

**AIHA-NCS Developing World Outreach Initiative**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: CAL/OSHA Office, Room 1301, 1515 Clay St., Oakland, CA**  
**September 14, 2006**  
**5:15-6:25PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Barbara Cohrsen, Patty Beach, Garrett Brown, Rich Hirsh, Lesliam Quirós,  
Colleen Thornton, Sara Souza, Michael [Polkabla](#), [Michael Horowitz](#)

**Documents Distributed:**

1. Meeting Agenda
2. June Meeting Minutes
3. Summary of survey results - Note: this survey was generated by Subcommittee A to see what resources are available within our local AIHA-NCS community.
4. List of Emeritus Members
5. Subcommittee B:
  - a. spreadsheet on responses from organizations interested in receiving some help from our initiative
  - b. spreadsheet on FOHS applications that did not receive grants

**Items discussed:**

**DWOI Website thru a link on NCS website:**

- Neal Lester offered to have a link on our local chapter's website for our DWOI efforts and provide webmaster support for the site.  
This website could include things such as:
  - Who we are and our goal
  - Meeting minutes, upcoming meetings, survey link/info, list of projects, contact info
  - Discussion forum (i.e. chat room)
  - Links to other organizations (Action: Garrett Brown to send Neal website links)

- Committee members agreed to the idea of a DWOI website, however some members expressed a concern over monitoring and screening the website contents for appropriateness. Members present at the meeting questioned whether there was some liability with having an online discussion group (forum).

Questions posed by committee members include:

- Would we (and how would we) need to (periodically) monitor the content of what comments/info were being exchanged on the website?
  - How do we control access to the discussion group or should we?
- Rich emailed Neal on Friday, September 15, 2006 to get his feedback on the committee's concerns. Updates to follow.

### **COEH interest in student participation w/DWOI projects:**

- Marion Gillen, COEH Program Director, expressed an interest in student participation with DWOI projects.

COEH provides \$5000 grants to student projects pertaining to occupational health.

Lesliam stated that this would be a good resource to utilize as students could go for an extended period of time (i.e. compared to committee members who work full time) and maybe be involved in projects that require sampling. Graduate students who are pursuing or already have a Masters degree in IH or related fields are often involved in these projects.

Contact information for Marion Gillen: [marion.gillen@nursing.ucsf.edu](mailto:marion.gillen@nursing.ucsf.edu)  
415/476-1382

### **Film -Way to Dusty Death:**

- Members watched a 30 minute film on agate workers in Shakarpur, India. Film depicts workers' overexposure to silica and its consequences.
- The film was provided by Mr. Jagdish Patel from the Asian Network of Rights of Accident Victims (ANROAV; <http://anroav.org>)
- Rich suggested [utilizing the March \(Student Night\) dinner meeting to highlight the DWOI activities with a guest speaker as well as a showing of](#) the film to gain more support for our initiative.

### **Sub-committee A update:**

- Rich reviewed summary findings from the survey.
- There were 48 responses as of 9/8/06
- Some survey results include:
  - Languages members can provide help in: Spanish, French, and Chinese (Mandarin)
  - Key areas of interest include: training/coaching (75%), document development (40%), Editing (27.5%), IH Experience in particular country (27.5%), translation (17.5%), and other (25%)
  - 20 people are willing to visit with local specialists during international travel
  - Format of educational activities: presentation/lecture (81%), Q&A (81%), training session (76%), and document review (67%)
- Daniel Kuey from Sandia National Labs in Livermore offered H&S books and videotapes. **Action:** Garrett Brown will contact [Daniel Kuey](#) and follow up.  
Contact Phone: 925/294-2191

### **Sub-committee B updates:**

- Colleen provided the group with a spreadsheet of different organizations in other countries who have expressed an interest in receiving help.
- Sub-committee B will be meeting in October to narrow down the list and determine which organizations we are realistically able to help given our resources. [Action: Colleen to poll Committee B members on possible meeting date.](#)
- Barbara suggested adding the University of Cincinnati as they have contacts in India.

**Next General Meeting Date: November 14<sup>th</sup>**