

# California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC)

## 2017-2021 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 environmental and occupational health & safety (OEHS) professionals, national AIHA and California local section organizations, legislators, and regulators as the primary California governmental affairs organization:

- 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 through professional representation.

# CIHC People

## **Representation**

The Board of Directors comprises two elected 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 Board includes representatives from academia, government, industry and consulting. The current Board listing is on [cihconline.com](http://cihconline.com).

## **Advocacy**

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

## **Advisors**

CIHC includes 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 good industrial/occupational hygiene practice in California.
- Promote professional development through an annual conference, active involvement in emerging issues, training, and communications with stakeholders.

See [cihonline.com](http://cihonline.com) for a compilation of ongoing and completed CIHC activities.



# Strategic Goals



## **Legislative**

- Strengthen OEHS legislative/regulatory foundation.
- Serve as premier resource for good science in OEHS-related regulatory arena.

## **Administrative**

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

## **Outreach**

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

## **Professional Development**

- Organize and improve the annual CIHC continuing education event incorporating stakeholder input.
- Explore joint meeting opportunities with allied professionals.



# Legislative Efforts



- Identify & track all relevant OEHS bills.
- Support bills and proposed regulations that promote the IH profession, utilize competent persons, and follow technically-sound science.
- Oppose bills and proposed regulations that are harmful to the IH profession and/or are not good science.
- Continue work on 8 CCR Section 5155 (workplace exposure monitoring).
- Continue active involvement on select initiatives (e.g., PEL Process, IIPP, California Safer Consumer Products, Young Workers Safety Initiative, ergonomics, etc.).

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# Administrative Efforts



- 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 changing market, skill set and technology changes.
- Create legislative advocate transition plan.
- Encourage increased participation, support and collaboration with local section members (conference committee, Subject Matter Experts).
- Explore ways to strengthen stakeholder input.
- Conduct periodic performance reviews.



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



# Continuing Education Opportunities

- Organize and improve the annual CIHC Conference and other educational events incorporating stakeholder input.
- Explore joint meeting opportunities with allied professionals.

