

CAROLINAS SECTION FALL 2005 Newsletter

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President's Message

Why should I get involved, I am just here for the points? Hopefully this is not the thought process of any of our members when they decide to attend our PDCs and Conferences. We hope that everyone is attending these functions to broaden their knowledge and expertise in the health and safety world and receive necessary maintenance points, not just to get maintenance points.

When my son first started sports I decided that I would rather be involved with the activities than to sit on the sidelines watching. By volunteering I felt as though I had some control on my son's activity and that I could gather more information about how team worked. I quickly learned that once you volunteered you were eligible for any job not just the job you volunteered for. One year I volunteered for an assistant coach on my son's soccer team, but ended up head coach after no one else signed up for that position. I had no prior playing experience in that sport, but we had a great season and I learned a lot during process.

What does this have to do with Carolinas AIHA? Our group has approximately 200 members, yet we typically see less than half at our conference meetings. Out of the 100 or so that come to the annual meetings, less than half of these are in attendance on the last day of the meetings. Carolinas Section has 10 board positions and approximately 10 other positions on committees, city meeting coordinator, and etc. Many current board and committee members have been "recycled", meaning they have performed board/committee member duties in the past and are coming around for their 2nd or 3rd time. Eventually these "recycled" members will quit and we will have to replace them. We are always looking for volunteers to be committee or board members, state directors, assist during conferences, etc.

The board is also looking at ways to get maximum participation and interaction from all of our members. If we have good participation/interaction from our members we can continue to provide our members with services that they want and need. On average, less than 50% of PDC/Conference

attendees fill out evaluation sheets. These evaluations help direct the board to make decisions on topics, locations, hotels, food, etc. If we do not know of problems and/or suggestions we cannot take any action on them. Participation can mean being a board member or it could mean attending all topics of conference and filling out evaluation sheets, or something in between.

Carolinas AIHA has a very dedicated group of members and we are striving to provide the best value we can to these members. We can only do this through constant interaction and feedback from our members. Feel free to contact any board member to find out what types of opportunities are available or if you have comments about the direction of our group. By volunteering and participating you can learn a lot about our section and grow in areas beyond your expertise and comfort levels and still receive maintenance points. Just be careful when you volunteer, you never know where or how far it will carry you.

*Phil Hooper,
Carolinas AIHA President*

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Volunteers to Write IH Articles

In future issues of this newsletter the intent is to include more articles dealing with hot IH issues, regulatory changes, or industry profiles. If you would like to contribute an article you feel like others would benefit from reading please forward to one of the Board of Officers. See email addresses on front page.

Fall Conference & PDC, Myrtle Beach, SC

The Fall Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites at Kingston Plantation on September 15th through 16th. A PDC on "Safety: A Review for Practicing Environmental, Safety, and Health Professionals" will precede the conference on September 14th and 15th. The conference program and registration form are attached for your convenience.

Safety PDC- September 14 and 15, 2005 "Safety: A Review for Practicing Environmental, Safety, and Health Professionals"

Would you like to understand OSHA better? Would you like to improve your safety knowledge? If so, this course is for you. The course will include the following topics:

- Commonly misunderstood OSHA regulations.
- A discussion of OSHA terms.
- A review of the most cited OSHA safety violations.
- How to be an effective Safety and Health Manager.
- Techniques for hazard recognition.

The course will be taught by David F. Coble, MS, CSP. He is President of Coble, Taylor & Jones Safety Associates. David has 31 years of safety experience in the public and private sectors. He spent 12 years with the NC OSHA program and has 19 years of consultation experience. He is Chair of the ASME B15.1 Committee, a member of the Board of Directors of the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, an authorized OSHA Outreach Instructor, a member of the ASSE Standards Development Committee, and a frequent speaker at regional and national conferences. You will find David very knowledgeable, practical, and entertaining.

NAIHA Update, July 7, 2005 Aaron Tripler

Congress Moving Forward on '06 Appropriations

-Concerns About NIOSH and OSHA Continue

Congress is currently on a short Fourth of July recess, to return next week prior to a long summer recess that is scheduled to begin on August 1 and run through September 2. Prior to taking off this past week, Congress continued efforts to move the '06 federal appropriations bills. In previous years, Congress was unable to move any of the bills this early.

Of substantial interest to AIHA are the budgets of OSHA and NIOSH, both contained in the Labor-HHS-Education bill. This bill is continually one of the last bills to receive approval by Congress, however this year the bill has already been approved by the House. A Senate Committee is expected to hold deliberations and mark-up on their version sometime in

mid-July. When the Senate version is approved, a conference committee will be appointed to work out any of the differences between the House and Senate versions.

Here's a look at where things stand on issues of interest to AIHA:

OSHA

In fiscal year 2005, OSHA was appropriated \$464 million. The President proposed a slight increase in the budget to \$467 million. However, part of the President's proposal was to delete all funding for the Susan Harwood training grants. AIHA expected these funds to be returned to the budget and the House did just that. On June 24, the full House approved an OSHA budget in the amount of \$477 million.

