



CIHC CONNECTION

President's Message

by Pamela Murcell, MS, CIH



Pamela Murcell, CIHC President

Greetings Colleagues! The 29th annual Professional Development Seminar (the conference) is rapidly approaching 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 program schedule is available 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 1st and early bird rates are available through October 31st.

It is highly likely that this will be the last year the CIHC annual PDS will be held in San Francisco on the alternate year that we are in northern California. It is getting more and more difficult to secure space that suits our needs at a reasonable rate. We are striving to keep the cost of attending the event affordable for our constituents! CIHC would appreciate your input on alternate locations for northern California, and not just alternate locations, but consider locations that you would actually attend. You can provide feedback via email by going to <https://cihconline.com/contact-us>. We will also be

asking the same question on the 2019 PDS evaluations for those who attend this year's event. The emergency regulation on Protection from Wildfire Smoke is now in full effect (since July 29th).

The regulation, 8 CCR 5141.1, will be in effect for at least 180 days. If you haven't already taken a look at the emergency regulation, it can be accessed at https://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/5141_1.html. The requirements potentially affect all workplaces in California in the event of a wildfire smoke emergency, and like most emergencies, advance preparations need to be considered. 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. An initial advisory committee meeting was held on August 27th, and comments on the proposed draft of the permanent regulation were due on September 30th. If you would like to follow the progress or review comments that have been submitted, information is available at the following website: <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 involved through the permanent regulation process. CIHC was represented at the recent Advisory Committee meeting and submitted comments to Cal/OSHA.

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December 4-6, 2019

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

Details for the PDS program and hotel registration are available at <https://cihconline.com/events>.

Please keep the dates free and plan to join us for the 2019 CIHC PDS scheduled for Wednesday–Friday, December 4-6, 2019 at the InterContinental Mark Hopkins in San Francisco, CA (<http://www.topofthemark.com/>). We look forward to seeing you in December in San Francisco!

Joel I. Berman, Co-Chair



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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. 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.

Capitol Report

by Catherine Barankin
CIHC's Legislative Advocate

The California State Legislature has wrapped up the 2018 -2019 session, and members are home working in their districts where many are campaigning for the November 5th election. All two-year Assembly seats are up for re-election for members who are not yet termed out of office. Under the new term limit law, which has reduced the total number of years a member can

serve from fourteen years to twelve years, members can serve for up to six Assembly terms or a total of twelve years. One half of the 40 Senate seats, those with odd numbered districts, are open for election or re-election. New Senators can serve three four-year terms, also for a total of twelve years. Newly elected members will be sworn into office in December, and the 2020 -2021 session will begin on January 2nd.

New bill proposals will start being sent to Legislative Counsel (consisting of the lawyers who write the bills and their subsequent amendments) for formal drafting. The deadline for new bill introductions will be in late February. There will be over 2,500 new bills, of which around 500 will be reviewed by our CIHC Board.



As bills are reviewed, they are assigned to a point person on the CIHC board who will act as the technical resource, making suggestions for a position on the

bill (support, oppose, amend or watch) and reviewing any amendments added to the bill that might change the position CIHC took early on.

During the second half of the just-ended two-year session, CIHC monitored and took action on over 50 bills. By the last day of session, that number was reduced to 40. Of those bills, eighteen were passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor for his signature or veto. The other 22 bills failed in committee or for lack of action. The Governor had until October 11 to take action on all bills reaching his desk. Bills not signed or vetoed become law automatically. Please go to <https://cihconline.com/> to review our final Legislative Report for 2019.

In addition to working on CIHC proposed legislation which calls for qualified individuals to review serious workplace accidents and deaths, the Board is working with the California Partnership for Young Workers' Safety & Health to promote a joint resolution to highlight job safety and legislation promoting a Young Worker Bill of Rights. The 2020 session promises to be a busy one.

California Partnership for Young Worker Health and Safety

by Richard Hirsh

The CIHC in coordination with the California Partnership for Young Worker Health and Safety and the AIHA Teen Task Force has resulted in the appointment of AIHA local section volunteer coordinators to lead this effort including:

- Northern California – Oana Stoica (ostoica@lbl.gov)
- Orange County Section – Howard Spielman (hspielman@healthscience.com)
- Sacramento Section – Dan Felperin (dan@fresh-energy-systems.com)
- San Diego Section – Denise Schiller (dmariescheller@yahoo.com)
- Southern California Section – still looking for a volunteer coordinator

The volunteer coordinators are tasked with identifying interested local section member volunteers who are willing to deliver the Safety Matters 1-hour curricula (or LOHP curricula) in their local high schools and vocational school. Volunteers are also encouraged to meet with teachers,

local legislators and members of local Boards of Education to promote inclusion of teen safety curricula in California high schools. To assist in this effort, there are a variety of weblinks on the CIHC website at: <https://www.cihconline.com/resources/young-worker-safety>. These resources include links to the AIHA Teen Safety initiative, the Young Worker.org website, and the Labor Occupational Health Program (LOHP). Diane Bush, of LOHP has agreed to serve as a resource for the five California local AIHA sections and can provide volunteer coordinators with guidance going forward. To stay up on LOHP activities and opportunities for youth, check out their newsletter at: <https://conta.cc/35MQmYS>.

