# AIHA-NCS Monitor

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### **President's Message**

I'm writing my last President's message as I'm flying back from the AIHce in Montreal, surrounded by various colleagues who were also at the conference.

(In fact, Barbara Cohrssen and I joked that we could hold a NCS meeting on the plane!). Seeing these colleagues, who were/are very involved with the NCS, has helped me to reflect on my past year as NCS President. Time sure flies by fast! As a mom of two, I can't believe that my first born is almost finished with Kindergarten! Amidst all of that, I've somehow served a year as NCS President, and not to mention working as an EH&S consultant.



It has been a very eventful year for me, to say the least. I could not have accomplished what I did without the support of the Executive Committee. For that, I thank you all. I want to make special mention of James Martin, our "Past-Past-President", who has been my sounding board and also a great source of guidance in my role as President. Thank you James for stepping up to serve (again!).

I hope some of you found the line-up of NCS activities this past year useful as a member. I think it was worthwhile for me to try some new activities just to see if they'll stick. And we definitely stirred things up with our discussions with CIHC. I can say that we are continuing to build our relationship with CIHC as both organizations evolve to better serve its members.

As many of you know, the NCS leadership changes in July 1st, with the new Officers take over. I have confidence that Terri Choe will do a great job as NCS President. She is surrounded by both seasoned NCS members and new NCS members, such as Robert Nocco, who has lots of experience to bring from his involvement in other Local Sections. Robert Kleinerman, the incoming President-Elect, is a past NCS Treasurer and past Board member. I also welcome Martin Bermudez as our new Secretary and Joe Barsky as our new Treasurer. Mike Cooper will be continuing on the Board as 2nd Year Director.

I also want to thank Sheila, our outgoing Treasurer, for her great service the past two years, and David Hornung, our outgoing Secretary, for his great note-taking and for bringing us into the digital age in file sharing. Last but not least, I want to thank our outgoing 3rd Year Director, Eric Winter, for 3 years of service on the Board. And even though Martin Suen, our 2nd Year Director, is resigning and will not be continuing on as the 3rd Year Director, I appreciated his efforts these past two years as not only a member of the Board, but also as the Newsletter Editor. Having put one together myself recently, I am very grateful for his work on the newsletter as well because it's definitely not an easy task!

It has been a privilege to serve as your President this past year. I look forward to my role as the Past-President and supporting Terri. Hope to see you all at the July 9th dinner meeting.

## New Third Year Continuing Education and Marketing Director

Our current Second Year Public Relations Director has resigned, leaving the Third Year Director position open come July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Executive Committee is happy to announce that Jyoti Kumar will be stepping in to fill this position. Welcome to the Board, Jyoti!

#### **Open Forum Chair Position**

AİHA-NCS is looking for a volunteer to work with the U.C. Berkeley Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (COEH) to arrange the Forum Series presentations. Please contact Michael Cooper at <a href="mailto:michaelcoopermph@gmail.com">michaelcoopermph@gmail.com</a> if interested.



#### **New Members**

The following individuals were approved for membership in the local section by the Executive Committee:

William Mitchell Sarah Annarino Sheena Goodridge Cameron D. Holeman Shipp

## Open Educational Outreach / IH-in-the-Community Chair Position

The local section is seeking an enthusiastic volunteer to chair the IH-in-the-Community Committee. Here's your opportunity to make an impact on the community by increasing awareness within our community of health and safety issues or by promoting the field of industrial hygiene as an established and growing profession. This is a great volunteer position for new members!

Duties of this position consists of maintaining the mentoring program (matching mentors with mentees) and establishing an outreach to students program (past examples include coordinating participation for the Expand Your Horizons event). The time commitment required is very minimal while providing you the opportunity to meet your fellow peers in the field or members of the community interested in learning more about our profession.

#### AIHA Fun Run

The annual AIHA Fun Run was held as part of the 2013 AIHce in Montreal. In the true sense of having a "fun run," this year participants did not have running chips to time them. The 5K Run/2K Walk raises funds for American Industrial Hygiene Foundation (AIHF) scholarships. At 6:30AM (technically 3:30AM for us NCS members) on Tuesday, May 21st, with overcast skies and light rain, four NCS Local Section members participated in the Fun Run. As part of NCS tradition, they gathered for a group photo at the end of the run. The following members participated (pictured from left to right): Mike Cooper, Steve Hemperly, Colleen Thornton, and Patty Beach.

