

California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC)

2022-2026 Strategic Plan

Advancing public policy to improve the health and
safety of workers and the community.





CIHC Vision and Mission

Vision

To be viewed by occupational and environmental health & safety (OEHS) professionals, national AIHA and California local section organizations, legislators, and regulators as the primary California governmental affairs organization to:

- provide sound science and regulatory input on occupational and environmental health issues;
- represent the interests of industrial hygienists, (IHs) and;
- promote the profession of industrial hygiene in California.

Mission

The CIHC will provide sound scientific and technological input to the regulatory and legislative process and establish a legislative presence in the state Capitol.



CIHC People

Representation

The Board of Directors comprises two selected representatives (plus one alternate) from each of the five California AIHA Local Sections, which are Northern California, Orange County, Sacramento Valley, San Diego, and Southern California. The current Board listing is on cihconline.com.

Advocacy

CIHC uses professional staff as appropriate, supported by OEHS expertise, to provide legislative support, bill screening, bill tracking, legislative representation, bill drafting and introduction, and advocacy expertise.

Advisors

CIHC utilizes scientific advisors to help guide its efforts.

Stakeholders

- California AIHA local sections
- National AIHA governmental affairs
- California IHS and allied OEHS professionals
- California legislators and regulatory bodies involved in OEHS issues.



CIHC Activities



The activities of the CIHC include the following:

- Review, comment and participate in applicable California legislative and regulatory actions, providing scientific and technological expertise.
- Propose legislation promoting and supporting technically sound industrial/occupational hygiene practice in California.
- Promote professional development through conferences and webinars, active involvement in emerging issues, training, and communications with stakeholders.

See cihconline.com for a compilation of ongoing and completed CIHC activities.



Strategic Goals

Legislative and Regulatory

- Strengthen the OEHS legislative/regulatory foundation.
- Serve as a premier resource for technically sound science in the OEHS-related legislative/regulatory arena.

Administrative

- Strengthen financial and organizational operations.
- Seek balance in the Board membership (experience, affiliation, skills).

Outreach

- Respond quickly to issues which impact sound science and OEHS practice.
- Provide and enhance communication with local sections and other stakeholders.
- Extend outreach efforts to the broader OEHS community.
- Seek opportunities to collaborate with allied professionals.

Professional Development

- Organize and improve the continuing education events incorporating stakeholder input.
- Explore joint meeting opportunities with allied



professionals.



Legislative Efforts

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- Identify and track relevant California OEHS legislative bills.
 - Support legislation that promotes the IH profession, utilizes competent persons, and follows technically-sound science.
 - Oppose bills and proposed legislation that are potentially harmful, redundant or conflicting to the IH profession and/or are not based on sound science.

See cihconline.com for a listing of CIHC legislative activities.



Regulatory Efforts

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- Provide direct technical input, through attendance at committee meetings, participation on advisory committees and through written comments, to California State regulatory agencies and organizations that affect the direction of occupational health and safety regulations within the State. For example, this includes Cal/OSHA and programs within the California Department of Public Health and other organizations.
 - Continue to provide input on changes to Title 8 CCR Section 5155 (workplace exposure monitoring and exposure limits), substance-specific regulations (such as lead and asbestos) and other select regulations.
 - Continue active involvement on select initiatives (e.g., PEL Process, IIPP, California Safer Consumer Products, Young Workers Safety Initiative, ergonomics, infectious diseases, etc.).



Administrative Efforts

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- Update by-laws and operating procedures as needed.
 - Sustain financial solvency with three years of operating expenses. Explore ways to increase financial strength and operational efficiency.
 - Encourage a combination of new Board members to bring fresh perspectives and experienced Board members to provide continuity.
 - Develop Board officers' skills to reflect evolving market, skill sets and technology changes.
 - Create a legislative advocate transition plan.
 - Encourage increased participation, support and collaboration with local section members (seminar committee, Subject Matter Experts).
 - Explore ways to strengthen stakeholder input.
 - Conduct periodic performance reviews.



Outreach and Professional Development Efforts

- Strengthen public agency relationships and increase outreach activities.
- Strengthen opportunities for working alliances with stakeholders outside the IH profession on emerging issues.
- Increase local section participation, mentoring on legislative and regulatory activities, and leveraging of resources for committees and other collaborative work.
- Hold an annual Professional Development Seminar, Spring Summit and other educational opportunities to provide a forum for various presentations on topics that affect the profession and qualify for ABIH certification maintenance points.
- Improve the awareness of our local section members on CIHC activities, legislative updates, emerging issues, and current events through the



CIHC web site, e-mail blasts and newsletter.

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- Evolve and strengthen communication with local section members and others in the OEHS community.

Continuing Education Opportunities

- Organize and improve the annual CIHC Professional Development Seminar and other educational events (e.g., Spring Summit) incorporating stakeholder input regarding emerging trends in industrial hygiene, international occupational health and safety issues, and a variety of cutting edge topics that impact the profession.
- Explore joint meeting opportunities with allied professionals.

