

California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC)
September 2011 Update



Driving Positive EHS Change in a Challenging Environment

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for agenda, registration form and
hotel information.

- Save \$100 with early registration.
- Conference held at the beautiful Hotel Nikko near Union Square.

CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
21st Annual CIHC Conference
December 5-7, 2011

3 CM points pending from ABIH. Points pending from BCSP and REHS.

CIHC Conference, December 5 - 7, 2011, San Francisco, the Hotel Nikko

The California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) is extremely pleased to announce its 21st Annual CIHC Conference. This year's conference will be held at the beautiful Hotel Nikko in San Francisco and is titled, *"Driving EHS Change in a Challenging Economy"*.

Come join us. Expand your horizons and professional mastery. Learn from some of the best minds around. Engage in lively conversations with colleagues. Get your CM points at cost effective prices and enjoy the San Francisco area during the holiday season!

Of particular note, **Dr. John Howard, MD**, Director of NIOSH, **Ellen Widess**, Chief, Cal-OSHA and **Dr. Charles Geraci**, Coordinator, NIOSH Nanotechnology Research Center, have agreed to speak along with a panel of world class experts on a variety of topics.

Key themes at this year's Conference will be Government and Regulatory Challenges; Emerging Issues; Environmental Drivers Today; Global Energy Issues and Impact on EHS; Non-Traditional Industrial Hygiene Practice; and Emergency Preparedness, Response & Recovery.

Speakers include, among many others, **Dr. Barbara Materna**, Chief, Occupational Health Branch, CA Dept of Public Health; **Staci Geis**, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Northern California Department of Justice; **Cristina Amorin**, VP, Life Technologies; **Philip Martien, Sr.**, Advanced Project Advisor, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD); **Aaron Trippler**, Governmental Affairs Director, National AIHA, **Steve Messner**, Principal, Air Sciences & Climate Change, ENVIRON International; **Dr. Michael Kosnett**, Associate Clinical Professor, University of Colorado School of Medicine & Department of Environmental & Occupational Medicine; **Kelli Gallion**, Manager, Emergency Planning, Southern California Edison San Onofre Power Plant; **Walt Rostykus**, VP, Humantech; and **Ben Wu**, Manager, Biomass Science & Conversion Technology, Sandia National Laboratories.

In addition to the conference, CIHC has arranged for a 2-hour session on Management Training (day 3) for additional certification points. Continuing education certification points are being pursued with ABIH, BCSP and REHS.

Exhibitors/sponsors committed to date include **ALS Global, Forensic Analytical, Assay Technology, Inc., Bureau Veritas, LA Testing, Galson** and **Traveler's Laboratory**.

The full conference agenda, registration form, and hotel booking information can be found at www.cihconline.com. Save an additional \$100 with early registration by November 15, 2011.

Annual CIHC Board Overview

Mission:

- Founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in CA state capitol for IH profession.
- Keeps profession intact by opposing further erosion or limitation of practice by legislation or regulation. Seeks recognition in statute defining, recognizing, and protecting the profession of industrial hygiene. Sponsors legislation.
- Provides sound scientific and technological input to the legislative and regulatory process. Works with national AIHA Governmental Affairs and other professional organizations when legislation/regulations impact California workers and the public.
- Formed by the five CA local sections of AIHA. Local sections include—Northern California, Sacramento, San Diego, Orange County and Southern CA. Designated as the AIHA State Governmental Affairs Organization in CA.
- Contracts with Sacramento Advocacy, a Sacramento based legislative advocacy firm to provide legislative support.

