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Carolinas Section Fall 2008 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Carolina Section Members,

Back in March I had the opportunity to spend time with my family visiting some of the sites around Washington, DC. One of the highlights of our trip was a tour of the White House.

We arrived early that morning eager to be on time so as to not miss our tour. We had read ahead of time that it would be worthwhile to go to the White House Visitor's Center before going on the tour to help us understand some of the history behind this famous landmark.

One of the exhibits that caught my attention was a short video by President Bush talking about the various rooms in the house and some of the related history. What left me with the greatest impression was that he ended the video by stating that this famous residence was the White House of the People of the United States of America.

For some reason I later thought about this in relation to the Carolinas AIHA Section and how this section belongs to each and every one of you. This section will become what you want it to be. Many of you have offered great input for improvements to the PDC/Conference, membership incentives, and potential speakers for our meetings and we continue to rely on those inputs to improve the section.

This Fall you will see a change to our PDC/Conference format in that we are shifting to a two day format. We have several reasons

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AIHA Carolinas Section

Protecting Worker Health

University Student Outreach Program

MISSION

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Carolinas Section is committed to the growth of the profession through culturing and mentoring students in the field(s) of health, safety, and the environment. The Student Outreach Program focuses on establishing effective relationships with local institutions of higher learning to form camaraderie with their students in active HSE, engineering, and science-based curriculums.

SCOPE

The following programs have demonstrated that current curriculums are fostering growth of students into the HSE arena. Some of these institutions stringently adhere to the engineering and science disciplines, while others focus on the physical sciences and health/safety/environmental curriculums.

North Carolina

- North Carolina A&T University
- Western Carolina University
- UNC-Chapel Hill
- North Carolina State University
- Durham Technical Community College

South Carolina

- University of South Carolina
- Clemson University
- College of Charleston
- Benedict College

Current participation/interaction with these schools is limited due to change in faculty members, faltering interests in the Carolina's AIHA local section, and logistics of student participation (travel costs, class time, student involvement with conferences, etc.). The Student Outreach Program will provide an avenue to regain this participation/interaction with those institutions listed.

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that we would like to try this format. Some of these include increasing vendor participation, increasing student participation, and giving you a way to earn your CE units with less time out of the office.

There is a student outreach sub-committee working hard to increase the attendance of our students from the various universities. You have one of the most energetic boards that you could ask for and the ideas for improvement are flying. We are going to try some things and others we may try at a more appropriate time.

Many of you recently participated in the member survey. We had over 70 responses, and some of our changes are due to feedback from the survey.

Again, remember this is your Section. Take the opportunity to get involved. We are going to try to give more folks an opportunity to get involved in some of these sub-committees.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the Fall!!

Sam

Sam Ingram, CIH
NC Air Guard



FINANCIAL REPORT

From Treasurer, Colleen Eubanks, CIH, CSP

- \$2570 profit from Spring conference & PDC
- Section Balance is \$26,597.40 as of 6/30/08

PROGRAM

To re-build camaraderie with these institutions, multi-dimensional approaches have been considered by the Board of Directors of the AIHA Carolina's Section. The following initiatives have been put into place to generate student attendance at the Carolina's Section Spring and Fall conferences.

1. The Board has established an annual fund that will allow the Carolina's AIHA to assist institutions of higher learning in subsidizing student cost to attend Spring and Fall conferences.
 - a. No conference fee is required for students who would like to attend the local Section conferences.
 - b. Conferences are now a one-day event, thus reducing student/professor travel time and allowing for cost reduction in meals, hotel expense, etc.
 - c. The Carolina's Section will now subsidize two (2) students from each institution at \$100.00 per student. This can be used at the student's discretion (i.e. meal expense, fuel, hotel, etc.).
2. Students that have participated in internships or co-op employment are encouraged to present their experiences at the conference(s) via the following media:
 - a. A short presentation of learned experiences during the conference to all attendees.
 - b. Whiteboard presentations that can be displayed during the conference to generate interaction with conference attendees.
3. A formal sub-committee has been created to continually drive student outreach through the Carolina's Section AIHA. This committee consists of the NC/SC Board Directors, volunteer personnel from the local Section and one (1) student representative from the institutions of higher learning.
 - a. The student representative will be chosen on a "first come, first serve" basis.
 - b. The student representative will be responsible for attending the Board meetings that are conducted at the spring/fall conferences and pre-determined teleconferences.

This program aims to increase student knowledge of the American Industrial Hygiene Association and offer an avenue for interaction with health, safety, and environmental professionals of all ages. Through this outreach program, we can regain connection with future HSE professionals that will be serving our communities and, likewise, culture participation with the American Industrial Hygiene Association Carolinas section.

Please feel free to contact the Carolina's Section AIHA Board members directly (<http://www.aiha-carolinas.org/officers.html>), should you have any questions regarding this program.

AIHA Carolina's Local Section Member Survey Results

Earlier this year, the section Board of Director's initiated a survey to gather feedback from our current and past members. The survey focused on what our member's value most about the section in an effort to provide the Board with an effective tool in producing a quality membership experience.

The survey garnered a response from about 10% of the current membership. Some facts about those respondents are that 88% are members and 69% of respondents have attended the conference in the past 2 years. The top reasons for attending were for certification maintenance points and technical content. The reasons that respondents provided for not attending the twice yearly event were that the conference/content was "not relevant" to them and the cost and/or location of conference.

