

California Industrial Hygiene Council

**Board Meeting**

March 17, 2026

FACS 4900 Airport Plaza Dr # 115, Long Beach, CA 90815

(9:00 am – 3:00 pm)

**ATTENDEES**

Megan Canright, President/San Diego Gloria Chan, Treasurer/San Diego	Ed Klinenberg, Past-President/Sacramento Simone Sumeshwar/Sacramento
Laurel Davis, Vice-President/Northern CA Patty Beach/Northern CA (virtual) Diana Peroni, Secretary/Northern CA (Alternate)	Michelle Rosales/Southern CA Grace Rinck / Southern CA Zak Islam/Sothern CA (Alternate)
Sam Celly/Orange County Joel Berman/Orange County (Alternate) Howard Spielman/Orange County	Pamela Murcell, Legislative and Regulatory Consultant

ABSENT:

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTIVITY / DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION ITEM MEMBER ASSIGNED</b>
1. Call to Order and Welcome (Megan)	a. Megan called to order at 9:02 b. New Reps Introduction (Grace and Zak)	
2. Minutes Approval (Megan)	a. Approval of January 27th meeting minutes b. Review of action items	1. San Diego membership numbers - Gloria (still in progress)
3. Financial Update (Gloria)	a. No updates from last meeting b. All local sections current	
4. 2026 PDS Planning (All)	a. Conference Dates, Location (Gloria) i. San Jose Westin open for all dates ii. Decision for December 9-11 at San Jose Westin iii. Vendors first two days iv. Include virtual option	2. Patty to consult with regular sponsors about idea on technical presentation and which format they would prefer.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. Discussion on how to engage virtual audience with the vendors and provide more benefits for the gold sponsorship (eg. Longer presentation, more registrants)</li> <li>b. Conference Co-Chairs – Laurel, Megan, Patty, Gloria</li> <li>c. Conference Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Logistics &amp; Execution Committee – Gloria Lead, members Simone, Sam (Venue, F&amp;B, A/V, Execution)</li> <li>ii. Content/Sessions Committee – Laurel Lead, members Michelle, Diana, Grace</li> <li>iii. Exhibitors/Sponsors Committee – Patty Lead, Joel member</li> <li>iv. Program, Certs, &amp; Evaluation Committee – Laurel, Members Zak, Megan</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Fee Structure (attendees/sponsors/exhibitors) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Agree to online option with same fee</li> <li>II. Last year \$645 early registration with local section membership, add \$100 for later and another \$100 for non-member</li> <li>III. Decision to keep same rate as 2025</li> <li>IV. Discussion on engaging students. Some ideas including more promotion of student rate, sponsorships for one student per section</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. 2025 evaluations, session themes, topics, speakers, keynote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Program outline: Day 1 AM: CIHC update, AIHA update, Legislative/Regulatory update. Other governmental updates and hot topics in regulatory Day 1 PM: Exposure and risk assessments Day 2 AM: Case Studies Day 2 PM: AI/technology Day 3 AM: IH core topics Day 3 PM: Ethics and Leadership</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Session Arrangers (6 total) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Legislation – Simone</li> <li>ii. Case Studies – Zak</li> <li>iii. AI/Tech - Diana</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Options technical talk before/after main presentation, video during breaks, interview style</p> <p>3. Conference committee leads provide update at each board meeting</p> <p>4. Laurel and Patty to meet and discuss sponsorship tiers and what to include</p>
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5. 2026 Bill Report (Megan, Laurel, Pam, Ed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Pam reviewed the bill tracking process (<a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov</a>)</li> <li>c. Assigned board members to rack each bill as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AB805-Grace</li> <li>AB1553 – Simone</li> <li>AB1634 – Joel</li> <li>AB1642- Michelle, Howard</li> <li>AB1653 – Diana, Zak</li> <li>AB1679 – Sam, Simone</li> <li>AB1697 – Megan</li> <li>AB1725- Patty</li> <li>AB1795 – Howard, Zak</li> <li>AB1819 – Simone, Sam</li> <li>AB1883- Diana, Ed</li> <li>AB1898 – Diana, Ed</li> <li>AB1961 – Sam</li> <li>Ab1980- Michelle, Simone</li> <li>AB1995 – Zak, Sam</li> <li>AB2027 – Megan</li> <li>AB2106 – Joel</li> <li>AB2137 – Megan</li> <li>AB2150 – Megan</li> <li>AB2170 – Simone</li> <li>AB2183 – Patty</li> <li>AB2231 – Simone</li> <li>AB2246 – Laurel</li> <li>AB2249 – Laurel</li> <li>AB2250 – Laurel</li> <li>AB2280 – Megan</li> <li>AB2302- Diana</li> <li>AB2315 – Gloria, Grace</li> <li>AB2321 – Gloria</li> <li>AB2322 – Megan</li> <li>AB2330 – Megan</li> <li>AB2390 – Simone</li> <li>AB2391 – Michelle</li> <li>AB2440 – Patty</li> <li>AB2466 – Grace</li> <li>AB2469 – Megan</li> <li>AB2488 – Howard</li> <li>AB2489 – Laurel</li> <li>AB2499- Grace, Gloria</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>AB2503 – Diana, Zak  AB2537- Laurel  AB2550 – Michelle  AB2577 – Megan  AB2586 – Michelle, Zak  AB2587 – Patty  AB2617 - Laurel  AB2667 – Joel  AB2736 – Simone  SB6 – Laurel  SB58- Patty  SB811 – Joel  SB899 – Michelle, Zak  SB966 – Patty  SB973 – Michelle, Zak  SB986 – Gloria  SB995 – Gloria  SB1039 – Howard  SB1046 – Gloria  SB1075- Patty  SB1111 – Joel  SB1121- Zak  SB1132 – Grace  SB184- Simone  SB1207 – Sam  SB1227 – Howard  SB1241 – Gloria  SB1266 – Patty  SB1313 – Megan  SB1316- Ed  SB1377 – Michelle</p>	
