Dear Section Members,

As I look toward our upcoming conference in Charlotte, NC, I am excited for the opportunity to gather and connect with old friends and colleagues as well as build new relationships and welcome more student members into the section to share in the continued learning about the IH profession. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the board for the last six years and serving this section, in what has been a great learning and growth experience for me. I would like to say thank you to all of the section members, particularly those who remain active and continue to support our local conferences and events; without whom our section would not exist! Finally, I would like to say thank you to our Past President, Rebecca Shultz, for her continued service and support as an active board member and for all that I am sure she will continue to do to support our section. It has been a pleasure working with you!

I hope that you all will be able to join us in March for the spring conference. Charlotte is always a great venue and hopefully centrally located enough to draw in many of you from both North and South Carolina! We are excited to have Mr. Corey Briggs with Rambol Environ present The Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit PDC, which promises to be very interactive and has been presented several times at the national conference as well as at other local sections, with very favorable reviews. There are some great presentations lined up for the conference as well, including more student poster presentations and lots of vendors as well! Hope to see you there!

Mandy Stone
President, Carolinas AIHA
2016-2017
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Spring Conference Profile

Wednesday, March 8th

Professional Development Course

12:00 pm PDC Registration

1:00-5:00 pm  
PDC: Worst Plant, A Virtual H&S Audit  
Corey W. Briggs CIH, CET, FAIHA, Ramboll Environ

Thursday, March 9th

Professional Development Course (cont’d)

7:30 – 8:00 am  
Continental Breakfast  
Vendor Display Area

8:30 am-12:00 pm  
PDC: Worst Plant, A Virtual H&S Audit  
Corey W. Briggs CIH, CET, FAIHA, Ramboll Environ

12:00-1:00 pm  
Lunch  
Vendor Display Area

Conference Opening Session

1:00-1:15 pm  
President’s Welcome & Business Meeting  
Mandy Stone, CIH, CSP, Biogen

Thursday, March 9th

Conference Sessions (cont.)

1:15-2:30 pm  
Respirable Silica Regulation & Compliance  
Lee McKinney, CIH, CSP, NC Department of Labor

2:30-3:00 pm  
Break in Vendor Display area

3:00-4:00 pm  
ARC Flash Considerations  
Tim Coffey, El Group

4:00-5:00 pm  
Lessons Learned, Hydrocarbon Vapor Exposure Fatalities in the Oil & Gas Industry  
John Snawder DABT, NIOSH

5:00-5:15 pm  
Closing Remarks  
Mandy Stone, CIH, CSP, Biogen

5:30 pm  
Past President’s Reception

Friday, September 2nd

Conference Closing Session

8:00 – 8:30 am  
Continental Breakfast  
Vendor Display Area

8:30 - 9:30 am  
AIHA Government Affairs Update  
Mark Ames, AIHA

9:30-10:15 am  
Assessment of Exposure to VOCs during 3D printing in Laboratory Setting at ECU  
Rene Vanek, East Carolina University

10:15-10:45 am  
Break and Vendor Presentations  
Vendor Display Area

10:45-11:45 am  
IH Challenges & Solutions at Batch Facilities In Clariant  
Elizabeth Pullen MSPH, CIH, FAIHA, Clariant Corp.

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM  
Closing Remarks  
Mandy Stone, CIH, CSP
The Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit

Join Ramboll Environ’s team of multi-certified, highly experienced and field-savvy senior consultants for an energetic, collaborative and audience participation-focused virtual health and safety (H&S) training experience.

Our senior consultants will guide participants through a virtual tour of “the worst plant in the world,” using digital renderings of real-world H&S regulatory compliance issues. The overall goal of the session is to educate participants about hazard and risk assessment techniques, and various compliance audit and assessment scenarios.

This highly interactive eight-hour seminar covers the primary H&S topics — from abrasive wheels to Subpart Z encountered in today’s businesses. The course also includes a discussion of relevant guidelines, standards and directives, as well as other pertinent communication, training, legal, regulatory and safety topics.

Thoughts from the New Guy

If you’ve looked at the Officers list on the website since our Fall Conference, you’ve likely noticed one thing (specifically an office location) does not look like the others. My name is Tim Hicks, nice to meet you! I’m from Colorado, recently relocated to Charleston. It seemed like engaging with you good folks at my new local section might be a great way to gain some familiarity with my peers in the new area. Consequently, when Mandy reached out for a replacement VP I was happy to help. Now I find myself in a new role: A stranger in a strange land. My experience with the AIHA has been primarily from the perspective of involvement at the national level. Most recently, I was the Chair of the Oil & Gas Working Group. That said, I’m just learning the ropes in your local section and, most importantly you, its members, volunteers, subject-matter experts, and leaders. I’d like to thank you in advance for your patience when I ask your name twice at our Spring Conference, or when it doesn’t look like I know what I should be doing (because I probably don’t). Obviously, I’ll need some help and guidance to keep our ship steaming forward at the same rate as Mandy and Rebecca. Please don’t hesitate introduce yourself and share your perspective when we see each other next. I’d like to hear any potential improvement opportunities you see for our section this year!
Conference Registration (March 9th - 10th)
Circle one
Member $215
Nonmember $235

PDC-Registration (March 8th - March 9th)
Circle One
Member $215
Nonmember $250

Vendor
Exhibit Space (each table) $300

Carolinas Section Annual Dues
Member $25 Student $10

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Treasury Report

As of December, 2016, the Treasurer reports a treasury value of $35,313.97.

Member News

Officer Positions

Vice President
Dave Comen has been nominated to the position of vice president to serve for 2017-2018 and to subsequently follow Timothy Hicks as President in 2018-2019. Thank you Dave for accepting the nomination from the Board. The section will vote on Dave’s nomination at the March meeting during the conference.

Director
We will have a vacancy for a Director on the Board with Dave Comen stepping up to the vice president role. Please contact Rebecca Schultz at rschultz@apex-ehs.com prior to the March meeting.

eLearning
The Carolinas-AIHA is pleased to announce that we have continued the eLearning Subscription series for our members and purchased the subscription for 2017!

Check out the eLearning Subscriber's webpage for more information. This web page will list all upcoming webinars and house links to the recordings, handout materials, and evaluations. https://www.aiha.org/education/CourseCalendar/eLearning/Pages/elearningsubscription2016members.aspx

A few notes regarding the subscription:

* eLearning Subscription members will be automatically registered for the live webinars. 2 live connections and instructions will be sent to our Primary and Secondary contacts only.

* In order to receive credit, subscription members must participate in the event (either live or recorded) and complete an online evaluation. In the evaluation, subscribers must select their subscription group from the list.

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