Message from the President

Moving Forward and What’s New

“The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.” – Vince Lombardi

NATIONAL MATTERS
One of my responsibilities as president is being the contact between our local section and the national AIHA. Here are some updates you may have missed if you’re not a national member:

1) Are you an IH technician or EHS generalist? AIHA wants to contact you to understand your needs for products, services and education AIHA could provide. Contact Larry Sloan, lsloan@aiha.org, 703-846-0760.

2) The public policy ACTIONS working group formed since last fall already has over 300 members and several subgroups. It’s open to both AIHA and non-AIHA members, to utilize a wide range of expertise. See details and sign-up info at http://bit.ly/AIHA-ACTIONS.

3) The Catalyst online community is AIHA’s newest member benefit: a place to network, share knowledge, and collaborate with professional peers in real time. With over 5000 members worldwide (274 just from the PNS-AIHA area), it’s a valuable resource. See more at http://community.aiha.org/home.

4) AIHA is proposing by-laws changes to expand voting privileges and opportunities to serve on committees and the Board. National members should watch for balloting materials later in March.

GET INVOLVED
Got ideas for next fall’s conference? Want to plan a great event with a great group of people? If so, Ivory Inheacho welcomes you to serve on the NOHC Planning Committee. Contact her at iihean@gmail.com.

On March 9-10, our Outreach Committee provided volunteer judges, prizes, and certificates at the West-Linn Wilsonville Middle School Science Fair and the Bellevue College Science Fair. They are also exploring ways to promote safer alternative chemicals and products in workplaces. If you’d like to help with outreach to schools or workplaces, contact Justin La, justin.la87@gmail.com. Our Public Affairs Committee monitors state legislation, with the help of AIHA’s Government Relations staff. Most of their work is by email or phone during the regular legislative sessions in January-March. If a health or safety-related bill warrants comment by PNS-AIHA, they do an online poll to determine the majority opinion of our members. If you’d like to be involved, contact Nancy Simcox, nsimcox@uw.edu.

KEEP LEARNING & GROWING
See www.pnsaiha.org and this newsletter for info on education we offer, as well as other training opportunities in our area.

I encourage all of you to consider giving a presentation at the NOHC –abstracts are needed by May 1, so there’s still time to put one together. Share your knowledge – let us know what new things you’re doing!

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please contact me.

Nadine Grady, CIH
PNS-AIHA President
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Portland Local Education Program

The Portland LEC is holding a joint meeting with our local ASSE Columbia-Willamette Chapter on April 12 on Ergonomics for the Safety Professional. AIHA members can register at the ASSE member rate. Here is the link for more info and to register for the meeting: https://cwc.asse.org/events/asse-cwc-april-membership-meeting/

2018 Spring Symposium
April 18, 2018
Lacey Community Center, Lacey, WA

This year’s Spring Symposium will be held on April 18, 2018 at the Lacey Community Center, 6729 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503.

Instead of an assortment of topics, we will be presenting the nationally recognized full-day Professional Development Course "The Worst Plant: A Virtual H & S Audit" presented by Corey Briggs, CIH, CET, FAIHA, and Tom Martin, CIH, CSP, Ramboll Environ.

Sign up early as there is a limit to the number of participants. Registration is NOW OPEN.

Northwest Occupational Health Conference
Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, WA, October 10—12, 2018

The Program Planning Committee is now calling for papers for the 2018 NOHC. The Short Course will be held on Wednesday, October 10 and the General Sessions will be held on Thursday, October 11 and Friday, October 12. Conference sessions include; industrial hygiene, safety, and laboratory analysis. Let us know what new things you are doing and submit an abstract of your idea for a presentation. Research projects from professors and/or students are accepted too. Presentations should be 30-40 minutes in length and may be on topics relevant to the occupational health and safety professions. Please submit the attached Presentation Abstract form by May 1, 2018 HERE.

Looking for something to do, be part of the Program Planning Committee! Interested contact Ivory Iheanacho, PNS-AIHA President-Elect and NOHC Conference Chair.

Volunteers Needed
Local Education Committee

Seattle Local Education
Contacts: Tom Vroman or Stephanie Carter

Portland Local Education
Contact: Barb Epstein
Siobhan Murphy

Tri-Cities Local Education
Contact: Joseph Samuels

Montana Local Education
Contact: Julie Hart

Outreach Committee

Justin La
Laura Rascon-Padilla
Paul Woodward.

