Message from the President

Moving Forward and What’s New

Well summer is coming to an end soon and so is my term as local section President. Time flies when you are having fun!

When I first volunteered to be this section’s President, I didn’t expect many surprises. That is because this is not my first rodeo, so to speak - I have served on local section Boards in many capacities including President of another local section.

I knew this local section was strong and I wasn’t disappointed. I was really curious to know how such a great NOHC conference could be put together year after year. Now I know – good organization, diverse and vibrant members willing and interested in presenting information, an incredible administrator (Jeannette U), local section officers that work well together, and a strong membership.

One thing that did surprise me is the strength and interest of our younger members. Other local sections are “graying” so to speak, and ours is as well to some degree. However I have been really impressed by student involvement and outreach efforts. Our new Outreach Committee powered by Justin La, Laura Rascon-Padilla, and Paul Woodward was only initiated earlier this year, has been very active already, and I think will serve to help build our younger membership and ensure the continued strength of the local section.

Hope to see you at the upcoming NOHC in Spokane October 25-27. Registration is NOW OPEN. Thanks to Nadine Grady and the Planning Committee!

Thanks again to Phil Peters for leading the resurrection of the Cascade Impactor. I hope that this vehicle continues to improve our communications and make it easier for people to get involved. And thanks again to Jeannette U, our secret weapon, and someone that has made my job a lot easier.

Thanks,

James Martin
PNS-AIHA President
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2017 NOHC (October 25—27, 2017)

Just Around the Corner is the 2017 Northwest Occupational Health Conference. Registration is now OPEN! Register early to receive Early-Bird registration cost ends October 15.

The Short Course will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. “Improving Exposure Data Interpretation and Professional Judgments” will be facilitated by Mr. Steven D. Jahn.

We have a great line-up of speakers for the General Sessions (Thursday, October 26) and Joint Session (Friday, October 27). Don’t forget to check out the Special Events.

Remember, your stay at the conference hotel will help us cover meeting room charges. Reservations at the Hotel RL Spokane at the Park can be booked online HERE.

For more information, please checkout our website at www.pnsaiha.org.
Tri-Cities Local Education Program

Providing professional development and networking opportunities to industrial hygienists and occupational health professionals in the Tri-Cities area.
The Tri-Cities Area Local Education Program is provided as a service to Pacific Northwest Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (PNS-AIHA) and other interested parties.

Upcoming Events:
Tri-Cities AIHA dinner presentations/meetings are with the local Tri-Cities ASSE Chapter

When:
Generally every month on the first Wednesday of the month from October through June; our first meeting is September 13th

Time:
Social at 5:30PM, Dinner at 5:45PM and Meeting/presentation at 6:00PM – no cost to attend Meeting/presentation

Where:
Currently we are reviewing possible meeting locations.

Contact:
Joseph K. Samuels by email at drjoseph@att.net or by phone: 509-376-2299 for current plans. We are always interested in new speakers. If you have a topic you would like to present or have presented, please contact me.

Who Would You Nominate for the Distinguished IH Award?

At the NW Occupational Health Conference each October, we present the Distinguished IH Award to a deserving recipient. The Nominations and Awards Committee wants to hear from you – who would you recommend to receive the award in October 2017?

Criteria for nomination include:
- contribution to industrial hygiene,
- contribution to the PNS-AIHA,
- reputation,
- years of service, and
- PNS-AIHA or national AIHA leadership.

Please submit nominations to Dana Stahl, Immediate Past President, on or before Friday, September 8. Please put “PNS-AIHA Nominations” in the subject line. Feel free to nominate yourself.
Local Education Committee

Seattle Local Education
Contacts: John Vroman or Stephanie Carter

Portland Local Education
Contact: Jessie Taylor

Tri-Cities Local Education
Contact: Joseph Samuels

Montana Local Education
Contact: Julie Hart

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee would like to get your input. Please CLICK HERE for the survey. The Outreach Committee advisor is Barbara Epstein and our members currently are Justin La, Laura Rascon-Padilla, and Paul Woodward.

Executive Committee Meeting

The PN-S-AIHA Executive Committee met on July 24, 2017.

♦ The July 2017 minutes were approved.
♦ Online link is open for Call for Papers for the Upcoming NOHC.
♦ The 2017 NOHC will be held at the Hotel RL Spokane at the Park, Spokane, WA on October 25—27, 2017.
♦ Nadine Grady gave a report from the Local Sections Council meeting at the AIHce. The discussions covered the local section manual and other resources including local section annual action plan, AIHA local sections briefing and document on Background Info on History of local section/national mutual membership.
♦ 2017 Spring Symposium had a low attendance of 45, but was well received.
♦ 2018 Spring Symposium—discussion around providing the PDC—Worst Plant, with a possible collaboration with ASSE.
♦ A demo site with a different backbone was discussed. This is a work in progress.
♦ A survey will be created by the Outreach Committee to the membership. See link above.
♦ Understanding Ethics for the EH&S Professional webinar will be available. AGC Offices (9450 SW Commerce Circle, #200, Wilsonville, OR 97070) will be hosting this live event with one of our local section live feeds on July 25 from 12:00 am—1:00 pm.

“Don’t be left out, mark your calendars for the 2017 Northwest Occupational Health Conference in Spokane, WA October 25—27, 2017

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO

Oregon OSHA will be hosting the ACGIH webinar “ACGIH TLV for Audible Sound – Understanding the Proposed Notice of Intended Change to the ACGIH TLV for Noise”. PNS-AIHA Local Section members are invited. For more information about webinar CLICK HERE.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 @ 11:00 am—12:00 pm Pacific Time
Oregon OSHA Tigard Field Office—16760 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd, Suite 200, Tigard, OR 97224

You can contact Jeff Jackson or Debra Corbin if you have any questions.
2016-17 PNS-AIHA Officers

Our officers for 2016-17 are:

President ...................................... James Martin, CIH
Past-President .............................. Dana Stahl, CIH
President –Elect ........................... Nadine Grady, MS, MP, CIH, CIA
Executive Secretary ..................... Vacant
Recording Secretary ..................... Phil Peters, CIH
First Year Director ....................... Venetia Runnion, CIH, CSP
Second Year Director .................... Michael Peterson, CIH
Treasurer ..................................... Martin Rose, CIH

NOHC Planning Officer (1 Year) ... Tony Uliano, MS, CIH, CHMM
NOHC Planning Officer (2 Year) ... Nancy Simcox, MS
Portland LEC Committee Officer .. Jessie Taylor
Tri-Cities LEC Committee Officer ... Joseph K. Samuels, PhD, CIH
Seattle LEC Committee Officer..... Tom Vroman, MS, CIH
Seattle LEC Committee Officer..... Stephanie Carter, PhD, CIH
Montana LEC Committee Officer ... Julie F. Hart, CIH
Spokane LEC Committee Officer... John Lowe, CIH

Administrative Assistant .......... Jeannette U

AIHA LIVE WEBINARS

PNS-AIHA has subscribed to the AIHA eLearning webinar series and as a member of the local section you have the fabulously cost-effective benefit of access to all of the annual subscription webinars. As a subscriber, the Local Section gets two live viewings for each webinar. Live viewings for the webinar need to be coordinated with the PNS-AIHA administrator ahead of time (Email at administrator@pnsaiha.org). This provides a great LEC opportunity to schedule a meeting around a webinar date.

But a very practical alternative is that each local section member has access to all the recorded webinars as well. So if you miss the live broadcast, you can still listen to the recorded webinar, access all downloadable handout materials, AND earn ABIH CM credits. All of this is included in your annual $35 PNS-AIHA local section membership.

CLICK HERE for more information.