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AIHA-NCS Dinner Meeting and Past Presidents' Night July 14, 2009

Industrial Hygiene Issues Related to Construction at a Hospital

Guest Speaker:

Shelley Wheeling-Park, MPH, CHMM, CSP, CIH

Director, EHS and Communications, Kaiser Permanente, Hawaii Region

Come join us for our Dinner Meeting and annual Past Presidents' Night on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at Michaels at Shoreline in Mountain View. **All Past Presidents are invited to attend this evening free as a guest of our local section! Please register in advance.**

We are privileged to have Shelley Wheeling-Park, from the National AIHA Board of Directors, attend our meeting and provide the technical talk. Shelley is the board coordinator for the Northern California Section, serving as a liaison between our local section and the AIHA Board. She is also a Past President of the AIHA Hawaii Section and past-chair of the Health Care Working Group.

Shelley works for Kaiser Permanente (Hawaii Region) as the Director of Environmental Health & Safety and Communications, Regional Safety Officer, and Emergency Planner. She provides services for 4500+ employees, a 325-bed hospital and 25 clinics and peripheral facilities. Her responsibilities span a breadth of services and include oversight of the industrial hygiene program; waste management; transportation of hazardous materials; safety inspections and audits; TJC Environment of Care program; construction safety management; emergency management, and various EHS programs. She is also a Lecturer for the Occupational Environmental Safety Management (OESM) program at the Honolulu Community College and teaches classes on Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Diseases.

Shelley's presentation will focus on the application of industrial hygiene principles and techniques during the recent construction to add a sixth floor to a hospital. She will also share experiences in dealing with dust, noise, odors, and infection control issues prevalent in construction projects and the impact upon employees and hospital operations. In addition, Shelley will provide insights into some of the latest happenings within AIHA.

Please mark your calendars for July 14, 2009, and plan to join us for this special evening honoring our local section's Past Presidents and to say "Aloha!" to our AIHA board coordinator.

Register early for extra savings!

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President's Message Time Flies..... By Patty Beach

Hello Members,

As the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun." If that's true (and I think it is) then this year has been one heck of a good time!

Our Board changes over in less than a month on July 1. So, this is my last official President's Message. I'm writing this as I'm returning home from AIHce in Toronto. The annual conference was more subdued this year. Not surprisingly, there were less attendees given the economy. Nonetheless, it was a good conference overall and I saw several of you there giving presentations, participating in various committees, and enjoying Toronto's sites. A very memorable moment was seeing our local section members Garrett Brown, Stephen Davis and Larry Gibbs being honored among the new class of AIHA Fellows (see picture in this issue!).



I attended the Local Section Council meeting at the Conference on Wednesday morning. While we tended to local section-related business, I was able to chat with other local section presidents. I came away feeling that our local section is quite strong in terms of the quality of our educational programs, our membership numbers and our finances. However, that does not mean we do not have room for improvement.

A key question the board has is "are we meeting the needs of our members." We ask that you help the Board answer this question. A membership survey is being sent via email in the near future to ask you for your input. Sean Collins is spearheading this effort and we ask that you complete the survey when you see it arrive in your email Inbox. We kept it short and to the point to maximize response rates. Please help us and respond!

In addition to meeting member needs, the question of membership and more importantly, membership retention is a hot topic at both the local and national levels of AIHA. Simply put, as members retire and leave the profession, they are not being replaced at the same rate with new members. We are seeing some decline in our local membership numbers this year. It could be the economy, or the perceived benefits of membership. This is common across all local sections it seems. However, while I couldn't get firm numbers out of the National Local Council Representative I spoke with, it is a serious concern for AIHA. So, AIHA is sponsoring a membership drive. The emphasis is to get local section members who are not National members to join AIHA. Local Sections are divided based on membership counts and pitted against each other for prizes. Winners in each category will win a free AIHA Teleweb. If you are a local section member, but not a member of national AIHA (or are a lapsed AIHA member), application for membership to AIHA by December 15, 2009 will help our Local Section will be eligible for the prize – which of course we'd pass along to our membership as a free educational opportunity. You will be hearing more about this as the year progresses.

Finally, I want to thank my colleagues on the Board and all the Committee Chairs. I've been honored to serve as President of our Section and to see first-hand the dedication of so many to our profession. I look forward to continuing my role as Past President in the coming year. I look forward to seeing you at our next dinner meeting on July 14.

Signing off.....

Patty

AIHA-NCS 2009 Technical Symposium: “Sustainability in the EH&S World How Green Can IH Be?”

On Thursday, April 30, 2009, AIHA-NCS arranged and facilitated a technical symposium that focused on sustainability from an environmental, health, and safety perspective. The symposium featured an impressive line-up of speakers representing various industries.

Alex Beavers, Executive Director of SRI, kicked off the meeting, welcoming everyone to SRI. He also talked about SRI's research and involvement in the sustainability arena, specifically in clean energy, clean processes and clean materials.

Our keynote speaker, Tim Mohin, Principal Consultant from EORM, has been working in the sustainability arena for many years. Tim discussed what sustainability means and what role does the EHS Professional have in achieving sustainability goals (healthy planet, people, profit). Tim also talked about how EHS Professionals have the technical skills and qualifications to support/lead sustainability efforts, and that it can be a great career broadening option for those who are interested.