As part of the OSHA budget, there were several other issues of importance. As was done in the previous budget, the House approved language that would prohibit OSHA from enforcing annual respirator fit-testing for occupational exposure to tuberculosis. This issue continues to be a huge issue in the health care field and both sides have expended a great deal of time and resources to push their point of view. AIHA again supported OSHA and our view that annual fit-testing is needed. The debate over this issue now goes to the Senate.

The House bill also contained language chiding OSHA for its "lack of progress" on finalizing the proposed rule on employer payment for personal protective equipment. The House has requested OSHA to report on the status of this issue within 30 days after the spending bill is enacted.

NIOSH

The spending figures for NIOSH are finalized, yet somewhat difficult to interpret. NIOSH received approximately \$287 million in fiscal year 2005. For 2006, the President proposed a slight decrease to around \$286 million. This figure included funds that were eventually transferred to CDC for overhead expenses. In the '06 bill just approved by the House, a total of \$251,241 million was appropriated for NIOSH in fiscal year 2006. However, the House also approved a permanent transfer of \$34,800,000 from the NIOSH budget to CDC to pay for "continued business service assessments" - overhead expenses incurred by CDC.

Language within the NIOSH portion of the budget also states that "NIOSH should be recognized as one of the agency's five coordinating centers. This language is very important, as it means the House believes that NIOSH should be a separate coordinating center under the new CDC reorganization.

While the language on the coordinating center is encouraging, the language on the permanent transfer of funds to CDC remains of concern. AIHA and others have been working hard to have these "overhead expenses" limited. The \$34 million transfer is in line with this concern; however the language does not provide a limit on future transfers. AIHA will be pushing for a permanent limit on overhead expenses.



Carolinas AIHA on the Web

- Post Articles!
- Post Information to the IH Community!
- How? Visit and see whom to contact.

Go to:

<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/carolinas/aihacar.htm>

Nominations for 2005

Director (NC): **Sandra Smith**

- 15 years EHS experience in the Pharmaceutical industry and NC OSHA
- Current responsibilities include Comprehensive IH and Safety for 6000 employees as Manager of Physical and Chemical Risks at GlaxoSmithKline in Research Triangle Park, NC
- Member of ACGIH
- Certified Industrial Hygienist since 1995
- Education: BS East Carolina University (Environmental Health), MPH- Tulane University
- Representative to Manufacturers and Chemical Industry Council (MCIC) of North Carolina and member of MCIC Safety Technical Committee

Carolinas AIHA City Meetings

Did you know that many of your IH and Safety colleagues get together right there in or near your own town on a regular basis? If you live near Greenville in South Carolina; or near Charlotte, Raleigh/RTP, or Greensboro in North Carolina, YOU could be regularly networking, staying abreast of emerging safety and health issues, and socializing with your colleagues without having to travel a long way! We call these opportunities "City Meetings" and they are a great way to keep up with your profession while balancing the challenges of your home life, career, and business travel budget!

These city meetings usually include a presentation on an important or emerging safety or IH related topic and, in some cases, can even be used for certification maintenance. Some occur in the evenings, and some during the lunch hour. These meetings are a good mechanism for staying "plugged-in" to the profession. For these reasons, your local section leadership stands ready to support you if you wish to start a NEW city meeting in your area of North or South Carolina.

Your [local section's webpage](#) is a good way to keep up with current city meeting activities, but you can also keep in touch by contacting one of the city meeting coordinators listed below.

City Meeting Location	Contact	E-mail address
Greenville	Sherman Woodson	swoodson@pencorp.com
	Ronda Haggerty	rondahaggerty@kemet.com
Charlotte	Sam Ingram	Samuel.ingram@ncchar.ang.af.mil
	John Lopez	John.lopez@springs.com
Raleigh	Susan Buchanan	Susan_km_buchanan@urscorp.com
Greensboro	Marie Fitzgerald	fitzgeraldm@att.net

Recent Meeting Topics:

- "Reducing Exposure to Formaldehyde in Medical School Gross Anatomy" Location: Winston-Salem
- "Laser Safety and Non-Ionizing Radiation" Location: Greensboro
- "Dealing with Difficult Workers Comp and Disability Cases" Location: Raleigh-Durham
- "Getting Things Done Through High Performance Safety Teams" Location: Charlotte

The Local Section City Meetings are enjoyable and purposely designed to make it easy for you to attend. So, if you are not attending, why not?

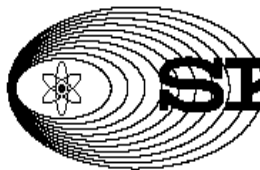
Electronic Newsletter/Brochure

In an effort to save on some of the costs associated with putting together the annual Spring and Fall Conference the Board has decided that starting in Fall 2005 a paper copy of the brochure/newsletter will no longer be mailed. We will put all of our efforts into producing a quality newsletter which will contain the info on the upcoming conference. This newsletter will be emailed out to those members of the Carolinas AIHA section and to others for which we have an email address. The key to making the endeavor successful is obviously having a correct email address for everyone. Please take this on as a personal responsibility to ensure Ms. Connie McElroy-Bacon has a current email address to which the newsletter can be sent. Again, this effort will save us quite a bit of money which should help prevent an increase in conference fees to offset the postage at least for the near future. Please send your current email address to: cbacon@mindspring.com You can also sign onto the Carolinas section webpage and update your info there.



