

Sacramento Valley Section Board Meeting
March 12, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Harvard Fong, Amalia Neidhardt, Dave Benedetti, and Justin Hess.

1. Election Results

Mr. Benedetti discussed the recent election results. He stated that nine ballots were received, and the board will be composed of the following members:

President – Amalia Neidhardt
President Elect – Harvard Fong
Past President – Sylvia Fontes
Treasurer – David Benedetti
Secretary – Justin Hess
Director – Tom Williams
Director – Mark Cameron
Director – Ed Klinenberg

These election results will be presented to the membership today, and will be sent to AIHA by Mr. Hess.

2. 2009 Meetings

Ms. Neidhardt discussed the idea of presenting AIHA sponsored webinars to the membership as a way to increase educational point opportunities. Some of the webinar drawbacks include the cost to each member for sign-up and exam processing, and that the time the live webinars are presented at may not be convenient for our members. The board decided to present the information to the membership to see how many people would be interested in the webinars.

A member of the local group is requesting 5 points worth of training be offered annually through the group by holding 10 trainings a year. The board discussed the need to increase the number of annual training points to 5 per year, and decided it should only be responsible for 3.5.

Ms. Neidhardt and Mr. Fong discussed the Respiratory Protection Training that Mr. Fong will be providing to the group in September/October. Additionally, the location for the September/October meeting needs to be determined. Possible locations include the restaurants “Brew It Up” and “Pyramid Ale”.

3. Treasurers Report

Mr. Benedetti reported that as of January 1, 2009, the group had \$4,018.12. As of March 1, 2009, the group has \$4,805.63.

Mr. Benedetti reported that we currently have 24 members within the group. Mr. Benedetti also mentioned that new members need to be voted on by the board before being allowed into the group. During the next board meeting on May 7th, the board will talk about the new members to be allowed into the organization.

Mr. Fong discussed the need to change the group's bylaws to reflect the current membership dues from \$30. After review of the SVS section bylaws, it was determined that the membership dues are \$30 (page 5, Article IX, Section 2) and no change is needed.

4. President Elect Report (AIHA Workshop Update)

Mr. Fong will discuss with the members his trip to the workshop, including what information was presented and what he learned.

5. Secretary Report

Mr. Hess wrote up the minutes from the February 5th meeting, which were reviewed by the board and posted to the group website.

6. CIHC Update

Ed and Mark are not present at today's board meeting. The CIHC update will be presented at the next board meeting.

Update: See "Mark Cameron's CIHC Meeting Notes" at the end of the minutes.

7. Future AIHA/SVS Meetings

Ms. Neidhardt discussed the future trainings scheduled for this year:

- April 9th – Silica in Construction, Located at DOSH Training Room
- May 7th – IAQ, Located at Sacramento County Safety Department at 9616 Micron Ave., Suite 900, Sacramento
- August 20th – Emergency Preparedness, Location undetermined
- Sept/Oct – Respiratory Protection, Location undetermined
- December – Social Event, Location undetermined

Ms. Neidhardt will discuss with the members the use of webinars for future training topics, and will see how interested they are in pursuing the idea.

8. Other Business

Mark Cameron and Steve Smith were accepted as AIHA fellows. This information will be announced to the group and posted on the group website.

9. The meeting was adjourned.

From: Mark Cameron [Mark.Cameron@doj.ca.gov]
Date: Fri 3/13/2009 9:55 AM
Subject: Notes from yesterday's CIHC meeting
Quick summary of the CIHC meeting:

1. Discussed proposed CIHC sponsored legislation to codify the PEL process and require a CIH to oversee air sampling. Looking for a sponsor and some revisions being made.
2. Considerable discussion about green chemistry. They are completely ignoring the occupational aspect. Hard to get DTSCs attention about this. Going to pursue more education. Since DTSC director leaving process momentum may change. Wait and see.
3. Discussion about banning fire retardants in children's pajamas and furniture. Afterwards, realized bill died! Will see if it returns.
4. Treasurer's report. Made \$24K on conference; 1/2 from vendors. CIHC has about \$100K in assets.
5. Divided up bills. Most on green chemistry or greenhouse gas. One bill, AB 790 is the pay equity bill which recognizes that Sr IH and Sr Safety Engineer have "like work" and so should have "like pay". I gave support info to CIHC. No other hot items I can think of.
6. Conference. 12/14-16. Major topics: Regulatory update/ Public Sector IH (Me)/ Biotech/International/Alternative Energy issues affecting IH/RT on Future of IH.
 - a. I have the public sector IH section. Some possibilities include exposures to crime scene evidence, indoor marijuana grow hazards. Any suggestions from the section? I was thinking of asking Bob Ford of DFG about H&S at the Lake Davis poisoning. Would you do something on Heat Stress (new indoor considerations)? Any other interesting topics/issues at Cal/OSHA that people might like to hear about?
 - b. the RT on the future of IH would possibly include the presidents of each section to discuss the status of IH in their area and future ideas.
 - c. I brought up Sylvia and everyone was excited about her offer. I emailed her already.
7. Next meeting late May in So Cal; date possibly 5/21..not confirmed yet.

Ed, if you have any additions...

Mark

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