

California Industrial Hygiene Council  
Board Meeting  
Sacramento Advocacy  
March 12, 2009, 10:00 AM – 4:45 PM  
ATTENDEES

Howard Spielman, President/Orange County	Leo Vortouni/Orange County	
Jackie Luca/Southern CA – by telephone	Chris Laszcz-Davis, Vice-President/Northern CA	
Eric Brown/Southern CA	Joel Cohen, Treasurer/Northern CA	
Mark Cameron/Sacramento Valley	Ed Klinenberg/Sacramento Valley	
Denise Daggett, Secretary/San Diego	Cathy Barankin/Sacramento Advocacy	
Jeff King/ San Diego	Judi Freyman, ORC, Guest	
ITEM	ACTIVITY / DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM MEMBER ASSIGNED
Call to Order and Administrative Actions	<p><u>Call to order:</u> Howard called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.</p> <p><u>Minutes:</u> The minutes for the Dec 8, 08 Board meeting and the Feb 3 conference call were approved and seconded by a verbal majority.</p> <p><u>Confirm Officers:</u> Howard announced the new and continuing Board officers for 2009: Howard Spielman, President Chris Laszcz-Davis, Vice-President Denise Daggett, Secretary Joel Cohen, Treasurer</p> <p>Denise circulated the current roster for updates or corrections.</p>	<p><u>Denise</u> will submit the approved minutes to Touti for posting on the CIHC website.</p> <p><u>Denise</u> will make the roster corrections and send the updated version to Touti for posting.</p>
2009 Conference Planning--Hotel, Location, Dates	<p>Confirm e-mail ballot re: 2009 location: Howard announced that the Board approved via e-mail ballot that the Hotel Nikko in San Francisco will be the location of the 2009 CIHC Conference.</p> <p>Dates: December 14 – 16. Joel and Chris toured the hotel and found the layout of the meeting rooms to be similar to The Westgate. The hotel offers a central location in the city, and is near a major BART station and Union Square.</p> <p>Status of arrangements: Joel has been negotiating with the hotel and was able to obtain the same room rate (\$179) as last year in San Diego. He has received a draft contract and noted some issues with the terms, particularly the magnitude of some of the upfront costs.</p>	<p><u>Joel</u> will review the draft contract, comment on the terms, and enter into negotiations with the Hotel Nikko.</p>
CIHC Bills – Status	<p>Workplace Exposure Monitoring/Advisory Committee Bill: Howard explained that this is the bill related to Title 8: 5155, under which “a competent person to supervise exposure monitoring” should be defined as a CIH. Howard and Cathy submitted a draft to Leg Council in February. Leg Council prepared their summary and, when Howard reviewed the content, he recognized that there was a substitution of the Standards Board for DOSH (a concern). Cathy said that Leg council could not turnaround the</p>	<p><u>Howard</u> will redraft the Leg Council text for amending purposes.</p> <p><u>Cathy</u> will assist with seeing that the bill is issued as a “pre-print”. This gets the bill language out there and we can see what will happen. The pre-print will not have a bill number.</p> <p><u>Howard</u> will check with Aaron</p>

	<p>change in time. Cathy suggested that CIHC amend the bill and approach a legislator who has a spot bill to sponsor.</p> <p>Ed asked about the scope of monitoring: would this bill include radiation, bio, noise, etc. These hazards are not identified in 5155. Cathy suggested that CIHC approach others who may object to see if we can hear their concerns, address them, and enlist their support.</p>	<p>to see if other states have tried to define a competent person in terms of workplace exposure monitoring.</p>
Finalize Mission/Vision Statement	<p>Jackie incorporated all the comments and edits she received and issued the latest version to the Board. She walked the Board through the content and recent edits. The goals were expanded from one page to four. The 2009-13 goals were rewritten to be more generic. During the discussion on the Mission, it was agreed that the 2009 – 10 Goals be re-termed as 2009 – 10 Action Plan. The 2009-13 Goals would not be called Strategic Goals.</p>	<p>Howard asked that all the <u>Board Members</u> to review the content and send comments to Jackie by March 20. Jackie will prepare a final version and circulate to the Board by March 27. Touti will post to the website.</p>
Green Chemistry	<p>(Judi Freyman from ORC joined the meeting as a guest to discuss this topic.)</p> <p>Chris provided some history regarding the development of the Green Chemistry Initiative in California. Since the Fall 2008, she has been trying to see where CIHC could provide input to the process. Dr. Wilson from UC Berkeley has maintained contact with Chris and has invited her to meetings on this subject. In the first half of 2009, five workshops on the Green Chemistry Initiative were held. No other EHS organizations were involved. Eric attended one of the meetings and expressed concern about the lengthy discussion involving the definition of a Chemical of Concern (COC). He said the emphasis is currently on greenhouse gases, but the definition of COC contains wording regarding human and ecological risk, which does matter to IHS.</p> <p>As of March, Chris had not heard anything following her nomination to sit on the Green Ribbon Science Panel. Note: Chris has since been informed that over 80 excellent candidates applied for the 27 positions. She was not selected, but was asked if she would consider being a panelist team member on select issues.</p> <p>Judi described her interactions with the genesis of Green Chemistry and Dr. Wilson. She spoke to the Cal-OSHA person tracking Green Chemistry and was told that Cal-OSHA did not think Green Chemistry would affect their regulatory processes. She expressed concern that Green Chemistry is mainly thought of as an</p>	<p><u>Chris</u> suggested the following action items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send a letter voicing interest and concern to DTSC (in process).</li> <li>2. Educate our Local Sections with a presentation or article (article submitted to CIHC Board members for distribution to their respective local sections).</li> <li>3. Get an article in the <i>Synergist</i> based upon the brief she prepared (in process).</li> <li>4. Get an article in one of the ASSE publications.</li> </ol>

