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President's Message

by Pamela Murcell

CIHC's 27th year will bring some exciting changes and continued success with our legislative agenda. On March 1st, we co-sponsored a successful one-day Summit with the AIHA Sacramento Valley Section in Sacramento. We had excellent technical presentations from 4 speakers on the general theme of high technology in the IH profession. Dr. John Howard, MD, Director of NIOSH, was our lunch keynote speaker with a very interesting presentation on "Chemical Management for the 21st Century". We would be honored to support all our local sections with local events.

I am very proud to assume the mantle of CIHC President for this year and 2018, and I look forward to serving as your president. I would be interested in providing in-person information at your local section meetings. Just let me know any time!

Our mission statement continues to guide our work. We are able to accomplish CIHC's activities using a dedicated core group of representatives from each of the CA local sections, augmented by technical experts, and assisted by our legislative advocate, who helps us ensure our message has a voice in the State Capitol and beyond. Funding for these activities comes primarily from revenue generated from our annual conference and local section assessments as described in the CIHC By-Laws. In an attempt to better connect with our members, we are improving our communication strategies by sending out shorter, time-sensitive email blasts that highlight our legislative/regulatory agenda, conference preparations, and local section activities.

The CIHC Board can always use assistance. Please consider getting involved, or at least send an email with your thoughts and concerns! There are opportunities in legislative/regulatory support and conference preparation. We will be working on CIHC website upgrades and updates this year. What would you like to see? Contact your local CIHC Board member or me (530-622-7196) for further information. All of our contact information is located on the CIHC website, www.cihconline.com.

**CIHC Annual Professional Development Seminar
San Francisco at the JW Marriott, Union Square
Save the dates, Dec. 4-6, 2017**

News From the State Capitol

by Catherine Barankin, Sacramento Advocacy

The Legislature is in its third month of the new 2017-2018 session. New bill introductions were due by February 17th, and with the requirement that bills be in print for 30 days prior to holding hearings on them, all bills will be eligible for committee hearings by Friday, March 17th.

The CIHC Board met on March 2nd to review new bills, take positions, and assign them to individual board members. Assigned board members will track any amendments made to the bill, hearing outcomes and work with authors offices along with me, to make sure that the intent of the bills remains intact, or that we can support any changes proposed to the bill.

The Board reviewed nearly 60 bills that could have an impact on the Industrial Hygiene profession and the issues we monitor. There are new bills related to Greenhouse Gas Reduction, Global Warming Solutions, hazardous waste facilities and permits, Childhood Lead Poisoning, School drinking water, Hazardous substances, Occupational Safety & Health and dozens of other topics. You can review the entire CIHC Legislative Report on our CIHConline website www.cihconline.com. If you find a bill of interest, you can also go on the State Capitol website and subscribe to the bill (www.senate.ca.gov) so that you will be notified when the bill is set for hearing, is amended, or any votes are taken.

In December, at the CIHC Annual Conference held in San Diego, I was pleased to announce that Assemblyman Kansen Chu had agreed to carry legislation for CIHC that would protect workers by requiring employers who had an employee experience a serious injury or death, to have a qualified safety professional review the incident and educate the employer about ways to avoid future workplace accidents. Just before the bill introduction deadline, and with repeated promises that the bill would be introduced shortly, Mr. Chu's new Chief of Staff, John Nam, informed me that the office would not be carrying the bill. It was clear that Mr. Nam did not understand the purpose of the bill, or the need to protect workers, especially in light of increasing workplace injuries and deaths. We are working hard to find a bill that has already been introduced, to which we can add our language.

SB 18 is a bill that has been introduced by Senator Richard Pan, M.D., which is titled the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth in California. CIHC

and the California Partnership for Young Worker Health and Safety, of which we are members, have asked Senator Pan to add language to the bill to promote the importance of young worker safety. Senator Pan has agreed, and we are currently working with Senator's staff and the sponsors of the bill to work on bill language to do just that.

At our CIHC Seminar held earlier this month in Sacramento, participants had an opportunity to make Capitol visits in the afternoon, to their own legislator's offices. While a few folks were unable to get an appointment, many others were able to meet with legislative staffers and to share information about CIHC and the worker safety bill we are promoting. Participants filled out Capitol Report forms so that we can follow-up on their visits. This was just the first of what we hope will be an annual opportunity for our members to visit with their state legislators and staffers, and to build a "key contact" list of CIHs who have close relationships with their lawmakers.

