

California Industrial Hygiene Council
Board Meeting
Sacramento Advocacy, Sacramento, CA
March 19, 2010, 10:00 AM – 3:45 PM

ATTENDEES

Howard Spielman, President/Orange County	Ronald Hutton,/Orange County
Leo Vortouni/Orange County	Jackie Luca/Southern CA
Eric Brown/Southern CA	Chris Laszcz-Davis, Vice-President/Northern CA
Jaime Steedman-Lyde/Southern California	Joel Cohen, Treasurer/Northern CA
Ed Klinenberg, Secretary/Sacramento Valley	Grace Delizo/San Diego
Jeff King/ San Diego	Mark Cameron/Sacramento Valley
Cathy Barankin/Sacramento Advocacy	

ITEM	ACTIVITY / DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM MEMBER ASSIGNED
Call to Order and Administrative Actions (Howard)	<u>Call to order:</u> Howard called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. <u>Minutes:</u> The minutes for the December 14, 2009 Board meeting were approved by a verbal majority. <u>Roster:</u> Ed circulated the Board roster for the members to update contact information, as applicable.	<u>Ed</u> will submit updated roster to Touti for posting on the CIHC website.
2010 Officers	Howard announced the 2010 CIHC Officers Chris Laszcz-Davis, President Howard Spielman, Vice President Ed Klinenberg, Secretary Joel Cohen, Treasurer Eric Brown is assuming the unofficial position of Treasurer-in-Training.	None
Legislative Report and Bill Assignments	Cathy provided a brief overview of the state legislative process. 66 bills were selected for follow-on actions including a) watch (63), b) mild support (2), and c) support (1). The 66 bills were placed into ten categories and chief steward(s) assigned to each category. (Atch 1)	<u>Ed</u> to send out bill status spreadsheet to members. Chief Stewards to select individual points of contact for each bill within their category. (SUSPENSE: March 26, 2010) Cathy to write letter of support for AB 1652, AB 1805, and AB 2501. Cathy to research sponsor data and obtain fact sheet for AB 1930.
CIHC Bill	Cathy and Howard discussed a proposed bill, sponsored by CIHC, which would modify the Injury and Illness Prevention Plan (Section 6401.7 of the Labor Code) to a) require employer's procedure for monitoring the work environment for harmful airborne contaminants or exposure to hazardous substances to be supervised by a CIH, and b) require laboratory	<u>Howard</u> is looking for a few sentences from each board member explaining why such changes to existing law are important to protect the worker. (SUSPENSE: March 31, 2010)

	<p>analysis of samples for the purpose of monitoring employees exposure to potentially harmful chemical and biological exposures to be analyzed by an AIHA accredited laboratory.</p> <p>Discussion ensued. Leo suggested the verbiage be changed to "...monitoring or evaluating the work environment..." and "supervised by or under the direction of a CIH...". Council members approved the change of language.</p>	<p><u>Cathy and Howard</u> to incorporate suggested changes into the bill.</p>
CIHC Strategic Plan	<p>Jackie passed out the latest version of the CIHC Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>All to review plan and provide comments to Jackie. This, along with other CIHC related governance items, will be a topic on our future conference calls in the next couple months.</p>
Status of Sensitizer Standard Development	<p>Joel and Eric discussed current progress by Cal OSHA to develop a standard for sensitizing substances. As proposed, virtually all Cal OSHA PELs will have a dermal sensitization (Dsen) or respiratory sensitization (Rsen) designation. The proposed standard also includes a section on medical evaluations for all occupationally exposed employees a) prior to initial assignment, b) whenever the employee reports a sign or symptom of possible sensitization, and c) at least annually, for employees exposed to at least 50% of the PEL for that substance.</p>	<p><u>Joel and Eric</u> to continue monitoring and reporting progress on bill.</p>
Standards Board Appointment	<p>Joel is exploring the possibility of submitting his application for a "health" seat on the California Occupational Health and Safety Standards Board.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>
2010 Conference Status	<p>Jeff reported a contract has been signed with the Westgate Hotel, San Diego, for December 6-8, 2010. Government rates are being sought.</p>	<p><u>Jeff</u> to follow-on with a conference call in April to discuss additional conference preparations.</p>
Financial Report	<p>Joel presented the 2009 financial report (Atch 2). The 2009 Conference made a profit of \$48K.</p>	<p>None</p>
Expense Item Review	<p>Mark raised the issue of the appropriateness of the pre-conference dinner for CIHC members and guests. While Council members agreed the pre-conference dinner was still appropriate, they also wanted to a) establish criteria to limit the dinner cost and b) provide a mechanism to charge people who made a reservation and did not attend.</p>	<p><u>No specific action other than to consider this concern as the circumstances come up again.</u></p>
Clarification on Cost Reduction for Local Sections	<p>The Council further discussed the possibility of providing rebates to the Local Sections. A model was proposed which would allow for rebate checks to be issued to the Local Sections after an established threshold level was reached. Implementation of the model would occur after examining 3 years of future budget operating experiences. This method offers a way minimize costs to the Local Sections while ensuring CIHC</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>

	has sufficient operating capital.	
Other Business	Chris was approached by a Sacramento based lobby group interested in forming an alliance with CIHC on select issues. Their first interest centers around Cal-OSHA PELs. Chris set up a conference call (including Howard and Dow Chemicals' Susan Ripple) to discuss a February 10, 2010 OSHA Inside Reporter discussing the Cal-OSHA PEL process versus OEHHA. There was agreement to continue the dialogue throughout the year on this issue as well as others.	<u>Chris</u> to send out Cal-OSHA article to Council members, along with a copy of the green paper she had co-authored with a cluster of other colleagues..
Next Meeting Date & Location	Next Board Meeting is tentatively planned for April 2010 by teleconference.	<u>Chris, as incoming President,</u> will establish next board meeting date.
Adjournment	Howard adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.	