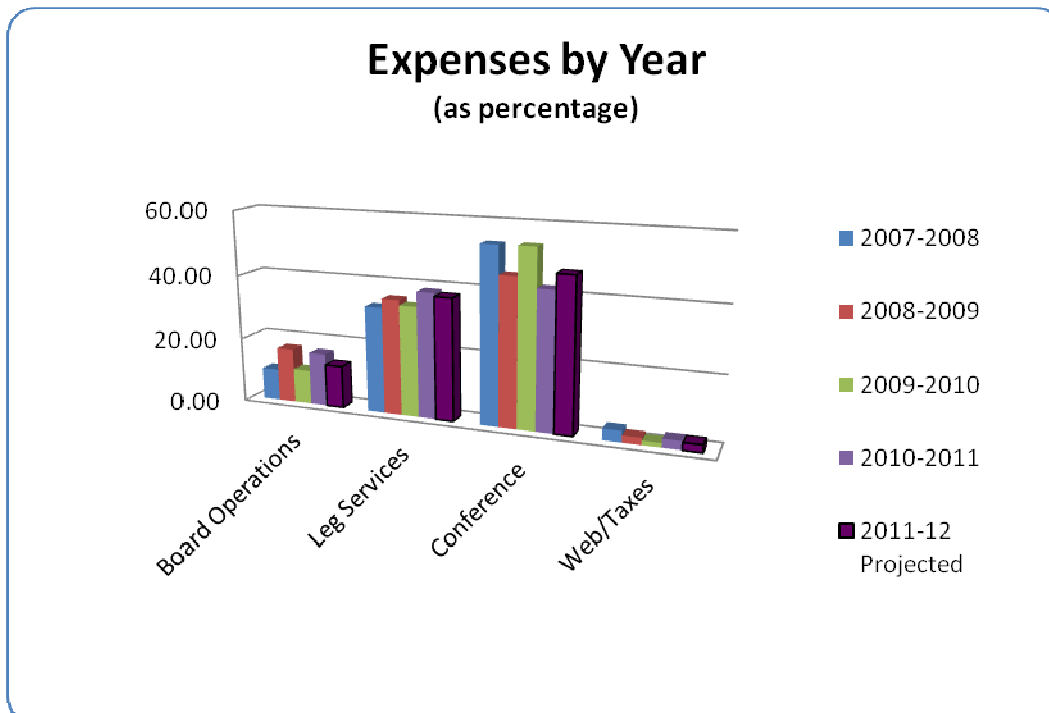
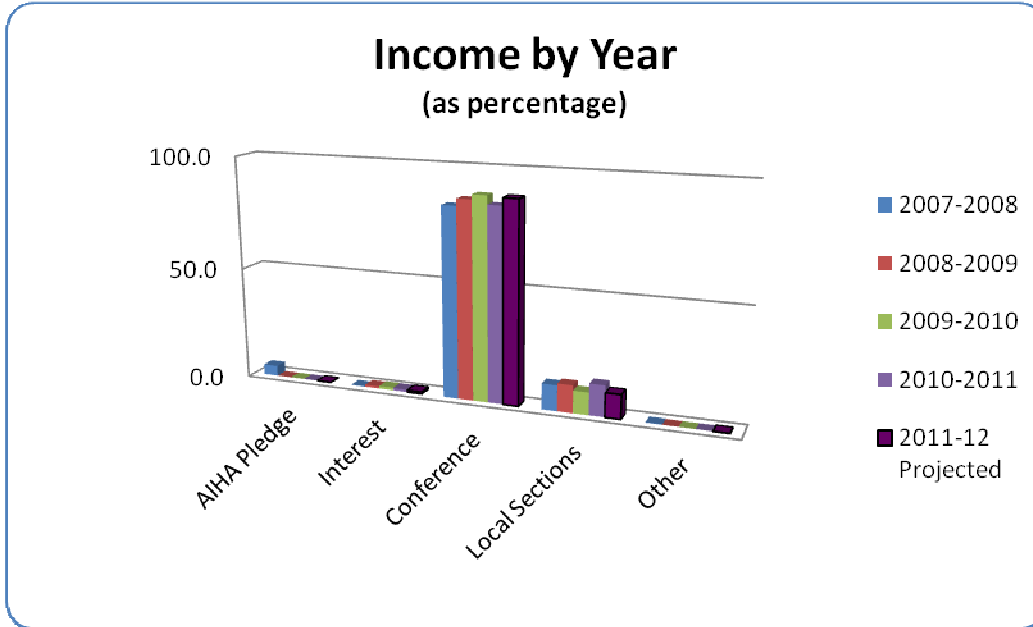
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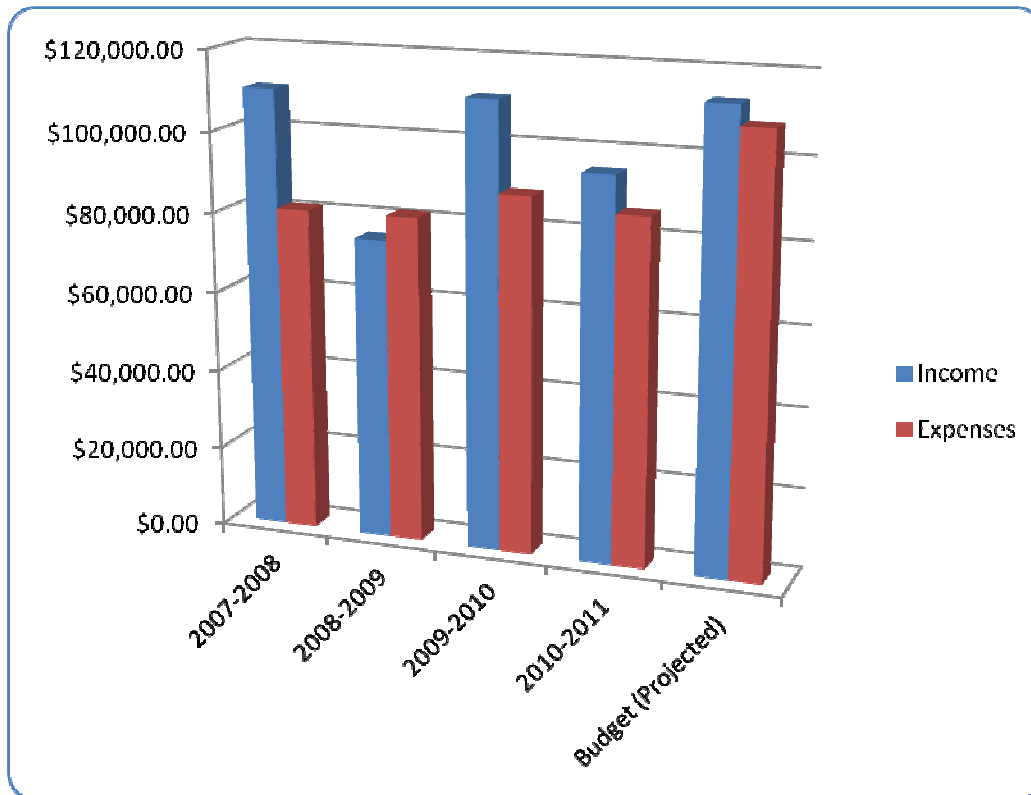
- Ten official Board members (all volunteers), two from each local section. Several local sections also have an alternate representative (a 3rd rep) as backup. The CIHC also has non-Board designated scientific advisors on select topics. The Board meets 3-4 x/year, with conference calls in between the meetings for select issues.
- CIHC's strategic mission and deliverables reviewed & adjusted annually with local sections.