And finally, congratulations to Ed Klinenberg, Ph.D., who received a Resolution from Assemblyman Jim Cooper in honor of his service to CIHC as President of the organization. Ed has served on the board of CIHC since 2006, and held the positions of Secretary and Vice President before being elected as President.

AIHA Members Donate to Bangladesh OHS Project

AIHA members in California and nationally have made donations to support technical



Pictured are Board members of the OHS Initiative from left to right: Repon Chowdhury (OSHE) - Secretary of the Initiative Board; Tamanna Khan (Naripokkho) - Chairperson of the Initiative Board ; Kalpona Akter (BCWS) - Board; Kutubuddin Ahmed (IndustriALL Bangladesh Council) - Board; Ghulam Mustafa Dulal (GK) - Board; Sushmita S Preetha (Country Representative, WRC Bangladesh, Office) representing Garrett Brown (MHSSN) - Board. Photo from ISHN Oct. 6, 2016.

assistance for a grassroots occupational health and safety project in Dhaka, Bangladesh, called the "OHS Initiative for Workers and Community."

The project involves six leading non-governmental organizations (three labor, one women's, one public health and one OHS organization) to conduct a "train-the-trainer" program with workers in the garment sector and other industries like tanneries, construction and ship-breaking. Those trained by the Initiative - 75 master trainers over a three-year period - will go on to conduct their own OHS workshops with an estimated 6,000 workers and community members.

The Initiative fills an important gap in increasing the understanding and activity of grassroots-level organizations in the area of occupational health and safety. Like all

workplaces, Bangladesh factories need knowledgeable, informed and active workers to participate in factory health and safety committees and programs. In a poor country dependent on the apparel industry (80% of the country's exports) that has a terrible history of industrial fires and building collapses, building the OHS capacity of worker and community organizations is a critical part of the overall effort involving employers and government agencies.

The AIHA funds will be used in connection with four California OHS groups - LOHP-UC Berkeley, LOSH-UCLA, Hesperian Health Guides, and the Maquiladora Health and Safety Support Network - that have formed the California Collaborative. The Collaborative is providing technical assistance, information and

Young Worker Teen Health and Safety Update

As part of the California Partnership for Young Worker Health and Safety, CIHC Representative Richard Hirsh has been working with the Chop's Teen Club, a non-profit afterschool program in Santa Rosa California to promote young worker health and safety as a pilot project to serve as a model across the state. Recently, on March 9th, his son Gabriel Hirsh organized a job fair at Chop's. Richard collaborated with Stacey Krywaruczenko, Case Manager for Youth Connections, which is a non-profit program of community action partnership in Sonoma County, to organize a booth at the job fair. Stacey brought along several graduates from the Young Worker Leadership Academy who assisted with distributing Labor Occupational Health Program (LOHP) fact sheets on teen health and safety, young worker rights and employer responsibilities and a draft of the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth in California (SB 18). Nearly 200 teens and 25 employers attended. More information on efforts to promote young worker health and safety can be found on the CIHC website at:

<https://www.cihconline.com/youngWorkerSafetyResources.html>

We would love to hear more about our members' activities promoting Young Worker Health and Safety. Please let us know if your local section or you personally are working on this issue.



materials for the four-member Initiative staff in Dhaka who are developing their own curriculum and materials at the appropriate literacy and technical levels for Bangla-speaking workforce, many of whom are young women from rural areas.

In response to a "President Fund" launched last year by three former AIHA presidents (Barbara Dawson, John Henshaw and Zack Mansdorf), more than \$3,000 has been donated by AIHA members to date. Additional contributions are needed to provide ongoing technical assistance to the Initiative. Tax-deductible donations can be made to "New Ways to Work," P.O. Box 124, Berkeley, CA 94701-0124. More information on the project, including two printed updates on the staff and work plan, are available from Garrett Brown at garrettdbrown@comcast.net. Background information on OHS issues in Bangladesh can be found at the MHSSN website: <http://mhssn.igc.org/#bang>

Annual Professional Development Seminar Highlights

December 7-9, 2016, San Diego
by Pamela Murcell, Megan Canright, and Gloria Chan, 2016 Conference Co-Chairs

The California Industrial Hygiene Council's (CIHC's) 26th Annual CIHC Conference, "EHS Practice: Evolving for the Future", held at the Hotel Solamar in San Diego, was very well received by almost 200 attendees. We had record attendance and exceptional sponsor and exhibitor participation, an all-time high for our southern California event! This outstanding annual event is made possible by the tireless work of our volunteers. The CIHC is indebted to their service.