SPRING 2006 CONFERENCE
Embassy Suites
Cary, NC
March 29th – 31st, 2006

Big Thanks! Thanks go to efforts of Mary Carol Lewis and Pat Curran for PDC committee, Marie Fitzgerald and Tony Watson for Conference Planning Committee, and John Lopez for website maintenance.



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Conference Agenda

Wednesday, September 14

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. PDC

Thursday – September 15

8:00 – 12:00 p.m. PDC

Noon Lunch

(Exhibitor's Area)

1:00 PM Welcome

1:15 PM (45 minutes)
Hexavalent Chromium,
Tony Watson

2:00 PM **Break**
(Exhibitor's Area)

2:30 PM (75 Minutes)
Mold Panel Discussion: Ron Howell,
Lindsay Cook, Romie Herring

3:45 PM (45 minutes)
The Lighter Side of Safety,
David Coble

4:30 PM Business Meeting

5:30 PM Reception
(Exhibitor's Area)

Friday – September 16

7:30 AM Breakfast
(Exhibitor's Area)

8:00 AM (60 Minutes)
Troubleshooting Ventilation
Systems, Gerry Lanham, PE

9:00 AM **Break**
(Exhibitor's Area)

9:30 AM (30 Minutes)
Federal OSHA Regulatory Update,
Suzanne Street

10:00 AM (60 Minutes)
Particulate Sampling Issues,
Debbie Detriech

11:00 AM (60 Minutes)
Electrical Generation Industry, Art
Ramirez, Duke Power

Noon Conference Ends

LOCATION AND LODGING

Embassy Suites at Kingston Plantation

9800 Queensway Boulevard

Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Hotel Reservations: 1-800-362-2779

AIHA Room Rate: \$113 per night (plus tax)

Be sure to specify you are with American Industrial Hygiene Association group.

Room Block will be released - August 14, 2005

For complete directions go to:

<http://kingstonplantation.com/directions/default.cfm>

Carolinas Section Membership

AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION

Name: _____ Title: _____ Company: _____ Phone (W): _____ Phone (H): _____ Fax: _____ Address: _____ _____ E-Mail: _____	<p>Member of National AIHA? (Circle One)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p> <p>Membership: (Circle One)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Full Associate Affiliate Student Emeritus</p>
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Education: (Complete <u>only</u> if not a member of AIHA)			
Institution: _____	Major: _____	Degree: _____	Date: _____

Employment: (Complete <u>only</u> if not a member of AIHA)		
Employer: _____	Position/Title _____	Date: _____

The Membership Committee will review all applications before submitting them to the Carolinas Section Board of Directors for Approval. Applicants will be notified following approval of their applications. Upon approval, applicants will be requested to submit dues payment. Annual dues for Full, Associate and Affiliate Members are \$20/year and Student Members are \$10/year. There are no dues for Emeritus Members.

Membership Requirements:

Full: A full member shall be any full time member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. A full member votes, pays dues, may serve on committees, and be elected to the Board of Directors.

Associate: An associate member shall be either (1) an associated member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association or (2) an individual approved by a two-thirds vote of the Carolinas Section Board of Directors and meets the criteria of the AIHA for associate membership. An associate member votes, pays dues, may serve on committees, but may not be elected to the Board of Directors.

Affiliate: An affiliate member shall be either (1) an affiliate member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association or (2) an individual approved by a two-thirds vote of the Carolinas Section Board of Directors and meets the criteria of the AIHA for affiliate membership. An affiliate member pays dues, may serve on committees, but may not vote or be elected to the Board of Directors.

Student: A student member shall be either (1) a student member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association or (2) an individual approved by a two-thirds vote of the Carolinas Section Board of Directors and meets the criteria of the AIHA for student membership. A student member pays dues, may serve on committees, but may not vote or be elected to the Board of Directors.

Emeritus: An emeritus member shall be anyone so designated by a two-thirds vote of the Carolinas Section Board of Directors. An emeritus member is exempt from paying dues, but may serve on committees, vote and be elected to the Board of Directors.

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 PO Box 37129 Raleigh, NC 27627-7129

Fall Conference & PDC September 14th – 16th, 2005

Registration Form

Advance Conference Registration

(add \$20 after August 31st)

Member	\$70
Nonmember	\$95
Students	\$20
Exhibit Space (each table)	\$200

PDC

(add \$20 after August 31st)

Member	\$150
Nonmember	\$180

Carolinas Section Annual Dues

Member	\$20	Student	\$10
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