Deliverables:

- Legislative Services (sound scientific & technological input to legislative & regulatory process).
- Coordination with national AIHA Governmental Affairs on broader EHS issues/initiatives.
- Annual CIHC Conference, rotated between northern and southern California.
- Interface with allied health professional organizations to coordinate regional EHS conferences, make presentations on select occupational health topics, and coordinate work effort on selected topics where appropriate.
- Occupational health representation on Cal-OSHA Advisory Committee.
- Representation on Cal-OSHA PEL HEAC and FAC Committees.
- Representation on Cal-OSHA designated technical advisory committees.
- Periodic newsletter submittals (about legislative/regulatory activities and other CIHC activities) to AIHA California local sections; submittals to national AIHA Governmental Affairs.
- Briefings of legislators on topics affecting the industrial hygiene profession
- CIHC website with professional linkages, CIHC overview, mission, submittals, conference presentations, formal submittals to legislative and regulatory bodies.

Finances:





CIHC has fluctuated between being in the red and black over the course of its history. Its reserves today are adequate to address conference costs and key initiative legislative activity. Although CIHC activities and involvement have increased dramatically, CIHC has been successful in not requiring a change its local section assessment since 1990. It is anticipated that 2012 costs will dramatically increase due to legislative activities.

CIHC's next meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, December 5, 2011. Local section members are always invited to attend. Minutes from all meetings are available on our website at www.cihconline.com. Feel free to contact us—we welcome your input and insights!

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