“To advocate and promote the field of Industrial Hygiene.”

Welcome

New Members

Shannon Barnes
Alycce Brand
Kelly Codlin
Amanda Cote
Jonathan Deni
Heath Foott

Yvonne Good
Jeffrey Gutschmidt
Travis Jones
Linda Luu
Tim Nickell
Shelley Stephan

2017 Distinguished IH

Stephanie Carter, PhD, CIH, is the recipient of the Distinguished Industrial Hygienist award given at the October 2017 NOHC in Spokane. Stephanie is long overdue for receiving this award, not only for her technical accomplishments over the past 20+ years, but also for all her hard work for the local section as president and in other offices, planning education events, developing/improving our website design, and working on outreach to the community on the role of industrial hygienists. And she does all these things with her characteristic humility and ever-present sense of humor.

After receiving a BS in environmental health from the University of Georgia and an MSPH in industrial hygiene from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Stephanie began her IH career in the petrochemical industry in 1990 as an industrial hygienist for Exxon Company in Baton Rouge. She spent her time There she focused on controlling exposures to hotwork hazards in confined spaces, culminating in the excellent resource “Field Guidelines for Temporary Ventilation of Confined Spaces with an Emphasis on Hotwork”, published by AIHA and co-authored with Michael Harris and Lindsay Booher. (If you haven’t used this, it provides relevant guidance on confined space ventilation design, applicable in many industries, and is a must read! Great drawings as well.).

Stephanie moved to the Seattle area for the UW doctoral program in 1998, where she completed and defended her doctoral dissertation on “Characterization of Peak Exposures in Aluminum Smelter Potrooms” in 2008 (all while having 2 great kids!). Stephanie has been part time faculty at Lake Washington Institute of Technology, and has been a senior IH at Veritox since 2013.

In her spare time, Stephanie enjoys spending time with her family in the great outdoors in a new camping trailer, volunteering with various good causes, and enjoying wine tastings with Bill and Melinda, and Jeff!

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). Local section member has access to all the recorded webinars. 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.

Interested in joining the Pacific Northwest Section—AIHA, CLICK HERE
2017-18 PNS-AIHA Officers

Our officers for 2017-18 are:

President.......................... Nadine Grady, CIH
Past-President...................... James Martin, CIH
President –Elect.................... Ivory Iheanacho, MSPH-IH
Executive Secretary .............. Phil Peters, CIH
Recording Secretary............. Julie Hart, PhD, CIH
First Year Director............... Gerry Croteau, CIH
Second Year Director.......... Venetia Runnion, CIH, CSP
Treasurer ......................... Martin Rose, CIH

NOHC Planning Officer (1 Year) ... Elisabeth Black, CIH
NOHC Planning Officer (2 Year) ... Tony Uliano, MS, CIH, CHMM
Portland LEC Committee Officer.. Barb Epstein, CIH, MPH, FAIHA
                                Siobhan Murphy, CIH, CSP
Tri-Cities LEC Committee Officer... Joseph K. Samuels, PhD, CIH
Seattle LEC Committee Officer.... Tom Vroman, MS, CIH
                                Stephanie Carter, PhD, CIH
Montana LEC Committee Officer.... Julie F. Hart, CIH
Spokane LEC Committee Officer... John Lowe, CIH

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

If you would like to submit article(s) or ideas for the next issue of the Cascade Impactor, click here. Articles are due by June 15, 2018 for the Summer Issue of the Cascade Impactor.

Executive Committee Meeting

The PNS-AIHA Executive Committee met on February 28, 2018

- 2018 Proposed Budget was presented by the Treasurer.
- Past-President is looking at 4 possible venues in Bend, OR for the 2019 NOHC.
- A block of rooms have been reserved for the 2018 NOHC in Bremerton.
- Scholarship Opportunities to be posted April 1.
- PNS-AIHA Officer Balloting will open July 11. Call for candidates for officers and Distinguished IH can be nominated HERE

“Don’t be left out, mark your calendars for the 2018 Spring Symposium, Lacey, WA April 18, 2018

For updated information CLICK HERE

Save the Date

2018 NORTHWEST OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 10–12, 2018
KITSAP CONFERENCE CENTER

To update your contact information email administrator@pnsaiha.org