	<p>environmental issue. She would like to see if the occupational safety and health community can get involved with the Green Alliance. The Green Alliance is going to map out the process. ORC is considering a task force to address occupational safety and health concerns pertaining to Green Chemistry. CIHC will be invited to be a member. A conference call is planned with various stakeholders in the OHS community.</p> <p>Howard suggested that our role could be to prepare and distribute documents to help educate our community and to frame the right questions. He raised concerns about a strong and vocal advocacy that would like to see across the board near zero exposure to workers.</p>	
Fire Retardant Dilemma	<p>Eric described to the Board the Leno Bill (SB 706) which would ban some fire retardants chemicals (organobromides, organochlorides, PBDE) on children's clothing and furnishings. OEHHA is pushing a ban due to positive mutagenicity data in rat studies and plausibility of the same response in humans. Eric asked if CIHC should support the bill. The Board asked if there are any safe substitutes. Eric thought there were.</p> <p>Cathy did not recognize the bill number in the current bills. She thought it was one of last year's bills that failed.</p>	<p><u>Cathy</u> will research the bill history and status and determine if there is any possibility for reintroduction. <u>Eric</u> will look at the bill history/ comments and will prepare a list of reasons to support the bill and submit it to Cathy. <u>Cathy</u> will draft a support letter for the Board's consideration.</p>
Bill Review	<p>Cathy walked the Board through the 2009 bills. The assignments are documented in a table at the end of these minutes. The Board is tracking a total of 51 bills.</p>	<p><b>Board Members:</b> Please see the table at end of Minutes for bill tracking assignments. Sac Ad to sign up Board Members for the Official Bill Information notification services to assist with monitoring.</p>
Treasurers' Report	<p>Joel circulated the financial report for January-February 2009. He moved some of the organizational funds into better interest bearing CDs and money market accounts. The taxes for 2008 are done and filed. CIHC is a 501(C)6 organization which was confirmed through national AIHA. With the advice of two accountants, it was determined that CIHC performs bill tracking and analysis rather than serving as lobbyist.</p>	<p><u>Joel</u> will check the CIHC website, the Mission/Strategic Plan document, and other documents for the term "lobbying" and bring those to the Board's attention.</p>
2009 Conference Program	<p>Chris and Joel led the discussions. Suggested Theme: "Turning Challenges Into Opportunities"</p> <p>Registration and credit cards: Joel asked the Board for approval to look into other options for on-line registration. Wells Fargo is increasing fees and percentages.</p>	<p><u>Joel</u> will check into Pay Pal and other credit card processing services and report back to the Board.</p>

	<p>Communications: Mark said that Sylvia Fontes has volunteered to assist with conference communications. Jackie offered to work with Sylvia. The Board discussed the stepped up marketing of this conference to those outside California, particularly since the economy has seen increased need to hold regional/local conferences.</p> <p>Master Planning: Chris circulated the master task list and time line for the 2009 conference planning.</p> <p>Exhibitors: Dave Kahane will take on the responsibility of lining up the exhibitors.</p> <p>Program: Jaime has the critiques from the 2008 conference and agreed to give the materials to Howard. There may be some topic ideas as suggested from last year's attendees. Topic discussion included polling the Local Sections, and looking at the AIHCE content and speakers list from the Yuma Pacific meeting in January.</p> <p>Moderators and Topic Ideas  Monday, Dec 14 AM: Howard, Regulatory Update  Eric: Alternative Energy  Mark: Public Service  Jeff: International  Leo/Denise: Biotech/Biopharma  Chris: Other General Items  The possibility of an interactive Local Section session was discussed.</p> <p>Social Event: Tuesday night: Natural History Museum</p>	<p><u>Jackie</u> will share 2008 communications information with Sylvia.</p> <p><u>Chris</u> agreed to modify the task and time line and add a proposed calendar of conference call dates. Board members to review and upgrade.</p> <p><u>Howard</u> will obtain 2008 conference critiques from Jaime and either provide a summary of the critiques or move them over to Chris and Joel for their review.</p> <p><u>All moderators</u> need to pursue contacting possible speakers and discussing content of presentations. Chris and Joel to set up next Conference Planning conference call.</p>
CIHC Website	Looking at the By-Laws, Chris determined that the Vice President is responsible for maintenance of the website which needs upgrading and streamlining.	Denise said that she would send Touti's contact information to Chris. Chris to set up conference call with Touti and Cathy to streamline the web site.
Other business	<p>Leo mentioned that Orange County may have an alternate: Fred Malaker. He also said that he had asked Joel to participate in a conference call with the Orange County Local Section Board to discuss finances.</p> <p>Leo also reviewed the Cal-OSHA Advisory Meeting that he had attended:</p>	

