

California Industrial Hygiene Council

CIHC Board Meeting

January 27, 2026

11:00 and to 12:30 pm

ATTENDEES

Megan Canright, President/San Diego Gloria Chan, Treasurer/San Diego	Pam Murcell, Legislative and Regulatory Consultant	
Sam Celly/Orange County Joel Berman/Orange County (Alternate) Howard Spielman/Orange County	Michelle Rosales/Southern CA	
Laurel Davis, Vice-President/Northern CA Diana Peroni, Secretary/Northern CA	Simone Sumeshwar/Sacramento	
ABSENT: Ed Klinenberg, Past-President/Sacramento, Patty Beach/Northern CA		
ITEM	ACTIVITY / DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM MEMBER ASSIGNED
Call to Order and Welcome (Megan)	Call to order – Megan called the meeting to order at 11:04 am	
Minutes Approval (Megan)	Reviewed past open actions Approval of November meeting minutes, motion from Howard, second from Sam. Approved.	a. Non-profit status (Gloria and Laurel) b. Send exhibitor post-evaluation to exhibitors (Laurel to work with Patty)
Treasurer Report (Gloria)	a. Balance sheet end of 2025 and comparison with 2024 b. All local sections have paid dues. Question on large drop in San Diego dues. c. Saved money on travel for in person meeting in September	a. Gloria to confirm with San Diego on their dues and if membership number is accurate (71% drop)
2025 PDS Feedback	a. Final Conference Financials (Gloria) i. 16 exhibitors ii. Paid Attendance: 104 Monday, 97 Tuesday and Wednesday b. Certifications (Gloria) c. Attendee feedback (Laurel) i. Some comments on bringing virtual back ii. Exhibitors happy without virtual iii. About 30 evaluations per day iv. Overall feedback very good v. Idea to have Gold sponsors provide technical talk d. 2026 Venue Update (Gloria) i. San Jose Westin possible venue	a. Meet with AIHA on how they provide for purchase option (Howard, Sam) b. Share attendance feedback (Laurel) c. Check with San Jose Westin on possible dates for November and December (Gloria) d. Check with JCC room block (Megan)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Discussed if 3rd day should be virtual only for 2026 f. 2026 Topics based on feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Hands on ideas ii. Each board member serves as primary point of contact for each of 6 sessions iii. Suggestions for venues – San Diego, Sacramento, SF 	
Legislative and Regulatory Activity Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Draft CIHC Petition (Pam) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Pam reviewed draft letter to be petition to standard board ii. Petition process is 6-month process b. Silica Update/Senator Menjivar/CalOSHA (Pam) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SB20 adopted ii. Met with Menjivar’s Legislative director, but not able to work on it this legislative session iii. Looking to ban certain activities iv. Petition on standards board website c. AB1285 Lithium-Ion Battery Working Group (Michelle) d. HEAC Meeting (10/28/26) (Howard) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No updates e. Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee Meeting Workplace Violence (11/12/25) (Diana, Patty) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Patty and Diana not able to attend due to the meeting link not working f. NIOSH positions reinstated but some questions on full budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review and comment in 10 days (All) b. Finalize the letter at February meeting
Local Section Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. March Summit Update (Simone) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Pushed until 2027 ii. CIHC can support b. Sacramento Valley Section Board Elections (Simone) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Updates to board with new officers. All positions filled. Ed and Simone CIHC Sac reps. Alt open. c. Christine has to step down from her role with local section and CIHC. d. San Diego PDS last week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SoCal replacement for Christine (Michelle) b. Complete draft of end of year report (Megan)

New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. KWA Safety & HazMat Consultants Contract Renewed b. AIHA What Works Institute replaced Governmental Affairs role. Larry has connected us and established contact to foster communication. Have been already active with Cal/OSHA standard board but not representing AIHA. c. End of Year Report draft in progress. 	
Adjourn	<p>Next meeting: February 2026 virtual</p> <p>In person meeting March 17th Long Beach FACS office 9:30am -3:30pm</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm</p>	