

Important Dates and Deadlines

2017 - 2018 Student Local Section of the Year Award Deadline	April 15
Volunteer Groups Service Award Submission Deadline	April 17
Pacific Northwest Local Section Spring Symposium	April 18
AIHA Volunteer Groups Officers Training (Virtual) 1:00 p.m. (ET)	April 24
NIOSH Total Worker Health Symposium	May 8-11
AIHF Donor and Scholarship Recipient Reception (<i>by invitation only</i>)	May 20
AIHce EXP 2018	May 21–23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CareerAdvantage Development Fair • AIHA State of Affairs Breakfast for the Volunteer Groups • Women in IH Open Forum • AIHF Gifting Strategies that Still Make Sense – Estate Planned Giving • AIHF Fun/Run • Student Local Section Council Business Meeting • Local Sections Council Business Meeting • Mark of Excellence Awards Breakfast 	May 21-23 May 21 May 21 May 21 May 22 May 22 May 22 May 23
Volunteer Groups Secretary Elections Deadline	June 1
ABIH Board Nominations Deadline	June 15
Leadership Workshop	July 20–22
Special Ballot Proposed Bylaw Changes	July (TBD)

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW! Certificate Program

Proper operation of direct-reading instruments is essential to for the accurate evaluation of air contaminants. From calibration to instrument troubleshooting, we've got you covered with AIHA's new certificate program, [Field Use of Direct-Reading Instruments for the Detection of Gases and Vapors - Operations Level](#). Upon successful completion, you'll be awarded a personalized certificate and **earn 4 contact hours!**

AIHA Volunteer Groups Service Award

Each year we invite and encourage each AIHA volunteer group to recognize a volunteer member for their outstanding service and dedication to the committee. *Please note, that the Volunteer Service Award is different from the outgoing chair award and outstanding individual project team award.* If you wish to recognize a member of your committee for their service, please have a volunteer group officer [submit the information](#) **no later than April 17.**

AIHA to Hold Special Ballot for Bylaws Amendments

In July, AIHA will invite members to vote on [proposed changes](#) to the association's bylaws that would redefine categories of membership and introduce a new procedure for nominating the officers of AIHA's Board of Directors. The Board has developed an [FAQ document](#) to explain the rationale behind the proposed amendments.

Call for Volunteer Groups Secretary Nominations

The Volunteer Groups Secretary is an elected position. Nominees for secretary are to be volunteer group members in good standing and are elected to serve for the upcoming calendar year during the committee's annual meeting at AIHce—Secretary nominations should be completed no later than **June 1**.

American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) Board Requests Nominations

ABIH is scheduled to elect three new Directors in fall 2018. If you know of Certified Industrial Hygienists®, Qualified Environmental Professionals® or Certified Associate Industrial Hygienists® who are interested in advancing their professions and willing to serve as ABIH® Directors—self-nominations will be accepted—please share the information on [responsibilities and the application process](#). **Deadline is June 15.**

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Nanotechnology Working Group Provides Recommendations on National Strategic Plan for Advanced Manufacturing

In an AIHA letter to Ted Wackler, Deputy Chief of Staff and Assist Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, the [Nanotechnology Working Group](#) provided a straightforward, but powerful recommendation that the Strategic Plan should include worker health and safety, just as it has been part of the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI)... **read the full letter [here](#).**

Health and Safety Historians Receive 2018 Rachel Carlson Award

The [Environmental Issues Committee](#) has announced that Dr. Gerald Markowitz and Dr. David Rosner are the co-recipients of the 2018 Rachel Carson Award for their outstanding contributions towards advancing the public's awareness of environmental safety and health issues, problems and solutions that adversely affects the community and the environment.

AIHA Aerosol Technology Committee Names David L. Swift Memorial Award Recipients

The [Aerosol Technology Committee](#) is honored to announce the recipients for the David L. Swift Outstanding Aerosol Paper Award. The recipients are Taekhee Lee, Larry Le, Emanuele Cauda, Jon Hummer and Martin Harper. The recipients are being recognized for excellence in aerosol research applied to industrial hygiene as demonstrated in the paper entitled, *Respirable Size-Selective Sampler for End-of-Shift Quartz Measurement: Development and Performance* featured in the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene* 14:335-342 (2017).

