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## President's Message

by Pamela Murcell, MS, CIH



Pamela Murcell, CIHC President

Greetings Colleagues! It's been a very busy year, locally, statewide and nationally! Not the least of our activities has been the planning for CIHC's 29<sup>th</sup> annual Professional Development Seminar (the conference), which will be held on December 4-6 (Wed-Fri) in San Francisco at the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins. I hope you will be joining us for what is shaping up to be another excellent program on current and cutting edge topics. The event website is live at <https://cihconline.com/events> and the website is updated frequently with PDS information, including links to the PDS sponsors' and exhibitors' websites. Registration opened on August 1<sup>st</sup> and early bird rates are available through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The petition (Petition 572) that CIHC presented to the Cal/OSHA Standards Board in December (Petition 572) was denied at the May 2019 Standards Board meeting. The petition requested consideration of much needed changes to the landmark Injury and Illness Prevention Program regulations to enhance the effectiveness of IIPP written programs for our State's workers. Please refer to <https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/petition-572.html> if you're interested in the

details surrounding their decision. CIHC is still committed to enhancing the effectiveness of the IIPP regulations, and will be revisiting options for a path forward.

Board members continue to attend Cal/OSHA advisory committee meetings and Standards Board meetings to stay apprised of their activities and to provide comments and technical input on behalf of our local sections and our profession. Of particular note, a very recent regulatory development - the Cal/OSHA Standards Board adopted the emergency regulation on Protection from Wildfire Smoke at their July meeting. The regulation, 8 CCR 5141.1 is now in effect (as of July 29<sup>th</sup>) and will be in effect for at least 180 days. The Cal/OSHA Program has the option of two 90-day extensions; therefore, the emergency regulation could be in effect for almost a year (July 2020). In the meantime, the work has already started on a permanent regulation with an advisory committee meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to follow the progress or comment on the proposed draft, information is available at <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Protection-from-Wildfire-Smoke/>. CIHC has been involved with this regulation since its inception back in May, and will continue to be through the permanent regulation process. CIHC was represented at the recent Advisory Committee meeting.

The CIHC Board can always use assistance. Please consider getting involved, or at least send an email with your thoughts and concerns! Contact your local CIHC Board members or me (530-622-7196) for further information. All of our contact information is located on the CIHC website.

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN !!!

December 4-6, 2019

CIHC Professional Development Seminar (PDS)  
at the InterContinental Mark Hopkins, San Francisco

To all members of the California local sections of the AIHA and our colleagues, the planning for the 29<sup>th</sup> annual California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) Professional Development Seminar (PDS) is well underway. Highlights of the technical program are outlined later in this edition of the newsletter.

Please keep the dates free for the 2019 CIHC PDS scheduled for December 4-6, 2019 at the InterContinental Mark Hopkins in San Francisco, CA (<http://www.topofthemark.com/>). Additional details for the PDS and hotel registration are now available at <https://cihconline.com/events>, where we will keep you up-to-date on the planning and program for the PDS. We look forward to seeing you in December in San Francisco!



## Capitol Report

submitted on behalf of Catherine Barankin



This edition will have just a brief update on behalf of Cathy. The 2019 Legislative Session, the first half of a two-year session, is winding down for this year. There are dozens of bills still pending action that CIHC has been watching and tracking this year. In particular, CIHC has been active with AB 203, AB 457, AB 495, AB 647, AB 1024, AB 1124, and AB 1596. The legislature has until August 30<sup>th</sup> to take action on any pending bills. Those that pass both Senate and Assembly will move on the Governor's desk for his action by mid-September.

To see the entire CIHC Legislative (Bill) Report and specifics of these bills and others, go to our CIHC website, <https://cihconline.com/>.

May was Young Worker Safety Month. Thanks to Cathy's diligence, CIHC sponsored, and the Assembly adopted, a resolution to honor this important issue. Please see the article prepared by Richard Hirsh below.

## California Partnership for Young Worker Health and Safety

by Richard Hirsh

This year, California's Partnership for Young Worker Health and Safety launched its annual Safe Jobs for Youth Month campaign with two important resolutions—one from California Assembly Member Jose Medina from Riverside with help from CIHC (see photo including CIHC Board President Pam Murcell and CIHC Lobbyist Cathy Barankin, along with Diane Bush, LOHP Program Coordinator, students and other members of the California Partnership), and the other resolution from the LAUSD School Board, as a result of the efforts of a team of youth from JR Wooden High School who participated in the 2019 Young Worker Leadership Academy.