47% of respondents agree that the PDC/conferences are relevant to their work and that the Carolinas Local Section provides strong value (59%).

The top areas of interest for consideration for future PDCs and conferences were:

- 1-Exposure Assessment
- 2-Risk Communication
- 3-Risk Assessment
- 4-Safety

Additionally, over one-half of the respondents were willing to participate in some way to improve the conference and PDC offerings. It is the intent of the Board to begin using this data and working to implement key elements immediately. We hope you will recognize the efforts we have made to be responsive to the needs of all members. We are still tabulating surveys, so if you have not completed one and want to be sure your thoughts are heard, please visit our local section website (over 79% of you said you have!) and register for the survey. Many thanks to all those who participated. A detailed summary of the survey findings will be available at the upcoming fall conference.



Carolinas AIHA Fall Conference

October 8-9, 2008
Rock Hill, South Carolina

"Introduction to Risk Assessment for the Industrial Hygienist"
presented by Susan Arnold, MSOH, CIH of Lifeline Group

Please see the conference agenda and registration forms
on pages 5 & 6



FALL CONFERENCE UPDATES


In response to recent membership survey results, the AIHA Carolinas Section is pleased to announce two exciting items for our Fall 2008 conference!

We have changed the format of the PDC and conference to one full day of each. The PDC will be held on Wednesday October 8th from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Following the PDC on Wednesday evening, the Past Presidents' Reception will be held to welcome everyone to the conference. The conference begins at 8:00 am on Thursday and ends at 5:00 pm.


We hope this change will offer more value to our membership by:

- Allowing individuals to get their CM points in a shorter amount of time
- Less work time missed
- Providing a savings on hotel and meal expenses
- More networking due to increased attendance

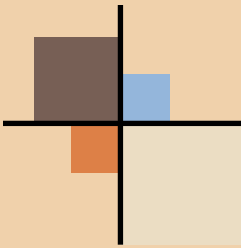
Risk Assessment was one of the top survey responses for preferred PDC topics. Therefore, we have arranged for Susan Arnold, MSOH, CIH of the LifeLine Group in Roswell, GA to present "Introduction to Risk Assessment for the Industrial Hygienist". Susan and Michael Jayjock, PhD, CIH routinely present this course at the AIHCe. The course is designed to show the relationship between IH and risk assessment and its elements. It is also designed to be a general and broad overview, providing the IH with an appreciation of where he or she is in this scheme as well as what to learn and do to grow in the profession. The course uses case studies for hands-on experience.



**We will vote on
increasing the annual
membership dues to
\$25 at the fall meeting.**



Due to the positive responses from the spring conference, the games for cash and prizes will also be held in the fall. Yeah!!!



**CONTACT US WITH
YOUR UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

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Carolinas AIHA Fall 2008 Conference

October 8–9, 2008

Rock Hill, South Carolina

Wednesday – October 8

8:00 AM Registration
8:15 AM–5:00 PM PDC – “Introduction to Risk Assessment for the Industrial Hygienist”

Susan Arnold, MSOH, CIH of The LifeLine Group in Roswell, GA will lead the PDC. The course is designed to show the relationship between IH and risk assessment and its elements. It is also designed to be a general and broad overview, providing the IH with an appreciation of where he or she is in this scheme as well as what to learn and do to grow in the profession. The course uses case studies for hands-on experience.

12:00 Noon Lunch (Provided)
5:00 PM Exhibitors’ Area Opens
5:30 PM Past President’s Reception, (*Exhibitors’ Area*)

Thursday – October 9

7:30 AM Coffee & Danish, (*Exhibitors’ Area*)
8:00–8:15 AM Welcome – *Sam Ingram, President*
8:15–9:15 AM REACH: A US Industry Perspective – *Judith Kranetz, Rhodia*
9:15–10:00 AM Industry Profile – *Chip Witcher – Syngenta Crop Protection*
10:00–10:30 AM Break (*Exhibitors’ Area*)
10:30–11:15 AM Asbestos Case Study – *Andy Rowland, Applied Building Sciences*
11:15–Noon Indoor Air Quality/Mold O&M – *Brian Kasher, Charlotte–Mecklenberg Schools*
Noon Lunch (Provided)
1:00–2:15 PM US Navy Submarine Air Quality – *Salvatore DiNardi, University of Massachusetts*
2:15–3:00 PM Student Internships in Industrial Hygiene Program
Dr. Burton Ogle, Western Carolina University
3:00–3:30 PM Break (*Exhibitors’ Area*)
3:30–4:30 PM Student Internships in Industrial Hygiene Program
Dr. Dilip Shah, North Carolina A&T State University
4:30–5:00 PM Business Meeting
5:00 PM Conference Ends

Course Location:

Baxter Hood Center
York Technical College
452 South Anderson Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730
803.325.2888

Lodging Information:

Hilton Garden Inn
650 Tinsley Way
Rock Hill, SC 29730
Reservations: 803.325.2800
AIHA Room Rate: \$109/night (plus tax)

Room Block will be released–September 8, 2008.

When making your reservation please ask for the AIHA Carolinas Section room block.

Carolinas AIHA Fall 2008 Conference

October 8-9, 2008

Rock Hill, South Carolina

Registration Form

Advance Conference Registration

(add \$20 after September 15th)

Member	\$95
Nonmember	\$115
Exhibit Space (each table)	\$220

PDC

(add \$20 after September 15th)

Member	\$195
Nonmember	\$230

Carolinas Section Annual Dues

Member	\$20	Student	\$10
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