Introducing the Women in IH Community

AIHA will launch the Women in Industrial Hygiene (WIH) Community, a resource and mentoring environment for women in industrial hygiene and related fields, during AIHce EXP 2018 in Philadelphia, Pa. AIHA members of the Women in IH Working Group began developing this new community last year following ... **read the full blog post [here](#).**

NEW! AIHA Code of Conduct

The new [AIHA Code of Conduct](#) outlines and summarizes the behavior expected of members and volunteers representing AIHA in any forum, mailing list, public meetings or private correspondence. We ask that all volunteers sign the Code of Conduct as an acknowledgement of having read the document.

Volunteer Groups Annual Business Plans and Funding Requests DUE July 1

Each year, all Volunteer Groups must submit an annual Business Plan and Funding Requests, regardless of the amount. The groups will be notified once the forms are ready to be completed. Funding requests are reviewed by staff, Board Liaison, AIHA Finance Committee, with final approval by the AIHA Board of Directors. **Please note...** no funding requests will be accepted after the **July 1 deadline**.

New Document Proposal and Approval Procedures—Content Portfolio Advisory Group (CPAG)

A town hall, entitled *CPAG Project Evaluation Process and the Role of Volunteer Groups* was presented on March 13. If you were not able to participate in the town hall, [it was recorded](#)—when opening the recording, please enter your name and hit submit. [CPAG](#) provides input and advice to the AIHA Board and staff regarding the Association's body of content on IH/OEHS.

STUDENTS

Let Your Voice Be Heard—Complete the AIHA Student Survey

We would like all AIHA Student members to participate in a brief, [two-part survey](#). The first part of the survey is designed to solicit responses concerning your needs of the Student Local Sections. Additionally, there are a series of questions pertaining to the American Board of Industrial Hygiene's (ABIH) interest in potentially developing a certification model for student certification. Thank you in advance for completing the survey, we value your input and appreciate your time.

Student Community on Catalyst

Want to connect with other IH/OEHS students? There's a community for that on Catalyst. The [Student Members](#) community is more than 400 members strong and growing. Learn about student opportunities such as internships, CIH prep, and more! Log in, complete your profile (don't forget your picture), and introduce yourself.

Get Involved!

Participation in a [Student Local Section](#) is one of the primary paths to association leadership and is an excellent way for interested students to get active in the association and the industrial hygiene profession. Don't have a student local section at your university? Consider forming one.

2017—2018 Student Local Section of the Year Award

We are currently accepting applications for [AIHA Student Local Section of the Year Award](#). The winning student local section will receive a monetary award of \$1,000 for the section's general fund. We will present the AIHA Student Local Section of the Year Award at the Mark of Excellence Awards Breakfast on May 23 at AIHce EXP 2018. For more information, please contact [Thursa La](#). **Deadline: April 15.**

Student Local Section Council Business Meeting

The Student Local Section Council Business meeting will be held on May 22 at 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in room 202A at the Philadelphia Convention Center. The meeting is held in conjunction with AIHce.

AIHA LOCAL SECTIONS

Pacific Northwest Local Section Spring Symposium—April 18

The section will be presenting the nationally recognized full-day Professional Development Course, *The Worst Plant: A Virtual H & S Audit* presented by Corey Briggs, CIH, CET, FAIHA, and Tom Martin, CIH, CSP, Ramboll Environ. These field-savvy instructors offer a combined 65+ years of experience and their participation-focused presentation will take attendees through... ***get the full details [here](#)***.

Local Section Council Business Meeting

The Local Section Council Business meeting will be held on May 22 at 2:00–4:00 p.m. in room 203AB at the Philadelphia Convention Center. The meeting is held in conjunction with AIHce.

HOT OFF THE AIHA PRESS

[*Storage Rack Safety Guideline, 2nd edition*](#) (edited by Lorraine M. Sedlak, CIH, CSP)

This document is intended to provide guidance on the design, installation, maintenance, and safe operating practices for rack storage areas..