Emma Armstrong, Senior Project Director, WSP Energy and Environment, discussed California's changing climate and the impact climate change will have on local environmental regulations and reporting. She also discussed examples of what various companies are doing in reducing their green house gas emissions in their efforts of achieving their sustainable goals and in anticipation of new/proposed regulations.

Renae Goldman, Senior IH Specialist, 3M Corporate Industrial Hygiene, discussed the IH's role in product stewardship and Life Cycle Management, and how product stewardship plays a central role in driving sustainability. As the Past Chair of AIHA Sustainability and Stewardship Committee she also provided an overview of the committee's recent and upcoming activities and projects.

Dale Walsh, Conserve Consultants, discussed the IH's role in Green Building and LEED. He discussed the background of LEED, the rating system, and six categories of LEED new construction: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy & atmosphere, materials & resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation & design process.

Erica Stewart, National EH&S Senior Manager, Kaiser Permanente, talked about sustainability and industrial hygiene in the health care industry. She shared many examples (with pictures) of Kaiser's efforts in incorporating EHS-friendly materials in the design and construction of their new and existing facilities/equipment.

David White from Stanford University shared various lessons learned from a demolition project at Stanford involving reuse and recycling, and a few examples of Stanford's sustainability initiatives.

Special thanks to our generous sponsors: SRI (host and sponsor), Supplies and Solutions, Assay Technology and EMSL. We appreciate your support and attendance at the symposium.

Also, special thanks to the symposium planning committee and volunteers who played a key role in making this symposium a great success:

Diana Harrington, Symposium Chair
Rainbow Leung
Novi Wong
Steve Derman
Robert Kleinerman
Jennifer Morris

Volunteers

The Executive Committee would like to recognize the following individuals for staffing the registration table at our dinner meetings:

Linda Kincaid
Geoff Albrecht
Heidi Fruhlinger
Arlene Klonoff
Dawn Langer
Fabiola Estrada

The Executive Committee would like to recognize the following individuals for volunteering their time to our committees:

Nimmi Kovvali (DWOI)
Rich Hirsh (DWOI)
Garrett Brown (DWOI)
Mike Horowitz (DWOI)
Sonia Weiss (IH in the Community)
Terri Chen (Scholarship and Awards)
Wesley Won (Newsletter)

Acknowledgement

The Executive Committee would like to acknowledge the following members for sponsoring new members into our local section:

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New Members

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

Kenneth Kasper
Paul Spillane
Danielle Prohaska
Bill Mitchell
Jyoti Kumar
Eric Diethelm

Please welcome them into our local section!

Northern California Section Fellows – 2009!



Yes, the picture is a bit blurry and taken with a cell phone, but the honor is no less meaningful! Pictured from left are NCS Members Garrett Brown, Larry Gibbs and Stephen Davis after receiving the designation of AIHA Fellow at the President's Reception at AIHce in Toronto on June 3, 2009. Congratulations!!!

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<p>When: Tuesday, July 14, 2009</p> <p>Early Registration Ends: July 8, 2009</p>	<p>Where: Michaels at Shoreline 2960 N Shoreline Boulevard Mountain View, CA 94043 650.962.1014 http://www.michaelsatshroeline.com</p>
<p>Time: 5:30 p.m. Social Hour (no-host bar)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">6:30 p.m. Dinner</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">7:30 p.m. Technical Talk (one hour)</p>	<p>Cost:</p> <p>\$31 members in advance (by 07/08/09)</p> <p>\$41 members after 07/08/09</p> <p>\$41 non-members</p> <p>\$25 students and retired (emeritus) members</p> <p>FREE! for Past Presidents</p>

Menu: Select an entrée below. Dinner selection includes seasonal greens, fresh vegetables, potato du jour, French rolls, dessert, and coffee and tea.

- Pork Loin Roast with Peppercorn Sauce
- Portobello-stuffed Breast of Chicken
- Grilled Vegetable Brochette with Wild Rice

Executive Committee:

The AIHA-NCS Executive Committee will meet at the restaurant at 3:30 p.m. sharp to conduct Local Section business. As always, interested parties are encouraged and welcome to attend.

On-line registration is now available and encouraged at www.aiha-ncs.org. Alternatively, complete the form on the last page of the newsletter and send to Leslie Lawton via mail, fax, or e-mail.

Directions and Info:

<http://www.michaelsatshoreline.com/>

From the South: Take Hwy. 101 North. Exit at Shoreline Boulevard and stay to the right. Turn right onto North Shoreline Boulevard. Continue for about one mile until you get to the entry gate (Shoreline Amphitheatre is on your left). Stop and pass through the gatehouse. Michaels at Shoreline is approximately 1 mile beyond the gatehouse on the left hand side.

From the North: Take Hwy. 101 South. Exit at Shoreline Boulevard and turn left at the light onto North Shoreline Boulevard (you'll cross over 101). Continue for about one mile until you get to the entry gate (Shoreline Amphitheatre is on your left). Stop and pass through the gatehouse. Michaels at Shoreline is approximately 1 mile beyond the gatehouse on the left hand side.

There is plenty of free parking.

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Back page form:

On-line Registration at www.aiha-ncs.org is now available and encouraged!

Alternatively, complete the following form and submit to Leslie Lawton via mail, fax, or e-mail:

AIHA-NCS DINNER MEETING REGISTRATION FORM (July 14, 2009 Meeting)

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