Upcoming Cal/OSHA Meetings

Airborne Contaminant Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) 12th Health Effects Advisory Committee (HEAC) Meeting

December 3, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Harris State Building, 1515 Clay Street, Room 1304, Oakland, CA

This 12th meeting will be held in Oakland and is an open public forum to be attended by HEAC members along with any affected stakeholders or interested parties. More info is [here](#).

Information on additional Cal/OSHA Advisory meetings are found [here](#).



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

Local Section News

[Orange County Section](#)

On October 16, 2019, the Southern California Joint Technical Symposium (JTS) occurred at the Carson Events Center, in Carson, California. The event is co-sponsored by the Orange County and Southern California sections of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (OCAIHA and SCAIHA) and the Long Beach and Orange County Chapters of the American Society of Safety Professionals (LBASSP and OCASSP). This event, which dates back to the 1980s, was started by OCAIHA and SCAIHA and has a history providing a great meeting place for health and safety professionals.

The event typically draws over 200 health and safety professionals and exhibitors per year, and this year's was no exception. The event has four tracks with different topics: Industrial Hygiene, Safety, Environmental, and Leadership and Management. In addition there were two keynote addresses, one in the morning and one at lunch. The first keynote address was delivered by Dawn Armstrong, CSP, titled, "Treasure Hunting: How to Find and Leverage Hidden Talent to Support Workplace Initiatives". The afternoon address was given by Jack Jackson, titled, "Ten Feet Tall and Bullet Proof". Both were great presentations and provided much food for thought.

In addition to the great presentations, the event is a great place to see old friends, meet new people, interact with a host of professionals, and you can see new developments in Industrial Hygiene and Safety equipment from the various exhibitors that attended the JTS.

As always this year's event was a great experience and a great value to all who attended.

[Southern California Section](#)

As noted in the Orange County Section news, the Joint Technical Symposium was recently held. SCAIHA provided reimbursement to students who attended the JTS. While they already got a great discount, the SCAIHA decided to go a step further and reimbursed the entire fees if the students volunteered to help at the event.

Upcoming events include:

- Site tour at LAX in November (still working on dates, but most likely day tour on November 14th)
- Larry Sloan will be attending our January 21st lunch meeting. Details are forthcoming.

Visit our section's website for more info.

[Sacramento Valley Section](#)

Look for upcoming events and info on our website.

[San Diego Section](#)

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[Northern California Section](#)

AIHA-NCS recently held a successful afternoon forum on wildfire smoke. Presenters were Timur Durrani, Medical Director at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Martin Von Raesfeld from the Stanford University Fire Marshal's Office; and Michelle Rosales with Forensic Analytical Consulting. Upcoming events include:

- November 19, 2019, dinner meeting in Castro Valley, CA. The speaker will present on a recent project in Vietnam as part of the Developing World Outreach Initiative (DWOI). This event is also a fundraiser for DWOI.
- December 4, 2019, no-host happy hour for AIHA-NCS members and friends in San Francisco, in conjunction with the CIHC conference event.
- April 23, 2020, save the date for an all-day symposium on IH and Safety Regulatory Updates. Details are forthcoming. Visit our section's website for more info.

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National AIHA News—Results of the Voting for the Bylaws Are Now In

Results of the online voting for the two new amendments to the association's bylaws, as proposed by the AIHA Board of Directors, are now in. The online voting opened on September 16, 2019, via a third-party provider, and closed on October 11 at 11:59 p.m. (ET). Prior to the launch of the voting portal, AIHA members received via email detailed information about this process, including a unique link and password assigned to them. Out of 6677 AIHA members, 1352 participated in this election (22.2% response rate).

The two proposed amendments and the results were:

Ballot Measure #1: Transitioning the Local Sections Council (LSC) to the Local Sections Advisory Group (LSAG)

The first proposed amendment regarding the transitioning of Local Section Council (LSC) to Local Sections Advisory Group (LSAG) passed with 1031 votes (77%) for the measure and 315 against (23%). The new LSAG will include student representatives who were not part of the former LSC. The LSAG will act as a direct voice to the Board for local section and student local section concerns. LSAG members will continue to be elected by the local section officers, as has been the practice by the former LSC.

Ballot Measure #2: Changing the Board Officer election process to "single-slate"

The second proposed amendment regarding a single-slate nomination of officers did NOT pass as it failed to meet the 2/3 majority threshold; however, it did garner 856 votes (63%) for the measure and 497 against (37%). We will continue the current practice of a contested slate for all board positions.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for taking advantage of your member benefit and participating in the voting process. AIHA's success depends a great deal on you, the member, to be fully informed of the issues at hand and to actively participate in decision-making and elections.

Warm regards,
Your AIHA Membership Team
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