[*Incident Safety and Health Management Handbook, 2nd edition*](#) (edited by Edward Primeau, CIH and Laura H. Weems, CIH, CSP, CHMM)

Industrial hygienists and environmental health professionals are provided key safety and health planning and execution steps to follow during various disaster response operations.

[2017 ERPG Update Set](#)

19 new, revised, or reaffirmed guides.

CATALYST

Catalyst at AIHce EXP 2018

Want to meet the [Catalyst](#) team? We invite you to visit the AIHA Booth during AIHce EXP 2018, where live demonstrations, games, prizes, and the Catalyst team will be on hand—stop in, meet the team, learn more about your community and get your profile picture taken.

Thank You to Our Most Active Members!

The Catalyst team would like to give a shout out to our most active members:

- Tihomir Armic, AIHA Student
- Teniope Adewumi-Gunn, President, AIHA Student Local Section Council
- Qifu Gui, CIH
- Andrew Havics, CIH, PE

Top Discussion Threads

If you want to gain access to the hot discussion topics on Catalyst, you must log-in to do so! Gain insight, discover solutions, or become an IH hero by participating via the discussion threads. Leading posts this week include:

- [*Elongate Mineral Particles \(Naturally Occurring Asbestos\)*](#)
- [*A Shift for IH's to Control First*](#)
- [*Opinions: Most Hazardous Occupational Product Today for Which There is a Clear Alternative in the Market?*](#)

There are also new posts every day, such as:

- [Use of Subtilisin Enzymatic Cleaners in Endoscopy](#)
- [Creative Administrative Controls to Minimize Forklift Traffic in a Warehouse](#)
- [Feedback Requested: MA Fentanyl Clean-Up Legislation](#)
- [Heavy Metals Action Levels for Soil Remediation](#)

Catalyst Rules

You may have noticed that the Catalyst Rules have been added to the various community pages. This is a wonderful way in which to be mindful of the code of conduct expected while participating within Catalyst. As with any open forum community, we may find that our opinions differ than those of the individual who posted the comment and we want to inspire our members to respond in-kind with their own views as well.

Catalyst and AIHA Staff

While Catalyst is member-driven, there are times when AIHA staff will need to turn to our members to assist us in addressing technical questions and/or other IH/OH-related matters that we may not have the answer to—we strive to ensure that we secure (and learn in the process) the accurate information needed.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Reducing Opioid Abuse

Secretary Acosta recently announced a new National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Demonstration Grant pilot program to help [communities fight the opioid crisis](#). The Department of Labor will initially fund seven to ten pilot programs with awards totaling \$21 million.

Support for CARA 2.0 Act of 2018 (S.2456)

The opioid epidemic has claimed the lives of 64,000 Americans in 2016 alone, and continues to spread like a cancer throughout our nation. First responders are on the front lines of this crisis every day, risking becoming overdosed themselves or suffering lesser, but no less serious impairment. Making matters worse, those who are exposed to opioids, such as fentanyl, are at risk... *read the full letter [here](#).*

TAKE ACTION! Protect First Responders and Others from Opioid Exposures

A resolution in the Illinois General Assembly serves as a bipartisan model that the US Congress, State Legislatures, and municipal governments should use to introduce their own resolutions to make progress in the fight to protect first responders and others from occupational exposure to opioids. We need your help to encourage your Members of Congress, State, and municipal policymakers to introduce and pass similar resolutions. [Take Action Today!](#)

NEW! AIHA Government Relations Minute

Join Mark Ames, AIHA Director, Government Relations, each week as he provides a brief, but informative update in less than [two-minutes](#)! You can also read [the week in review](#) for the state and federal level, as well as learn about [state and federal legislations and regulations](#) that are most important to AIHA.

NATIONAL

AIHA Named Award Recipients Announced

AIHA Named Awards honor individuals who provide significant contributions to the industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health and safety professions. The [award recipients](#) will be recognized on Wednesday, May 23 during the [Mark of Excellence Awards Breakfast](#) at [AIHce EXP 2018](#).

