

**AIHA-NCS Developing World Outreach Initiative Meeting  
Cal-OSHA Offices, Room 1301 State Office Building  
1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA  
January 11, 2007 5:00-6:15 PM**

**1. Present**

Richard Hirsh, Natalia Varshavski, Garrett Brown, Rajan Mutialu, Randy Cook, Mike Horowitz

**2. Documents Distributed**

- Meeting Agenda
- Issue 14, *Occupational Safety and Health Rights*, Publication of the Asian Network for the Right of Occupational Accident Victims January, 2007

**3. FOHS Donation**

A total of \$1660 was raised from the membership. An anonymous matching donation of \$1000 was also received. It was noted that a number of member donations were made in the \$50-75 range. Meeting attendees decided that \$2000 would be donated to FOHS and that the remaining \$660 would be retained by DWOI for future projects. An additional request for donations may be made in May or June 2007 from the membership for future DWOI identified projects. FOHS will inform us as to which as yet unfunded 2006 project was selected to receive the \$2000 NCS donation.

**4. ANROAV/AMRC**

DWOI formally invited the Asian Network for the Rights Of Occupational Accident Victims (ANROAV) to partner with the Local Section for a variety of possible activities. The partnership would be facilitated by the Asian Monitor Resource Center (AMRC). ANROAV formally accepted the partnership proposal and Sanjiv Pandita, the Occupational Safety and health officer of the AMRC, agreed to act as the liaison. The meeting attendees decided that further approval from the AIHA-NCS Board was not necessary since the go ahead was made to move forward as a DWOI committee to initiate partnerships of this kind.

Garrett Brown stated that AMRC will act as the liaison for the ANROAV affiliated organizations in Asia who will be asked to alert the Local Section of H&S projects that we might be able to assist. The ANROAV is a network of 21 OSH organizations in 14 Asian countries which provide various types of H&S assistance to local, grassroots groups in Asia. . It is envisioned that Local Section support for ANROAV could take several forms: 1) provision of written or electronic OSH materials; 2) individual technical assistance or possibly "mini-workshops" provided by Local Section members traveling in Asia; and 3) financial support for small projects (\$300 or less) to be raised from Local Section members.. Brown also stated that students at Berkeley, Davis or San Francisco could participate in summer projects (with funding from the COEH) organized by ANROAV members organizations.

**5. Book and Equipment Donations**

Currently the book and equipment donation program needs logistical support to coordinate incoming donations and outgoing shipments to fill requests of developing world entities. Some books that are being donated by the membership are outdated. However, Mike Horowitz noted that some books had timeless content and should be collected and donated. Mike Horowitz volunteered to act as a material collection liaison.

## 6. Tools and Resources Web Page

The committee discussed the idea to create an NCS web page devoted to posting of health and safety documents and web links that may be useful to both our membership and to developing world contacts.

**Action:** Randy Cook volunteered to begin work on the Web page.

**Action:** Rich agreed to forward to Randy information previously created on a vision and format for a web procedure for an IH Tools/Resources page. (Complete)

## 7. Formation of New Committees

Garrett Brown proposed that old committees be dissolved and new committees should be formed as follows:

1. **Liaison Committee:** for outreach to ANROAV/AMRC, COEH at UCs Berkeley, Davis and San Francisco, and to DWOI volunteers traveling to developing world countries. Leaders: Natalia and Garrett
2. **Request & Response committee** for books/equipment inventory coordination and management (incoming from section members; shipments to requestors) – Leader: Mike Horowitz
3. **Tools/Resources Web site committee** – Leader: Randy Cook
4. **Publicity/fundraising committee** - this would entail outreach efforts via our Monitor newsletter, the AIHA Synergist, the March AIHA-NCS Meeting, and future fundraising efforts. Leader: Rich Hirsh

Richard Hirsh noted that Glenn Fishler of EORM provided the name of Mary Liu (mliu47@gmail.com), a contact in China to help with future projects.

**Action:** Colleen Thornton to contact Mary Liu about serving as a liaison on future projects in China. (Complete)

## 8. March AIHA-NCS Meeting

According to the meeting attendees, the title of the DWOI presentation at the March 13<sup>th</sup> AIHA-NCS meeting should be catchy (e.g. Local Section Goes Global). Since the meeting would include student award speeches, it was decided that a timeframe should be set up for individual speakers. The tentative speaking arrangement will be:

1. Natalia Varshavsky - 15 minutes on DWOI overview and activities
2. Garrett Brown – 10 minutes on ANROAV/AMRC partnership
3. Brian Daly – 20-30 minutes on the AIHA International Affairs Committee efforts
4. Pam Tau Lee – 20-30 minutes on participative training experiences

**Action:** Each presenter will be asked to provide a paragraph summary of their presentation for the upcoming Jan/Feb newsletter and submitted to Sean Collins.

## 9. DWOI Re-commitment

The meeting attendees concurred that individuals wishing to serve on the DWOI must be assigned to a particular sub-committee. In addition, commitment to a particular working sub-committee will be redefined in terms of a commitment of at least 1-3 hours per month plus a commitment to attend the bimonthly DWOI meeting. In terms of DWOI promotion within the membership, it was decided that a blast e-mail would be sent to determine if there are additional NCS members interested in serving on the DWOI this year.

**Action:** Natalia agreed to send out a note to existing DWOI members to reconfirm their participation this year.

**Action:** Rich agreed to send out a blast email to all AIHA-NCS members to see if there are others interested in serving on a DWOI committee.

### **10. DWOI Decision-making**

All decisions made by the DWOI would be up for a majority vote and a deadline for casting a vote would be set. Two hearings regarding any proposal would occur. The first hearing would occur during a given DWOI meeting. The second hearing would inform every DWOI member via email (with blind carbon copy addresses) of a given proposal with a request for a vote. DWOI members would have to respond to the vote by a set deadline and the majority decision would prevail.

After deliberation about the required number of attending DWOI members to make up a quorum, it was decided that six meeting attendees would be a sufficient number.

### **9. Next DWOI Meeting**

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1515 Clay St., Suite 1301 in Oakland.

The January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm