



# POTOMAC SECTION NEWS



NEWSLETTER OF THE POTOMAC SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

April/May 2005

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or [www.aiha.org/potomac.htm](http://www.aiha.org/potomac.htm)

## 2004-2005 Officers

### **President**

Victor D'Amato, CIH, CSP  
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### **President-Elect**

Allen M. Cooley, CIH, CSP  
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### **Treasurer-Elect**

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### **Secretary**

Celia Booth, CIH, CSP, ARM  
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### **Secretary-Elect**

Vacant

### **Membership**

Vacant

### **Board of Directors**

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### **Board Coordinator**

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### **Webmaster**

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## *Join us for the next Section Dinner Meeting*

### **RECOGNITION DINNER**

DATE: Wednesday May 4, 2005

PLACE: The Catholic University of America, Pryzbyla Center

TIME: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

COST: **FREE TO SECTION MEMBERS**

\$25 for non-section members (includes membership for the remainder of 2005.)

### PROGRAM:

We will be presenting awards to the winners of the **High School Science Fairs** that the Section judged. First Place winners will be given the opportunity to discuss their projects.

New officers will be inducted and recognized.

The Section will award its annual Industrial Hygienist of the Year.

Please RSVP to Vic D'Amato at [vdamato@masimax.com](mailto:vdamato@masimax.com) by 4/27/05

**NOTE: ANYONE NOT PRE-REGISTERED WILL HAVE TO PAY TO ATTEND. IT IS CRITICAL TO HAVE A FIRM COUNT AHEAD OF TIME!**

CUA is metro accessible from the Red Line; Brookland/CUA exit.

For a map of CUA and directions visit [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu)

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## POTOMAC SECTION NEWS

**ELECTION TIME!**

Potomac AIHA members are urged to vote for next year's Executive Board by April 30, 2005. A ballot is at the end.

The slate for 2005/2006 is:

President Elect – Chris Kase

Treasurer Elect– Jim Dolan

Secretary – Celia Booth (vote to continue in position)

Secretary Elect – *vacant – feel free to write in a candidate who will accept the position*

Directors 2005/6-2006/7 term (vote for two) –

Denny Ertel

Joe Beres

Ascending figures:

Allen Cooley will ascend from President-elect to President

Mary Anne Chillingworth will ascend from Treasurer elect to Treasurer.

Continuing Service:

Gavin Burdge and Bruce Donato will continue as directors through 2005/6.

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**Ballot: AIHA Potomac Section 2004-2005**  
**Reply/return by 4/30/05**

**Instructions:**

1. **Copy and paste the ballot below, mark "X" for your votes and e-mail to Mark Geiger at [Mark.Geiger1@navy.mil](mailto:Mark.Geiger1@navy.mil) or send email to Mark indicating approval of all candidates.**

*Or*

2. **Mark this ballot and FAX your vote (along with a cover letter containing your name) to Mark Geiger/Chief of Naval Operations Code N09FB to 703 6024786.**

**Note: Only votes from current members of the Potomac Section will be counted.**

**President Elect**                      \_\_\_ **Chris Kase**

**Treasurer Elect**                    \_\_\_ **Jim Dolan**

**Secretary**                            \_\_\_ **Celia Booth (continuity)**

**Secretary Elect**                    \_\_\_ **(write in)** \_\_\_\_\_

Directors 2005/6-2006/7 term (vote for two) –

\_\_\_ **Denny Ertel**                    \_\_\_ **Joe Beres (Write-in)** \_\_\_\_\_

## Section Membership

Membership applications are now being accepted for the Calendar year 2005. The application is attached. Fill it out and bring to the next dinner meeting or mail it to Rao.

## Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee is currently reviewing and considering action on several issues, including:

- Updating our by-laws and operations manual.
- Enhancing benefits for dues paying members.
- Upgrading our email communication system and web site capabilities.
- Looking at existing Officer and committee position descriptions and redefining or creating new positions to align with today's technology and member lifestyles, and to enhance service to our membership.

If you have an interest in participating in these discussions, or if you have an opinion on these issues, please contact Vic D'Amato ([vdamato@masimax.com](mailto:vdamato@masimax.com) or 571-203-7908). The next Executive Committee meeting will be held February 10. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Vic.

## Science Fairs

We judged three science fairs in March for Northern Virginia, Montgomery County and Manassas. Each fair had five judges from our section. First place is \$50 and second place is \$25. The winning science fair entries will be announced at our meeting on May 4. Thanks to Chris Kase for leading our team of judges!

## Local Section Project 2004-2005

AIHA National is undertaking a Project to gather useful information from and concerning AIHA Local Sections, to evaluate the gathered data, and to make recommendations for strengthening and/or improving each local section (plus student local sections), the local section system, AIHA's support of the local section system, and visa versa. It is recognized that each local area has special needs and conditions that are best met by having regionally-tailored Local Sections. There are positive and negative attributes to the current independent LS system. Many Local Sections are struggling but the specific details of problems facing each Local Section are not known.

