

CIHC 2007 Executive Summary

California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC)--Overview:

The California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) was founded in 1990 and is designated as the AIHA State Governmental Affairs Organization in California. It is comprised of 10 official Board members, made up of 2-3 volunteering Directors from each California AIHA Local Section. Its legislative efforts are supported by the legislative advocacy group, Sacramento Advocacy (SacAd).

The council objectives are several:

- Establishes a legislative presence in the State Capitol through professional representation
- Keeps the industrial hygiene professional intact by opposing any further erosion or limitation of practice by legislation or regulation
- Seeks recognition in statute defining, recognizing, and protecting the profession of industrial hygiene
- Provides sound scientific and technological input to the legislative and regulatory process

The Board is comprised of the following Local Section Directors and SacAd legislative advocates:

- Northern California—Joel Cohen, Jeff Jones & Chris Laszcz-Davis
- Southern California—Jacqueline Luca & Jaime Steedman-Lyde
- Orange County—Howard Spielman & Leo Vortouni
- Sacramento—Sylvia Fontes & Edward Klinenberg
- San Diego— Anne Graham, Daphne Thaug & Denise Daggett
- SacAd—Catherine Barankin & Judy Barrett Miller

CIHC Board officers include President Jaime Steedman-Lyde, Vice-President Howard Spielman, Secretary Ann Graham and Treasurer Jeff Jones. The Board convened four times in 2007 to conduct Council business: (Dates)

California Legislation:

The Board members and SacAd tracked 36 bills for CIHC during the 2007 legislative calendar, only 6 of which have made it to Governor Schwarznegger's desk. The 6 included:

Bill Number	Title	Status
AB 294	Air Pollution: Manganese	Signed
AB 328	Health Care Service Plans: Disease Reports	Signed
AB 740	Vessels: Invasive Species	Signed
AB 1045	Occupational Safety and Health: Working Conditions	Vetoed
SB 171	Hospitals: Lift Teams	Vetoed
SB 936	Workers' Compensation: Permanent Disability	Vetoed

AB 515 (Lieber), a proposal to have Cal/EPA's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) assume the lead for development of Permissible Exposure Limits (as opposed to leaving the PEL process in the hands of the Cal-OSHA Standards Board), was returned from the floor and held in final committee, thanks to a robust Sacramento presence by SacAd and an aggressive writing campaign by California Local Sections and a broad coalition of concerned industry representatives "full court press". However, AB515 and many other bills we have been following will be carried over into 2008.

2007 San Francisco Conference:

The CIHC Conference, held in San Francisco December 3-5, 2007, drew more than 150 participants from throughout California and elsewhere. Speakers, exhibitors and their subject matter were diverse and rated highly by conference participants. Speakers included the following, among others:

- **Dr. John Howard**, Director, NIOSH, *NIOSH's Strategic Focus*
- **Catharine Barankin & Judy Barret Miller**, CIHC's Sacramento advocacy, *CA Legislative Activity*
- **Aaron Trippler**, National AIHA Director of Government Affairs, *Federal & State H&S Legislative Activity*
- **Len Welsh, Esq.**, Chief, CA's Division of Occupational Safety & Health, *Cal-OSHA Update*
- **Dr. Barbara Materna, CIH**, Chief, Occupational Health Branch, CA Dept. of Public Health, *DPH Update*
- **Larry Gibb, CIH**, ACGIH Vice-Chair & Stanford University Vice-Chancellor, EH&S, *ACGIH Strategic Focus*
- **Steve Smith, CIH**, Supervising IH, *Cal-OSHA's PEL Process and Expert Advisory Committee*
- **Sarah Hoover**, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, *OEHHA and Risk Assessment Process*
- **Bill Parrish, Esq.**, *CA's Workers Compensation Process*
- **Bonnie Baird**, Safety Director, Trincherro Family Estates & President, WINOS (Wine Industry Officers of Safety), *Key EH&S Issues in the Wine Industry*
- **Judith Freyman**, VP-Western Occupational Safety & Health Operations, ORC Worldwide, *CA's Demographic, Economic and Political Profile—Implications for EH&S*
- **Bob Peterson, Esq.**, *Legal Review—Why Is Cal-OSHA Vulnerable to Citations?*
- **Barbara Miller, Esq.**, *Legal Review—The Administrative Law Judge's Perspective of a Cal-OSHA Hearing*
- **Richard Finn, Esq.** *Emerging IH Issues in the Civil Litigation Forum*
- **Mert Howard, Esq.**, *The Industrial Hygienist as an Expert Witness—Admissibility*
- **Garrett Brown, CIH**, Cal-OSHA, *Lean Manufacturing—Comes to China; Impact on H&S*
- **Dr. David Galbraith**, Chem Risk, *Current Views on the Causes of Mesothelioma and the Significance of Asbestos Fiber Type in Predicting Disease*
- **Kelly Howard, CIH & Peter Scholz, CIH**, *Issues Involving Diacetyl/Flavorings Exposure*
- **Mike Lane, CIH**, Uniphase, *Anatomy of an Emergency Response—Lessons Learned*
- **Melissa Ling, CIH**, AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc., *Taking The Lead in LEEDS: IH Experience in Green Building Certification*
- **Dr. William Cain**, UC San Diego, *Odors: Health Effects*
- **Dr. Natalie Varshavski**, Chevron Research, *Developing A World Outreach Initiative*
- **Jamie Steedman-Lyde, CIH**, LA Testing, *TO 15 Sampling & Analysis*

Many thanks to Conference Co-Chairs **Jeff Jones, CIH**, and **Joel Cohen, CIH** and their Conference Committee members (Dagmar Fung, CIH; Cathy Barankin; Judy Barrett-Miller; Joe Gotshall; Deneen Barsi; Mark Golembiewski; Dave White; Ben Kollmeyer; Desmond DeMoss; Jamie Steedman-Lyde, CIH; Howard Spielman, CIH; Chris Laszcz-Davis, CIH; Sylvia Fontes, CIH; Ed Klinenberg, CIH; Leo Vortouni, CIH; Jacquelyn Luca, CIH; Ann Graham, CIH; Daphne Thaug, CIH; and Denise Daggett, CIH). A Conference of this caliber can only be pulled off as a collaborative effort undertaken by many.

Next year's Conference is slated for December 8 - 10 at the Westgate Hotel in downtown San Diego, with the Conference Committee comprised of Southern California members.

CIHC To Sponsor Two Bills:

Looking ahead, CIHC intends to sponsor at least one and possibly two bills during the next legislative session (2008). One bill will deal with industrial hygienists responding to emergency crisis

situations, such as terrorist events or earthquakes. As with the medical profession, IHs play an important role in the protection of the community during these emergency situations, but unfortunately, do not have the same protection under the Good Samaritan rules our colleagues have. We intend to introduce a bill that would allow IHs to participate in emergency response efforts in good faith without fear of personal liability. We hope you agree this is a worthwhile mission. Depending on what occurs with AB 515, we are also considering sponsoring a bill that would codify the upgraded Cal/OSHA process of developing PELs (assuming AB 515 fails) and, of course, leave the process in the hands of Cal/OSHA and their new scientific panel.

Respectfully Submitted,

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