At the 2016 PDS, even though we had the pleasure of acknowledging Aaron Tripler's long term support of CIHC and retirement in 2015, we again had the honor of Aaron presenting the annual update on the national occupational safety and health agenda. This was his final event with CIHC as Aaron has moved on to retirement (in Palm Springs) earlier this year.

The conference sessions and keynote presentation covered a wide range of topics: "Regulatory Updates for EHS", "The Industrial Hygiene Professional as a Forensic Scientist", "Industrial Hygiene Technology - The Past, Present and Future", "Not Your Traditional EHS Practice", "Industrial Hygiene in Construction", and "Case Studies". All of the sessions received high marks based on attendee evaluations! Of particular note, Dr. John Howard, MD, Director of NIOSH, was once again our key note speaker, in person, and presented on "Nonstandard Work Ar-

rangements and Worker Health", a highlight of the event.

Plans are underway for this year's conference to be held in San Francisco, Monday through Wednesday, December 4-6, 2017, at the JW Marriott at Union Square. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please contact Pamela Murcell, Richard Hirsh or Joel Cohen, the 2017 conference co-chairs. Additional information will be available soon on the CIHC website, in email blasts, and in future newsletters. Registration will open August 1, 2017. We look forward to welcoming you to this year's event!!

AIHA Quick Takes

Important Dates and Deadlines

Call for Student Poster Abstracts: March 31
AIHce EXP 2017 - Seattle, WA: June 4-7

AIHA Volunteer Groups

The [Occupational and Environmental Medicine \(OEM\) Committee](#) is looking for new volunteers to join their committee. The committee's mission is to improve worker health by promoting effective occupational medicine programs and practices, and by providing education and guidance to industrial hygienists on critical issues in occupational medicine. To learn more about joining OEM, please contact [Thursa La](#).

The Risk Assessment Committee has changed its name to [Risk Committee](#). This name change, while eliminating only one word, significantly broadens the potential scope of the committee's activities. While the committee will continue to address "assessment," they will also be able to focus on risk topics such as characterization, communication, benefit-cost analysis, and management.

The [Mentoring and Professional Development Committee](#) is looking for volunteers to assist them with making mentor/mentee matches. Mentors are always needed and with AIHce EXP coming up, the demand pre and post conference is always greatest. For more information or to volunteer, please contact [Christina Elish](#).

The [Student and Early Career Professionals Committee](#) are collaborating with the Mentoring and Professional Development Committee to develop a CIH Prep Mentoring program. The program will offer webinars that provide a high-level overview and will delve into the Rubrics. Having a mentor/coaching relationship helps to keep the mentee committed and accountable to stick with a study schedule. If you have any questions, please contact [Thursa La](#).

AIHA National

The Rubber Hits the Road

AIHA, in collaboration with ABIH and ACGIH, has formed a new task force to address how we can better communicate to the many stakeholder groups we serve what it is IH/OH professionals do and why it is so vitally important. *Get the full article [here](#).*

Student and Young Professional AIHce Sponsorship Program

AIHA will sponsor up to five students and young professional members to attend [AIHce EXP 2017](#), June 4-7 in Seattle, Washington. Learn more about this [sponsorship opportunity](#) and consider applying today! If you have any questions, please contact [Thursa La](#).

Introducing the New Interactive Bodies of Knowledge

AIHA is thrilled to announce the launch of the new interactive [Bodies of Knowledge \(BoKs\)](#). The BoKs exist to build, validate, and advance knowledge and leading practices for a specific topic or specialty of Industrial Hygiene. The interactive BoKs serve as a repository of peer-reviewed AIHA resources where IH professionals can gain insight on the various knowledge areas within a particular BoK. If you have any questions, please contact [Stacy Calhoun](#).

AIHce EXP 2017

The full program schedule for [AIHce EXP 2017](#) is now available.

AIHA's Outreach and Public Awareness Program Wins Gold and Platinum at the AVA Digital Awards

AIHA will receive two [AVA Digital Awards](#) through the [Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals \(AMCP\)](#) for its [IH Professional Pathway™](#) program. The program won Gold in the animation category and Platinum in the category for digital marketing campaigns. The IH Professional Pathway™ program is a comprehensive member outreach and public awareness



program that was developed and launched by AIHA in 2016. The AVA Digital Awards is an international competition that recognizes outstanding work by creative professionals involved in the concept, direction, design, and production of media that is part of the evolution of digital communication.