The Project will be conducted by a Project Team made up of members of the Local Section Council, local section leaders, and other representatives of stakeholders. Dan Marsick has graciously volunteered to represent the Potomac Section for this Project. Dan may be contacting Section members for input into a survey that the Project Team will be sending out in March. If you have any questions regarding this Project, please contact Vic D'Amato at 571-203-7908 or [vdamato@masimax.com](mailto:vdamato@masimax.com).

**FUTURE POTOMAC SECTION MEETINGS:** Plan on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month unless otherwise indicated.

A summer event has not yet been planned. Those interested please contact Allen Cooley.

Month	Day/Date	Topic	Speaker	Location
May	4	Awards & Installation of Officers		Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
May	21-26	AIHCE (National Conference)		Anaheim, CA
June	28 or 29 (Final date TBD)	George Meaney Labor Education Center	Worker Safety Education Programs	Silver Spring, MD

**CIH PREP CLASS** - The Johns Hopkins Center for Occupational Safety and Health, Potomac Section AIHA and Chesapeake Section AIHA are jointly sponsoring a **Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Examination Review. Details are provided at <http://www.jhsph.edu/ERC/CIHbrochure.html>**

The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm - 9:30pm from June 1 - September 28, 2005 in Columbia, MD. For more information, please contact Keith Choi 410-955-4088 (Office) [kchoi@jhsph.edu](mailto:kchoi@jhsph.edu)

**AIHA NATIONAL NEWS**

**NEWS FROM AIHA**

1. AIHA submitted comments to Rep. Charlie Norwood on his four OSHA reform bills introduced in the US House. These comments were delivered to Rep. Norwood on March 30.
2. AIHA submitted comments regarding NIOSH that support for continued funding of NIOSH in the upcoming House Subcommittee hearings on the FY06 budget in early April. Also included in the letter was a request for Congress to authorize a GAO study of the organizational structure of NIOSH. These comments were delivered to Rep. Charlie Norwood on March 30 and individually sent to all members of the US House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies on March 31.

Please contact Aaron Trippler should you have any questions on these letters. The letters referred to above can be found on the AIHA web site under government affairs.

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**VIRGINIA**

No updates to the legislative/regulatory report for Virginia.

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**MARYLAND**

No updates to the legislative/regulatory report for Maryland.

**OTHER LOCAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**GWU EOH Seminars**

EOH Seminar. Every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30pm [sharp] in Ross 643. Directions: take Metro to Foggy Bottom, and Ross Hall is 180 degrees to your right as you exit, across from new GWU Hospital. Picture ID is necessary for entry to Ross Hall. FREE and open to any environmental and/or occupational health professional in the area. CME credits are available.

Please join EOH Department, THIS Wednesday April 27 for an outstanding seminar by Susan G. Conard, PhD, US Forest Service, speaking on "Wildland Fire--Impacts on Ecosystems, Communities, and the Environment."

On deck for May 4 is Kristie L. Ebi, Ph.D., MPH, Exponent Health Group "Come hell or high water--Adapting to climate variability and change"

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**LOCAL COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**GEORGETOWN SEMINAR** (Space is limited so RSVP early)

**May 13, 2005**

**The Center for Business and Public Policy Presents:  
Workplace Health Protection and Health Promotion: What Will It Take To Do Both Well?**

**Georgetown University - Leavey Center  
8:30 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Please see the attached invitation, agenda and directions. We hope to see you there!  
RSVP to [kkc3@georgetown.edu](mailto:kkc3@georgetown.edu).**

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**WASHINGTON ACADEMY OF SCIENCES** – The Annual Award Banquet will be held May 10, 2005 from 6:00 – 10:00 PM at The Atrium at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Price is \$46 for WAS members and \$52 for all others. For further information, contact Emanuela Appetiti – eappetiti@hotmail.com.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### INTERNSHIP WANTED

Brian M. Loux, a Masters in Environmental Engineering student from MIT, is seeking a summer internship. Brian has experience in software/model design, fluid dynamics, environmental fate, transport, and remediation, hydrology, environmental impact reduction technology and journalism. Brian can be reached at home at (617) 452-4551 or on his cell phone at (703) 629-7212. His email address is [elbaron@mit.edu](mailto:elbaron@mit.edu).

### JOB OPENINGS

1. **The U.S. Naval Safety Center:** Job Announcement Number: EA5-0018-14-DJG350749-FL Job Announcement Title: SAFETY & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH MANAGER. This link will take you to the announcement for the new Director of Installation Safety, Code 20, in the COMNAVSAFECEN reorganization (replaces the Code 90 OSH Directorate):  
<http://chart.donhr.navy.mil/jobsearch/jobdetail.asp?vid=60580>

2. **The Laborers' Health & Safety Fund of North America**, a nonprofit joint labor-management trust fund, seeks a full-time **Safety & Health Specialist** to join its Occupational Safety and Health Division staff that provides technical assistance on construction and general occupational safety and health issues to local union affiliates and associated contractors. The duties, education and other requirements are posted on our local section website (<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/potche/homepage.htm>). The position includes an excellent salary and fringe benefits package. The Fund is an equal opportunity employer. If interested please submit resume and cover letter with salary requirements to:

