usually requiring 60-90 days). OSHA did not send the rule over to OMB until recently. Even if OMB puts extra effort into reviewing this final rule, it will be difficult for OSHA to meet the deadline. Insiders say that OSHA will formally request an extension of time to around the end of February.

OSHA Reform Legislation Pending

No word yet on when Senator Enzi will schedule hearings on his package of three bills that would make significant changes to OSHA. AIHA has submitted letters of support, with several recommendations, on two of the bills – the Third Party bill and the MSDS/GHS bill. AIHA is still developing comments on the third bill that incorporates many of the ideas introduced in the House by Rep. Norwood and Rep. Tiaft.

One can assume that Senator Enzi will be holding hearings sometime in February or March.

State Legislative Sessions Begin

With the start of the New Year, many State Legislatures will convene. This means we will be seeing legislation introduced addressing mold, meth lab clean-up, professional recognition and several other issues important to AIHA and others.

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2005 Year End Treasurer's Report and 2006 Budget

Balance reported as of 12/1/04: \$2,932

Balance reported as of 12/1/05: \$3,201

Net gain in 2005: \$269

2005 Budgeted Income **Income as of 12/05** **2006 Projected Income**

Membership dues:	\$1,800	\$900	\$1800
Seminar/Lunch fees:	\$3,000	\$1705	\$2000
Misc. Income:	\$200	\$212	\$200

Total Income: \$5,000 \$2,817 \$4,000

2005 Budgeted Expenses as of 12/05 **2006 Projected Expenses**

CIHC Dues	\$1,200	\$1025	\$1500
Seminar Lunches:	\$1,800	\$1300	\$1500
Speaker travel/costs:	\$1,300	\$0	\$500
Gifts/Awards/Misc:	\$200	\$41	\$200
Leadership conf travel:	\$200	\$96	\$100
Exec Bd. mtg meals:	\$300	\$86	\$200

Total Expenses: \$5,000 \$2,548 \$4,000

2005 AIHA/SVS Membership Report

2005 Membership status as of 12/05

2005 Paid membership Goal: 60

2005 paid members: 43 [17 less than goal, 8 less than 2004]

Comp/retired members: 7

Total active membership: 50

[2004 Paid/Total members: 51/58. 12 members did not renew and will be dropped from roster in 2006]

2006 Paid membership Goal: 60