

Important Dates and Deadlines

National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction	May 5–12
North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week: Make Safety a Habit	May 7–13
Volunteer Group Electronic Brochure Submission Deadline	May 12
Webinar: Enhancing Worker Protection through Job Hazard Analysis	May 16
Synergist Webinar: Everything You Need to Know to Comply with the New Silica Rule	May 16
Call for Nominations: AIHA Local Section Council Vice Chair Deadline	May 26
AIHce EXP 2017	June 4–7
2018 AIHce EXP “Call for Speaker Proposals” Opens	June 4
AIHF FunRun	June 6
Local Sections Council Meeting	June 6
AIHF Scholarship Recipients Recognition	June 7
AIHA Volunteer Groups Secretary Elections Deadline	June 9
Safe + Sound Week	June 12–18
Volunteer Group Business Plans & Funding Requests Submission Deadline	July 1
Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene	September 18–21
Exposure and Chemical Monitoring - Beyond IH Fundamentals	October 2-4
AIHA Fall Conference on Leadership and Management	October 30–31
AIHF Online Scholarship Application Opens	November 1
Stewardship 2017	November 2–4

AIHA Volunteer Groups

The [Student and Early Career Professionals Committee](#) (SECP) will be hosting the **Meet Your Volunteer Groups** topic tables at AIHce EXP 2017, on Tuesday, June 6 at 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in The Hub, Hall 4B. Six different topics will be offered, with each sponsored by various committees and working groups including, the [Career and Employment Services Committee](#), [Oil and Gas Working Group](#), [Communication and Training Methods Committee](#), [Hazard Prevention and Engineering Controls Committee](#), [Incident Preparedness and Response Working Group](#), and the [Mentoring and Professional Development Committee](#).

Volunteer Groups Business Plans and Project Funding Requests for 2018 ARE DUE on July 1. The schedule reflects the new budget review and approval schedule for 2017. A town hall was conducted in April and the session was [recorded](#). Take advantage of the face-to-face committee meetings at AIHce to strategize, develop and/or refine your scope of work and to determine potential funding needs. If you have questions, please contact [Laurie Mutdosch](#) or [Thursa La](#).

The **AIHce EXP 2018 “Call for Speaker Proposals”** will kick off at AIHce 2017. This is for all AIHce-related educational sessions, not just PDC’s. Submission deadline is **September 6**. Face-to-face committee meetings at AIHce present the perfect opportunity to explore and identify potential topics and presenters. For more information, please contact [Mark Milroy](#).

NEW! Each year, volunteer groups have the opportunity **to review and select a student poster of their choice** at AIHce. This year, the review and selection process will be conducted virtually prior to AIHce in order to announce and recognize the winning posters during the Mark of Excellence event at AIHce. Full details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Incoming Volunteer Group Secretary or Secretary-Elect nominations are due to [Thursa La](#) by **June 9**. New secretaries will be formally trained after AIHce via a virtual training session. If you need any assistance in identifying candidates and/or getting nominations from your members or creating an electronic ballot for your elections, please let Thursa know.

Volunteer Groups **Electronic Brochures** will be uploaded to the official AIHce EXP 2017 App. Submission deadline is **May 12**. This is just one way in which we will promote the volunteer community, sessions, and committee meetings available at AIHce. If you need a copy of your 2016 submission, please contact [Liz Kincheloe](#).

Is your [Volunteer Group Committee](#) page up-to-date? Make the best, first impression and attract new members, especially students and young professionals. Only staff can make the actual updates, so please provide your revisions to [Liz Kincheloe](#).

AIHA is already exploring **eLearning opportunities in 2018**. As such, the eLearning team is highly interested in working with the volunteer community on targeted topics and developing content. An email, with complete information, will be sent to all volunteer group officers. If you have any questions following the email, please contact [Jessica Pagel](#).



Meet the newest member of the AIHA Professional Community team, [Liz Kincheloe](#). Liz comes to AIHA with association and foundation experience, having worked previously with organizations such as The Lukens Company and AARP. As a professional with nearly 20 years of expertise in direct marketing programs for non-profits, we are excited to have Liz on the team!

AIHA National

AIHA President Testifies in Support of Texas Legislation to Promote Teen Health & Safety Training in Schools

Nearly 80% of teens are currently in the workforce. Research shows that these teens are twice as likely to be injured at work compared to adults. As a result, nearly 60,000 teens end up in the emergency room annually from workplace injuries. Recognizing this problem, [Texas State House Representative Dr. Greg Bonnen](#) (R-24) introduced [House Bill 2010](#). On May 2, AIHA President Steven E. Lacey, PhD, CIH, CSP traveled to Texas [to testify in support of this bill](#) at a House Public Education Committee hearing.

AIHA Releases First-Ever State of the Environmental Health & Safety Industry Survey

AIHA has partnered with [Enviance](#), an industry-leading EH&S software provider, to conduct its first-ever [State of the EH&S Industry](#) survey. For more information, please contact [Sue Marchese](#).

AIHA, CIHC Encourage California Lawmakers to Support Certified Industrial Hygienists

AIHA and the [California Industrial Hygiene Council](#) (CIHC) are asking lawmakers in California's State Legislature to ensure that Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIH) have a seat at the table by [requiring their membership](#) on the California Toxic Substances Board.

New Distinguished Fellows

AIHA honors 14 new occupational and environmental health and safety professionals with the [Distinguished Fellow Award](#). These individuals have been nominated by their peers and recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the IH profession and will be recognized at AIHce EXP 2017 at the Mark of Excellence event.

AIHA Co-Sponsors OSHA's Safe + Sound Week

This [nationwide event](#) raises awareness and understanding of the value of safety and health programs that include management leadership, worker participation, and a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards in workplaces.