Lisa M. Sabitoni, Esq.  
Laborers Health & Safety Fund of North America  
905-16<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Third Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20006, or fax at (202) 628-2613

3. **Bay Associates Environmental, Inc. (BAE)** is a fast growing environmental firm specializing in hazardous waste disposal, remediation, and abatement. At **BAE**, each employee is a significant contributor. We are seeking a **Senior Field Chemist/ Project Manager** to add to our team to contribute to the growth of the firm. This individual will

manage our environmental disposal division. Education, certifications, experience and other requirements are posted on our local section web site (<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/potche/homepage.htm>). Bay Associates Environmental, Inc. is a drug free work environment. Pre-employment drug screening is required. EOE. Salary Position. Excellent benefits including vacation, health, and retirement. Flexible schedule possible

**If you are interested in this position, please email or call:**

Susan C. Kenney, CHMM  
Bay Associates Environmental, Inc.  
phone: 410-418-4880  
fax: 410-418-4919  
cell: 410-404-3227

4. **The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR)** is seeking qualified candidates for the position of **Industrial Hygienist I** within the Division of Labor and Industry. Industrial Hygienist I performs entry level work in the field of industrial hygiene. Employees in this classification learn the recognition, evaluation and control of occupational hazards affecting employees and of environmental factors affecting the general public. For more details on the education, experience and other requirements, see the posting on our local section web site (<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/potche/homepage.htm>) for *Announcement #05-3011-001*. Note the **EXTENDED CLOSING DATE: MAY 3, 2005**

Interested applicants must submit a completed State of Maryland application (MS-100) and copies of college/university transcripts *postmarked by the closing date* to:

**DLLR Office of Personnel Services  
Recruitment and Examinations Unit  
500 N. Calvert Street, Room 310  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
ATTENTION: Industrial Hygienist I/WKG**

***\*\*Important\*\* You must complete a Maryland State Application (MS-100). Resumes cannot be substituted for any part of the application. Application must be completed in its entirety. "See resume" is not acceptable.***

**AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER  
TTY users, call via the Maryland Relay Service**

Applications may be obtained by visiting the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Office of Personnel Services or by calling (410) 230-6300 Monday-Friday during business hours or by visiting our website at <http://dllr.state.md.us/personnel/index.html>

5 & 6. **ORC Worldwide's Occupational Safety and Health and Environmental Practice:** ORC Worldwide has two openings in its Washington, DC office: one for **Health, Safety &**

**Environmental Consultant -- Entry level** and one for **Health, Safety & Environmental Consultant - Mid-level**. ORC is an international management and human resources consulting firm whose Washington, DC office specializes in providing occupational safety and health consulting services to businesses. Currently, over 130 of the world's leading companies in diverse industries are members of ORC's occupational safety and health and environmental groups. The focus of these groups is to promote effective occupational safety and health, and environmental programs and practices in business. ORC member companies represent a broad range of industries and services, including aerospace, electric power generation, automotive manufacturing, telecommunications, food and beverages, household and personal products, petroleum, chemicals, metals, paper, and pharmaceuticals. For more details on the education, experience and other requirements, see the posting on our local section web site (<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/potche/homepage.htm>)

**To Apply:** E-mail cover letter and resume, no later than May 30, 2005, to: [Personnel@orc-dc.com](mailto:Personnel@orc-dc.com)



Potomac Section  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL  
September 2004 – December 2005

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Work e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Home e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you ABIH certified? \_\_\_ CIH \_\_\_ OHST Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of AIHA National? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (interest in an application \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No)

**DUES: Make checks payable to AIHA - Potomac Section**

\_\_\_ \$20.00 Newsletter via e-mail

\_\_\_ \$25.00 Newsletter via regular mail

\_\_\_ \$5.00 Student rate with newsletter via email

Which address do you prefer for Potomac Section correspondence? \_\_\_ Work \_\_\_ Home

**INTERESTS**  
check all that apply

\_\_\_ Running for a Potomac Section Office

\_\_\_ Government Affairs (SGAO) VA or MD

\_\_\_ Helping to arrange Potomac Section Meetings/Speakers

\_\_\_ Assisting with future PDCs

\_\_\_ Assisting with Student Science Fairs

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOURCE BANK**

Members are requested to identify primary IH practice areas. Please circle:

01 Comprehensive

07 Engineering

13 Toxicology

02 Chemistry

08 Air Pollution

14 Ergonomics

03 Safety

09 Education

15 Epidemiology

04 Health Physics

10 Occupational Medicine

16 Risk Assessment

05 Environmental Pollution

11 Administration

17 Indoor Air Quality

06 Hazardous Waste

12 Equipment Sales/Development 18 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and check to: Rao Tadavarthy, 6953 Cottontail Court, Springfield, VA 22153 OR bring your check and this form to any 2004-2005 meeting.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_