AIHA President, Deborah Imel Nelson, PhD, CIH Article on Updating AIHA's Bylaws

The AIHA Board of Directors periodically reviews the association's bylaws to ensure that they reflect current practices and meet the needs of members. Our recent analysis has indicated several bylaws areas—categories of membership and some housekeeping issues—where changes would better serve our association... *read the full article [here](#).*

The Synergist Weekly Wins Best Niche E-newsletter Award

The [Synergist Weekly](#) e-newsletter has won Niche Media's [Best Niche e-Newsletter](#) award. AIHA's Synergist staff accepted the award at the 2018 Niche Awards as part of the Super Niche Media Event in Louisville, Ky. The *Synergist Weekly* was recognized for its readable design, concise presentation, and integration within the *Synergist* brand.

Registration Now Open for IOHA 2018

The theme of [IOHA Washington 2018](#) is "Bringing Better Health to Workers Worldwide." IOHA's highly-rated education programs offer a wide-ranging selection of sessions. These learning experiences are designed to expand your expertise, explore new topics and ideas, and strengthen your career. IOHA also features specialized preconference education, interactive sessions, technical tours, and other opportunities for you to amplify your career growth.

Reserve Your Seat Now for One of AIHce EXP's Professional Development Courses

AIHce EXP's [Professional Development Courses](#) (PDCs) are in-depth, formal learning experiences designed to broaden knowledge, enhance technical competence, and provide practical tools and skills for the workplace. PDCs are held on Saturday, May 19; Sunday, May 20; and Thursday, May 24. They are half-, one-, or two-day courses, and **include a free networking lunch**, with full day course registration.

Featured PDCs

[Transforming Risk Decision-Making and Judgment Skills - New!](#) on Saturday, May 19 at 1:00– 5:00 p.m.

[Choosing the Correct Radiation Detection Instrument for Your Needs](#) on Sunday, May 20 at 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

[Legal Issues and Exposures in Your IH Practice](#) on Thursday, May 24 at 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Register for 2018 Face-to-Face Training!

One of AIHA's most popular courses, [Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene](#) is designed for OEHS professionals new to industrial hygiene or who have newly acquired IH responsibilities. This 4-day course teaches the basics of industrial hygiene through sampling and workshop sessions, hands-on lab experiences, demo sessions, and problem-solving exercises—upon completion, earn 32 contact hours.

Enhance Your Expertise and Enroll in Exposure and Chemical Monitoring: Beyond IH Fundamentals

[Building on IH fundamentals](#), this intermediate three-day course is designed to provide additional training and knowledge in the aspects of industrial hygiene chemical monitoring through group exercises and discussion. Attendees work in groups of four and build on their knowledge gained in the Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene course—upon completion, earn 24 contact hours.

CareerAdvantage Development Fair at AIHce EXP 2018

This year's *Building Careers for Life Development Fair* features sessions designed to help those in the occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) field advance their current careers and find and maintain positions in the industry. The [CareerAdvantage Development Fair](#) provides an opportunity for employers and OEHS professionals to meet, mingle and make important contacts.

AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION (AIHF)

AIHF Updates Mission Statement

To meet the needs of all our scholarship recipients, the AIHF Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the [AIHF mission statement](#) has been officially updated. The modified version better describes the Foundation's responsibility to "Advance the profession by awarding scholarships for funding education and professional development opportunities in industrial hygiene and related disciplines."

NEW! Gifting Strategies that Still Make Sense

In an ongoing effort to support the AIHF mission, the Foundation will be hosting an estate planning session at AIHce on Tuesday, May 22 at 2–2:25 p.m. in the HUB. Presented by Tim Walsh, Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., this session delves into recently enacted tax reform bill that have passed, leaving some wondering if their charitable contributions still carry tax benefits. We will discuss the changes to the standard deduction for 2018 and the impact on tax deductibility of charitable contributions. We will look at several tax strategies that still make sense.

AIHF Donor and Scholarship Recipient Reception

A private invitation-only event for large donors of the Foundation and the scholarship recipients will be held on Monday, May 21 at 6:30–8:00 p.m. Consider making an [online donation](#) or establishing a [scholarship in your name](#)—give back to the profession, support IH/OEHS students, and get a charitable tax deduction!