## AIHF Scholarship Funded by NCS – Michael Nguyen from UCLA

AIHA-NCS supported the American Industrial Hygiene Foundation (AIHF) this year by contributing \$1200 to the Northern California Local Section Scholarship to a qualified graduate or undergraduate student attending a California school and meeting the award criteria outlined by AIHF. At the AIHce in Montreal, I had the pleasure of meeting the award recipient, Michael Nguyen. Michael Nguyen is a second year student in UCLA's School of Public Health MPH Program. Mike also presented a poster on "Evaluating Students and Instructors' Exposure to Formaldehyde in an Anatomy Teaching Laboratory." Congratulations Mike!



## Other Professional Development Opportunities / Upcoming Events

July 9, 2013	AIHA-NCS
5:30pm - 8:30pm	July Dinner Meeting – Past President's Night
	Michael's at Shoreline, Mountain View, CA
July 10, 2013	AIHA-NCS
8:00am - 5:00pm	Annual Technical Symposium
	Topic: "Prevention Through Design" From Risk Assessment Through
	Implementation.
	SRI International, Menlo Park, CA
July 29 – Aug. 2, 2013	Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (COEH)
8:00am - 5:00pm	Comprehensive Review of Industrial Hygiene
	https://www.coehce.org/CourseStatus.awp?&course=13SICRIH
July 29 – Aug. 2, 2013	COEH
8:00am – 5:00pm	Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene
	https://www.coehce.org/CourseStatus.awp?&course=13SIFIH
Sept. 28 – Oct. 2, 2013	AIHA Fall Conference
	Miami, Florida
	http://www.aihafallconference.org/Pages/Default.aspx
Dec. 2 – 4, 2013	California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC)
	Annual Conference
	"Connecting Sound Science and Responsible EH&S Solutions"
	San Francisco, CA
	www.cihconline.com

#### California Industrial Hygiene Council Report to AIHA-NCS, June 2013

By Joel Cohen, Steve Derman and Chris Laszcz-Davis

#### Mission:

The CIHC, representing all five California local sections, has as its mission to:

- Provide sound scientific and technological input to the regulatory and legislative process.
- Establish a legislative presence in the State Capitol through professional representation.
- Keep the occupational and environmental profession intact by opposing limitation of practice by legislation or regulation.
- Keep the California Industrial Hygiene community apprised of legislative and regulatory actions that may affect the profession.

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual CIHC Conference, December 2-4, 2013, San Francisco:

The California Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC) is extremely pleased to announce its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual CIHC Conference December 2-4, 2013. This year's Conference will be held at the beautiful Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco, with a conference theme of *"Connecting Sound Science and Responsible EH&S Solutions"*. Registration will open up August 1, 2013. You will not want to miss the premier West Coast occupational and environmental health and safety conference, featuring nationally and California renowned presenters discussing the current and emerging issues affecting our profession. Contact Ed Klinenberg, Chris Laszcz-Davis or Joel Cohen (Conference Co-Chairs) with questions or if you're willing to assist the Conference Committee. Other than Chris and Joel, NCS members already engaged in the Conference planning, logistics and presenting include Rob Bacci, Barbara Materna, Deb Martin, Garrett Brown, Mike Cooper, Patty Beach, Dave Kahane, Jim Flores, Steve Derman, Sean Collins and Larry Gibbs. The CIHC Board will host a luncheon during the conference for CA local section presidents and president-elects to keep the California local sections engaged and to discuss items of mutual interest. As always, ABIH, BCSP and REHS points will be received for this three-day conference.