AIHA Receives Grant to Grow Its Innovative IH Professional Pathway Outreach Program in 2017

In honor of its award-winning IH Professional Pathway™ program, AIHA will receive a coveted Innovation Grant from the [American Society of Association Executives \(ASAE\)](#) Foundation in 2017. The grant is provided by ASAE's Innovation Grants Program (IGP), which supports innovation exploration and development to help raise awareness about innovation efforts within the association community.

Call for Volunteers Be a Part of AIHceEXP

AIHA is seeking volunteers to [moderate education sessions](#) at AIHceEXP 2017. The moderator's primary responsibilities will include introducing speakers and ensuring that all sessions proceed on schedule. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve in a leadership role, develop relationships with your fellow colleagues, and contribute to the conference success. **All assigned monitors must be an AIHA or ACGIH member in good standing.**

Call for Student Poster Abstracts

Calling All Students! AIHA is now accepting [student poster abstracts](#) for presentation at AIHceEXP. Submitting a poster is a great opportunity for you to share your research and get constructive feedback from IH pro-

fessionals, gain visibility prior to graduation and entering the job market, and build your network of contacts with IH professionals and scholars. **Submissions must be received electronically no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern on March 31.**

Special AIHA Guests at Local Section Meetings: Larry Sloan and/or Mark Ames

AIHA's CEO, Larry Sloan and Mark Ames, AIHA Director of Government Relations would like to visit as many local sections possible during their first year at AIHA. If you're interested in having them come to attend or present at your meeting, please contact [Thursa La](#) at least 4-6 weeks prior to your meeting so we can plan and schedule effectively.

OSHA

Employers Are Reminded to Post Injury and Illness Summaries Now Through April

OSHA reminds employers of their obligation to post a copy of [OSHA's Form 300A](#), which summarizes job-related injuries and illnesses logged during 2016. The summary must be displayed in a common area where notices to employees are usually posted each year between February 1 and April 30. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees and those in certain low-hazard industries are exempt from OSHA recordkeeping and posting requirements. Visit OSHA's [Recordkeeping Rule webpage](#) for more information on recordkeeping requirements.

OSHA Revises Requirements for Outreach Training Program Instructors

OSHA has revised the requirements for authorized trainers in its Outreach Training

Program, updating and clarifying student contact hours, replacement card procedures, the Trainer Code of Conduct, and more. New requirements and procedures are effective April 1. For more information, see the [Outreach Training Program webpage](#).

Dr. David Michaels, OSHA's Longest-Serving Assistant Secretary, Departs Agency

After more than seven years as Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Dr. David Michaels, who began his tenure in December 2009, left the agency on January 10, 2017, to rejoin the faculty of the Milken Institute School of Public Health at [George Washington University](#).

NIOSH

NIOSH Researcher Honored, Recipient of the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) researcher, Matthew Wheeler, was honored in January 2017 by outgoing President Barack Obama with an [Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers](#) (PECASE), the highest honor bestowed by the United States Government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers. Wheeler joins two other researchers at the CDC, Kashmira Date and Gery Guy, Jr., who also received this distinguished award.

AIHA Local Section Activity in California

The five Local Sections of AIHA in California work hard to provide relevant meetings and networking opportunities. Contact the Local Section in your area for information and activities.

Northern California: Join by clicking [here](#). View the most recent copy of their newsletter, the [Monitor](#).

Southern California: Next dinner meeting will be in May 2017. View the most recent copy of their [newsletter](#).

Orange County: View the most recent copy of their newsletter, the [Orange PEel](#).

San Diego: Join by clicking [here](#). The next meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Admiral Baker's Field, 2400 Admiral Baker Road, San Diego, CA 92120. The speaker, Paul Zoubek, CSP, CIH, CESC, will present "Implementing Hazardous Energy Control Procedures: Utilizing NFPA 70E-2015 edition & ANSI Z244.1-2016 edition"

Sacramento Valley: Join by clicking [here](#). The next meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Richard Hirsch, CIH, will present "The Young Worker Safety Initiative" and Dave Payette, CIH, CSP, will present "Update from the National Leadership Conference".