32nd Annual Fun/Run

The American Industrial Hygiene Foundation (AIHF) presents the 32nd Annual Fun Run/Walk. Have fun, get exercise, and support the AIHF! You can run the 5K or walk 2.5K and know that you are helping the Foundation serve the future of the profession by awarding scholarships to IH/OH students and young professionals in need. Not an early riser? You can still contribute! Simply register as a "Sleep In" entry and receive a commemorative t-shirt without leaving the comfort of your bed. Sponsorship opportunities are still available! If interested, please contact [Laura Cilano Garcia](#).

AIHF Awards \$116,950

The AIHF Scholarship Committee and the Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the Foundation has awarded \$116,950 in scholarship funds to 47 students. Each scholarship recipient will have the opportunity to attend AIHce courtesy of the Foundation and will be recognized from the main stage during the Mark of Excellence Awards Breakfast on May 23 at AIHce EXP 2018.

STEM EDUCATION COALITION

US Festival Champions STEM

Innovators Magazine

The [USA Science & Engineering Festival](#) will encourage youngsters to pursue a career in a STEM related field. *Innovators Magazine* hosted a [Twitter chat](#) with [Knowledge4Innovation](#) on the need to achieve gender equality in STEM, which generated some great ideas on how to do it. And the free science festival in Washington, DC – the largest in the country, is the type of interactive event which can make a major contribution in attracting young females.

OSHA

Two National Campaigns in April Seek to Protect Workers from Vehicle-Related Injuries and Fatalities

Vehicle collisions are the number-one cause of work-related fatalities. Two public outreach campaigns are taking place this month to help keep employees safe while working on the road or roadside.

The National Safety Council (NSC) designates April as [Distracted Driving Awareness Month](#). NSC is offering a free webinar, [Engaging Ways to Address Distracted Driving at Work](#), on April 19. The NSC's free [Safe Driving Kit](#) can also be ordered online.

The annual [National Work Zone Awareness Week](#), April 9-13, features events across the country to bring attention to these hazards and encourage safe driving around work zones. The [Georgia Struck-By Alliance](#), which includes OSHA, will hold stand-downs at highway construction locations throughout Georgia during the week to train workers on the dangers of distracted driving and flying debris. More than 140 workers were fatally injured in crashes at roadway worksites in 2016.

OSHA and the National Grain and Feed Association Hold Grain Engulfment Prevention Campaign

OSHA and its Alliance partner, the [National Grain and Feed Association](#), in cooperation with the [Grain Elevator and Processing Society](#), and the [American Feed Industry Association](#), will hold the second annual [Stand-Up for Grain Engulfment Prevention Week](#), April 9-13.

Safe + Sound Campaign: Spring into Action with a Safety and Health Program

Start fresh this spring by using OSHA resources to make a clean sweep of hazards that can cause injuries and illnesses. Join a [free webinar](#), *Three Core Elements of Effective Safety and Health Programs*, on April 25.

NIOSH

High Blood Pressure and High Cholesterol Associated with Noisy Jobs

High blood pressure and high cholesterol are more common among workers exposed to loud noise at work according to a CDC study published this month in the [American Journal of Industrial Medicine](#). Researchers at CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) also found that a quarter of U.S. workers – an estimated 41 million people – reported a history of noise exposure at work.

Oil and Gas Employers: How to Prevent Fatigued Driving at Work

Motor vehicle crashes cause over 40% of work-related deaths in the oil and gas extraction industry. Driver fatigue, which may be a result of insufficient sleep, long distances traveled to well sites, and long work shifts, is a factor in some of these crashes. In addition to the loss of life, the average on-the-job fatal crash is estimated to cost employers \$671,000. The [Oil and Gas Employers: How to Prevent Fatigued Driving at Work](#) fact sheet recommends strategies for employers to manage fatigued driving among their workers.

For Public Comment: National Occupational Research Agenda for Musculoskeletal Health

NIOSH announces the availability of a draft NORA Agenda entitled *National Occupational Research Agenda for Musculoskeletal Health* for public comment. To view the notice and related materials, visit <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter CDC-2018-0025 in the search field.