#### **CIHC Activities on Behalf of California Local Sections:**

CIHC coordinates with national professional organizations and other risk related organizations on broader science issues and other items with potential impact on our professional community. CIHC is pursuing opportunities to collaborate with Cal/OSHA, Fed-OSHA and Cal-EPA on initiatives of mutual interest and value. They include:

- Monitoring occupational and environmental health & safety bills, bridging labor, academia, governmental and industry alliances.
- Commenting/testifying on key standards/legislation with implications for the occupational and environmental health community, including—Safer Product Regulations; ERC's; Globally Harmonized Systems (GHS); and risk assessment. Advocating a specific CIHC bill for state consideration.
- Working with the national AIHA's Governmental Affairs staff to provide input to national legislation with impact in California or California legislation with broader national implications.
- ➤ Participating in Cal-OSHA hearings and meetings, including--the Health Expert Advisory Committee (HEAC), the Feasibility Advisory Committee (FAC), the Cal-OSHA Standards Advisory Committee, the Lead Task Force and the Housekeeping Advisory Committee; and
- > Requesting legal clarification of parties "qualified" to provide industrial hygiene services.

Feel free to read further about the bills and CIHC activities at http://www.cihconline.com



## AIHA-NCS Dinner Meeting Past President's Night Tuesday, July 9, 2013 Michaels at Shoreline in Mountain View

### "Risk Communication through Risk Assessment"



#### Guest Speaker: David Zalk and Ryan Kamerzell, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory

Our next dinner meeting and annual Past President's Night will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at Michaels At Shoreline in Mountain View. See below for directions and parking information. All Past Presidents are invited to attend this evening free as a guest of our local section! Please register in advance.

David M. Zalk, PhD, CIH is a Past President of the International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA) and has been serving as the IOHA envoy to the World Health Organization since 2005. David received his PhD on Control Banding from the Delft University of Technology and has an M.P.H. in Industrial Hygiene from UC Berkeley. He is an ES&H Team 1 Lead for multiple research organizations at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. David is also the Director of Occupational Hygiene for the University of Illinois at Chicago Global Certificate Program in Occupational Health Practice and is an Adjunct Associate Professor. He has led numerous national and international committees over the last three decades and is currently Vice President of the Foundation for Occupational Health and Safety and is a Director for Workplace Health Without Borders. He has authored a book on Control Banding, is a member of the WHO/ILO International Technical Group on Control Banding, and has co-chaired five International Control Banding Workshops. David holds three health and safety patents and has authored

multiple publications and remains active in field R&D including: nanomaterial science, metals capture and analysis, decontamination agents, injury and illness prevention, qualitative risk assessment, occupational risk management processes, and occupational health and safety management systems nationally and internationally.

**Ryan Kamerzell, CIH** has been an Industrial Hygienist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) since 2005 with previous experience at Los Alamos National Laboratory and Eastman Kodak. He is a Past President of AIHA Rio Grande and received his M.S. in Industrial Hygiene from Colorado State University. Ryan specializes in creating and delivering quality occupational health and safety management programs utilizing his unique approach to problem solving. His leadership in the

development of the LLNL Risk Assessment and Control Database is an example of his broad skill set and of the innovative approaches he brings to Industrial Hygiene. Ryan is a co-author of the Risk Level Based Management System and is an expert in applying Control Banding methods to occupational risk management.

The title of their talk is Risk Communications through Risk Assessment. Dave and Ryan will be sharing with us their new Risk Level Based management tool that they have developed and implemented at LLNL.

Please mark your calendars for July 9, 2013, and plan to join us for this special evening honoring our local section's Past Presidents and the presentation of the Christine Einert Award. Register early for extra savings!



## 2013 Technical Symposium

## "Prevention Through Design" From Risk Assessment Through Implementation

## Wednesday July 10, 2013

SRI International, Conference Center 333 Ravenswood Ave Menlo Park, CA 94025



## Keynote speaker: Dr. Steven J. Murray, Ph.D P.E. with Exponent Engineering and Scientific



Dr. Murray provides electrical and mechanical materials consulting services to a variety of industries. Engineering systems investigated include appliances, computers and consumer electronics, biomedical devices and medical electronics, pipelines, cranes, plumbing, heat exchangers, and large electrical generators and motors. These investigations have involved understanding and analysis of complex electrical and electronic systems, fracture and fractography, risk assessment, environmental effects, electrical and magnetic modeling, and materials defects. Dr. Murray has also conducted multiple investigations related to potential product recalls.



Go to http://www.aiha-ncs.org for more information.



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