News Roundup: Welding Fume Newly Classified as Group 1 Carcinogen

Seventeen scientists from 10 countries met earlier this year at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) to evaluate the carcinogenicity of welding fumes and... [read the full article](#).

The Importance of Strategic Decision-Making, Part III

In this, my last blog in this series on the importance of strategic decision-making, let's delve into the next step... an Action Plan. But first, let's define for purposes of this exercise... [read the full article](#).

The Value of Membership

I am often asked to define the value of membership. My answer? It is as unique as the individual making the decision to join or renew. However, for those who are trying to get buy-in from their employer... [read the full article](#).

Build and Manage Your Career with *CareerAdvantage*

Finding a job is hard enough, but trying to find a job in a niche industry like ours is even harder. Enter AIHA's *CareerAdvantage*, where job seekers can... [read the full article](#).

Embracing Emerging Disciplines

How do you develop education on a topic when an accepted body of knowledge doesn't exist? In the early 2000s, the emerging topic in supply chain management was... [read the full article](#).

This is Your Call to Action!

Participate in the Member-Get-a-Member Challenge and **WIN BIG!**

By sharing your personal and professional experiences with a colleague, young professional or student and recruiting others, you help to support the profession while expanding and deepening your network of IH/OH professionals. **Whether you are an individual member or a Local Section**, everyone wins in this [challenge](#).

Volunteers Needed for Community Website Project

The AIHA Professional Community is looking for volunteers to work with staff to make recommendations to update and enhance the [Volunteer Groups](#) webpage. If interested in this micro-volunteering opportunity, please contact [Laurie Mutdosch](#).

American Industrial Hygiene Foundation (AIHF)

\$133,000 to Be Awarded in Scholarships

The AIHF has selected 55 students to receive scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,000. Scholarship recipients will be recognized during the [Mark of Excellence Breakfast](#) on Wednesday, June 7 in conjunction with AIHce EXP 2017.

31st Annual FunRun at AIHce 2017



The **AIHF proudly thanks** and recognizes this year's sponsors. Their generosity ensures that this highly anticipated event is a first-class experience that is memorable and supports the AIHF Mission.

Join the more than 325 IH/OH professionals who have already registered for the 2017 [AIHF FunRun](#). Registration fees help to raise funds for AIHF Scholarships. This year, the event will be held on June 6 in conjunction with AIHce EXP 2017 in Seattle, WA.

Not a runner? No problem—make a “sleep-in” donation!

AIHA Local Sections

Call for Nominations: Vice Chair, AIHA Local Sections Council

The [AIHA Local Sections Council](#) is seeking an individual to serve as Vice Chair. The Vice Chair serves a two-year, followed by a two-year term as Chair. All officers of the council must be an AIHA national member in good standing.

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Active engagement and collaboration of the [Student Local Sections Council](#) (the Student LSC operates as a subsidiary of the LSC).
- Attend Local Section Council meetings, both face-to-face and virtual; prepare and distribute the minutes of meetings.
- Officially submits any matters requiring consideration by the section Board of Directors at the Local Section Council meeting held in conjunction with AIHce.
- Work closely with the AIHA Board Liaisons and staff towards creating deeper synergies between AIHA Local Sections and AIHA national.
- The LSC officers may conduct projects that are approved by the [AIHA Board of Directors](#).
- There is no travel reimbursement or registration fees covered.

[Nominations](#) must be submitted no later than **May 26**. The candidates will be voted upon at the Local Sections Council Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m., Washington State Convention Center, 3B.

Each Local Section President has voting privileges. If you're a President of your Local Section and are unable to attend the meeting, please fill out the [proxy form](#)—this will officially assign voting rights to the officer or individual representing your section at the meeting.

How Can I Locate the Local Section in My Area?

Looking for an easy way to find or learn more about your AIHA Local Section? The new [Regional Map](#) resource makes it easy! Not finding what you're looking for? Please contact [Thursa La](#).

NIOSH

NPPTL Issues Notice Regarding Misrepresentation of NIOSH Approval of N95s

The NIOSH National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) has issued [an alert](#) regarding N95 respirators that are being improperly sold by Toolway Industries in Canada. The N95s in question are being sold with NIOSH approval numbers 84A-3323, 84A-5530, and 84A-6766.

NIOSH Meeting Will Gather Feedback on Occupational Exposure Banding

NIOSH will hold [a public meeting](#) on **May 23**, to discuss its [new draft](#) Current Intelligence Bulletin (CIB), The NIOSH Occupational Exposure Banding Process: Guidance for the Evaluation of Chemical Hazards. The draft document outlines NIOSH's occupational exposure banding process, which is intended to help occupational health and safety professionals and others make timely, well-informed risk management decisions about chemicals that lack occupational exposure limits.

NIOSH to Reevaluate Proposed IDLH Value for Peracetic Acid

NIOSH is seeking [data and information](#) to help the agency characterize and assess the health risk of occupational exposures to peracetic acid, which is also known as peroxyacetic acid or PAA. The comment period ends on **June 5**.

OSHA

Webinar and Live Facebook Chat on Roofing & Construction Safety

To raise awareness of fall hazards, OSHA, the [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health](#) and the [Center for Construction Research and Training](#) will hold the fourth annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction from **May 8-12**.

EPA

EPA Accepting Further Comments on TCE, Methylene Chloride, and NMP

EPA has [reopened and extended](#) the comment periods for two proposed rules issued under section 6 of the new Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) legislation, as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, which was signed into law in June 2016. Comments on both proposed rules are now due by **May 19**.

U.S. Chemical Safety Board

Earlier this month, the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) published a new document that makes a "business case for safety" and outlines the agency's impact on chemical safety in the U.S. The agency's [new document](#) summarizes the costs associated with its examination of four major chemical disasters.