6. Other Legislative Activity	<p>a. AB2488 – Pam to follow up with Assembly member Schiavo on proposed bill  b. Discussion on artificial stone legislation and if CIHC should take position promoting ban of product. WOEMA has petition to ban dust producing tasks when working with artificial stone. Decision was to watch the petition.</p>	
7. Regulatory Activity	<p>a. AIHA What Works Institute (Pam)  i. Pam attended Town Hall, John Doney and Larry Sloan presented on AIHA Government Affairs  ii. Provided summary of 2025 activities including: MOLD act for military housing, NIOSH advocacy</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Other topics covered: limited activity from Fed OSHA, State specific activity, tracking some of CA bills, Federal legislation for protection of engineered stone manufacturers</li> <li>iv. What Works Institute contracted for one more year. AIHA looking to hire another staff member</li> <li>v. Ron Grubb local rep</li> </ul> <p>b. Occupational Safety &amp; Health Standards Board Meeting (2/19/26) (Pam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. First Aid Kit standard – request to adopt the updated ANSI standard on contents in the kits</li> <li>ii. Voice activated alerts in MRI rooms petition, Simone assigned the petition at Cal/OSHA</li> <li>iii. Cambria stone manufacturer presented on the sampling they have done on their operations</li> </ul> <p>c. Upcoming Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Occupational Safety &amp; Health Standards Board Meeting, Palm Desert(3/20/25)</li> <li>ii. Occupational Safety &amp; Health Standards Board Meeting, Los Angeles (4/17/25)</li> </ul>	
8. Local Section Activity (All)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sacramento meeting tomorrow. May open student chapter</li> <li>b. NorCal sent out first communication for year. Last event in December, Full day Symposium May 7</li> <li>c. Southern CA JTS is scheduled for October 7. Zak is Chair</li> </ul>	
9. New Business (All)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. End of Year Report (Megan) – reviewed draft EOY report. Plan to send out to board members to send to their local section presidents then as blast email to all members</li> <li>b. Strategic Plan Review Task Group (Megan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Need to form small task force to update the plan</li> <li>ii. Task Group – Laurel (Lead), members: Michelle, Joel, Sam, Simone</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>5. Strategic Plan Task Force meet and propose updates to the Board by May meeting</p> <p>6. Megan to hold President’s meeting prior to the Town Hall</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Board Membership Succession Plan (Megan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Discussion on need for succession planning and to bring new members onto the board</li> <li>ii. Discussion on Technical/Advisory role/Science Advisor roles that have been used in the past and should be used again to start to engage with new members that could become members of the board</li> <li>iii. Discussion on how the different local sections elect or appoint CIHC board members. Recommendation to make sure each local section has the process documented in their By-Laws. Will include this as a Town Hall topic</li> <li>iv. Megan to present what is CIHC at local section meetings, and at JTS</li> <li>v. Discussion on converting alternates to full board members. Megan will discuss with local sections President's first.</li> <li>vi. Hold local section President's meeting before Town Hall</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Social Media Liaison (Megan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Simone to start the LinkedIn page</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Operating Procedures (Pam) – postponing discussion on topic</li> <li>f. Townhall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Hold in June timeframe</li> <li>ii. Topics: CIHC overview, Ideas for improving membership benefits, Overview of key legislative topics</li> <li>iii. 90 minutes with last 45 minutes as Q&amp;A</li> </ul> </li> <li>g. Cal/OSHA reporter article discussion on petition to add CIH language</li> </ul>	<p>7. Simone will launch Linked in page for CIHC</p> <p>5. Diana to review if mailchimp and LinkedIn can be linked. Add posting to LinkedIn to Secretary work instructions</p> <p>6. Megan to consider response to CIHC article on petition</p>
<p>10. Next Meeting and Adjourn</p>	<p>Adjourn meeting 2:58 pm</p>	<p>Laurel to send poll for next meeting which will be in May</p>