*"Our goal at Los Angeles Unified is to set all our students up for post-secondary success," Board Vice President Nick Melvoin said. "As we prepare our students to enter the workforce, we must ensure that they will be safe, supported and informed of their rights to prevent harassment and discrimination in these jobs."*

This year's 1st place teen-designed poster (see page 3) was sent to 1000 California high schools, and hundreds of educators received information and training to help prepare their students to be problem-solvers for safety on the job. To download this year's resource kit or request a poster, go to <http://youngworkers.org/safe-jobs-month/>

## CIHC PDS Highlights

by Joel I. Berman  
CIHC Vice-President/Program Co-Chair

The CIHC 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Seminar (PDS) is coming faster than you think, it will be December before you know it. Again, we have a great agenda for this year's PDS, which will be at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, CA on December 4-6, 2019 (get your hotel reservations early). Since this year's event is now three months away, I would like to highlight a few of the presentations.

- ◇ There will be a session about the health and safety issues at various entertainment venues, including Cirque du Soleil, the film industry and television news.
- ◇ Garret Brown will return with a new global outreach presentation that will also involve student presentations and an update related to the Health and Safety Issues in Bangladesh.
- ◇ There will be additional presentations on emerging issues such as

the ever-changing and exploding cannabis issue, state-of-the art on repetitive motion issues, and how cloud computing is impacting our profession.

- ◇ We are also dedicating an entire session on climate change and how it is impacting our profession from wild fires to floods, the impact on industry, and the role of the IH in this new world that we all live in.

The above presentations along with many others, including the regulatory programs update session which kicks off the PDS event, will make this year's event a must attend. Additionally, we are fortunate to have Dr. John Howard provide us with a NIOSH Update as our keynote speaker for the first day's lunch. Dr. Howard's presentations are always thought provoking and no doubt this year he will live up to his reputation as a great presenter.

We look forward to seeing you at the PDS. Email blasts will provide more information as planning continues and the time gets closer.



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Safe Jobs for Youth Month, 2019 First Place Poster created by Kacey Kim, Studio City, CA

To see more poster winners from 2019 and previous years, go to: <http://youngworkers.org/posters/>

## Condolences for Cathy Barankin



Dr. Joseph Barankin, beloved husband of Cathy Barankin, passed on August 15, 2019.

Cathy has been a part of our CIHC family since the beginning in 1990, and has worked tirelessly as our legislative advocate. Please join CIHC in sympathy for Cathy and her family as they adjust to life without Joe.

It will be a difficult time for them, but they have so many happy memories of time shared that hopefully will sustain them. Joe was buried on August 18<sup>th</sup> in the cemetery in West Point, CA. The small foothills community of West Point had become his and Cathy's home away from home.

If you want to raise a pint or enjoy a whiskey in Joe's memory, a visit to the Academy Club in West Point would be in order. When Joe and Cathy purchased The Academy Club a few years ago, it quickly became Joe's retirement passion. His first was his love of children and his dedicated career at the Department of Education and as a founding Board Member of the Sacramento Boys and Girls Club.



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## Local Section News

### [Sacramento Valley Section](#)

The Sacramento Valley Section is holding a joint health and safety summit with the ASSP-Sacramento Chapter on October 1, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast. The summit offers multiple tracks including safety culture, industrial hygiene, safety, and HR/workers compensation. For more details and to register online visit [www.SacramentoSafety.com](http://www.SacramentoSafety.com).

### [Orange County Section](#) and [Southern California Section](#)

OCAIHA and SCAIHA are hosting a Joint Technical Symposium along with the Orange County Chapter of ASSP on October 16, 2019. The program includes several tracks including industrial hygiene, safety, environmental, and leadership topics. For more information and to register visit <http://www.caljts.com/register-to-attend/>

### [Northern California Section](#)

AIHA-NCS is holding two upcoming events of interest. Join us on Tuesday, September 17, for a dinner meeting featuring Gwen Caviness speaking on "Environmental

Screening Levels and Vapor Intrusion." The meeting will take place at Fattoria e Mare restaurant in Burlingame. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. Then, on Tuesday, October 22, AIHA-NCS is offering an afternoon forum on "Wildfire Safety—What You Need to Know". The event, which takes place at the Lake Chalet Restaurant in Oakland, includes lunch and 3 hours of technical content. Registration and more information are found [here](#). Get on our mailing list to learn about more events in the Bay Area, including multi-location networking events.

### [San Diego Section](#)

Look for upcoming events and info on our website.

## National AIHA News

AIHA and NIOSH have partnered to offer the [Safety Matters](#) program, which focuses on safety and health for young workers. Related to the Young Workers Program information presented by Rich Hirsh on page 2, this program also offers numerous resources, including curriculum and presentations that you can use to share with high schools in your local area. Get involved! Help safeguard our young workers to ensure their lifetime well-being.

AIHA has published its 2019-2020 policy agenda. The agenda includes 15 policy challenges such as Big Data, Young Workers, Hearing Protection, Workplace Violence, Hazard Banding and more. Visit the Government Relations website at <https://www.aiha.org/public-resources/consumer-resources/public-policy> to learn more about these important policy areas and the actions recommended by AIHA to address them.

## Upcoming Cal/OSHA Meetings

There are no upcoming Cal/OSHA advisory meetings. For a current schedule, click [here](#).

**We're on the web!**  
<https://cihconline.com>