	An enforcement Q&A summary has been issued for the Heat Stress Standard. Steve Smith mentioned that the Aerosol Transmittable Diseases proposed standard amendment is out. Dry cutting of concrete, diacetyl, hexavalent chrome, and silica were also discussed. The March 19 meeting of the OSHSB will address first aid and medical services and airborne contaminants (5155).	
Next Meeting Date & Location	Howard asked if Jackie could book the next meeting at Northrop Grumman in El Segundo, CA on May 21, 2009.	Jackie will look into availability for conference space on May 21 at Northrop Grumman.
Adjournment	Howard adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.	

### New Bills

Bill Number and Title	Responsible to Track
AB 19 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)	Chris - watch
AB 21 Economic Poisons: Methyl Bromide	Mark - watch
AB 90 Tort: Personal Liability (Good Samaritan)	Cathy - watch
AB 177 Energy: Green Economy Inclusion	Mark - watch
AB 210 Green Building Standards	Chris - watch
AB 222 Energy: Biofuels	Mark - watch
AB 227 Labor Stds: Consultation Unit	Joel - watch
AB 305 Hazardous Materials: Statue of Limitations	Jackie - watch
AB 310 Employment: Green Workforce Partnership	Jeff - watch
AB 376 Voluntary GHG Emission Offsets	Chris - watch
AB 433 Bldg Stds: Building Ventilation Systems	Eric - watch
AB 478 GHG: Solid Waste	Chris - watch
AB 549 Licensure: Clinical Lab Personnel	Denise - watch
AB 790 State Scientists: Salaries (IHs/Safety Engineers)	Mark - support
AB 828 Green Bldg Standards	Chris - watch
AB 838 Occupational Safety & Health (indoor heat stress)	Leo – watch, determine position
AB 935 Nanomaterials	Ed & Jeff - watch
AB 1043 Biofuels	Mark - watch
AB 1078 Hazardous Materials: Toxic Substances	Chris - watch
AB 1107 EPA: Rules: Peer	Eric - watch
AB 1112 Hazardous Waste: Management	Jackie - watch
AB 1118 Home Inspectors	Joel - watch
AB 1131 Hazardous Waste: Source Reduction	Chris - watch
AB 1181 Hazardous Materials: Penalties: Allocation	Chris - watch
AB 1204 Environment: CEQA: Sustainable Community	Jeff - watch
AB 1285 Director of Industrial Relations	Cathy - watch
AB 1329 Product Mgmt: PVC	Denise - watch
AB 1350 Energy: Sustainable Biofuel Research	Mark - watch
AB 1431 Hazardous Materials: Chemicals of Concern	Chris et al– possible support
AB 1489 Hazardous Materials: Methamphetamine	Mark – possible support
AB 1507 Hazardous Materials: Metal Plating Facilities	Eric & Jackie - watch
SB 22 Hazardous Materials: Toxic Substances	Chris - watch
SB 23 Manufactured Housing: Emergency & Fire Safety	Cathy - support
SB 39 Torts: Personal Liability Immunity	Cathy - watch
SB 124 Air Pollution: School Bus Idling Near Schools	Eric - watch, possible support
SB 143 Hazardous Mat'ls: Land Reuse & Revitalization	Eric - watch

SB 145 Workers Compensation	Joel - watch
SB 180 Air Quality: Health Conditions in Portable Classrooms	Howard - watch
SB 275 Professional Engineers	Howard & Leo - watch
SB 295 CA Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	Chris - watch
SB 333 Voluntary GHG Emission Offset Program	Chris - watch
SB 346 Hazardous Materials: Motor Vehicle Brake Mat's	Eric - watch
SB 391 CA Transportation Plan	Chris - watch
SB 443 Public Health: Hazardous Materials	Chris - watch
SB 524 Hazardous Waste: ID and Regulation	Jackie - watch
SB 560 Regional Plans: Sustainable Communities	Chris - watch
SB 667 Division of Occupational S&HL Expenditures	Cathy - watch
SB 721 Energy: GHG Emissions	Chris - watch
SB 729 Global Warming Solutions Act	Chris - watch
SB 744 Clinical Labs: Public Health Labs	Denise - watch
SB 797 Product Safety: Bisphenol A	Jeff - watch

Final