



Carolinas Section

Carolinas Section Spring 2010 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to All Carolinas AIHA Section Members!

Although it may not feel like it, spring is just around the corner. That means the time for the Carolinas AIHA Spring PDC and Conference is fast approaching. Like Santa's little helpers, the Board has been pulling together an agenda we think you will like. Our formula for planning the PDCs and conferences is very simple; we ask what kinds of presentations you want and then give them to you. You will also notice some slight changes in the format of the conference this time, such as a single slot for a student presentation for which the students compete. The business meeting has also been moved to the beginning of the conference. We are also testing the waters with two half-day PDCs instead a single full-day format.

I would like to thank the entire Board for helping my time as President go by as smoothly as anyone could hope. I was fortunate to have been surrounded by a dedicated group of people who are passionate about our profession and are willing to help when needed. In the face of the economic downturn of 2009, the Carolinas Section has done better than ever due to the creative, energetic leadership of the Board and our loyal membership. I am proud of what we have been able to achieve this year. The Section will be in very capable hands in 2010 with Chris Murray as President. Throughout his time on the board, Chris has been instrumental in facilitating student involvement and planning conferences.

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Carolinas AIHA Spring Conference

March 17-18, 2010
Raleigh, North Carolina

Please see the conference agenda and registration forms
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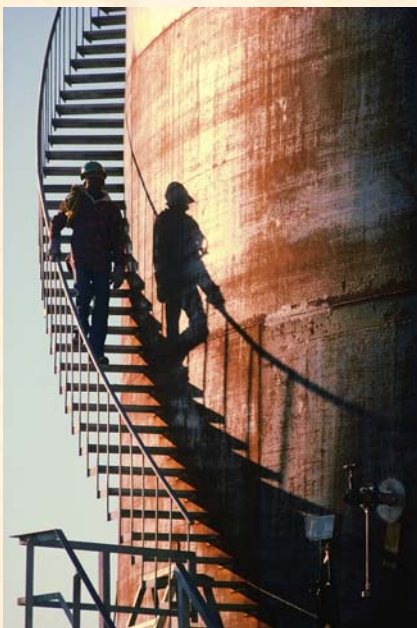
A NEW APPROACH...

“STUDENT SPOTLIGHT”

The board has decided to create a spotlight presentation for a single student at the conference meeting in March! Student applications to attend the conference will not change. Students still submit the application which would be evaluated by the board and they would be invited to attend the conference at no charge and also receive the stipend for travel, etc. as before.

With this additional approach we hope to create some friendly competition for the single slot and encourage the development of a high quality presentation. Ideally, the presentations would focus on current student research projects or other items of interest. We also may have some additional recognition (monetary or otherwise) for the award recipient. This has not been determined yet – but is still being discussed by the board.

We will review presentation submissions from February 1 thru February 26 with an award no later than March 5, 2010.



OSHA Reform

House staff has been busy working to redraft the Protecting America's Workers Act (PWAA). Talk has centered on whether or not they will omit the section to expand OSHA coverage to local and state government employees not currently covered by OSHA regulations. AIHA supports this expansion, yet I'm not sure it will remain in the final bill. One option is to remove this section and introduce it as a separate measure where it might stand a better chance of passage.

There is also talk that a new PWAA might include several new sections, perhaps language to require employers have a written safety and health program. Not sure if this will happen but I wouldn't be surprised if the House scheduled hearings on this issue.

Bottom line on this bill is the House just may decide to consider the measure because of a lack of movement on other major issues. It would be nice to at least see the bill receive a hearing.

Aaron K. Trippler, AIHA Director



AIHA Carolinas Section

Protecting Worker Health



WE NEED YOU!

To submit questions regarding **COMBUSTIBLE DUSTS**. They can be general or directed to a specific panelist. All questions will be answered at the end of the PDC.

Please submit your question to
Chris Murray prior to the PDC.
Email to: cmurray@ei1.com.

2011 Federal Budget - *Aaron K. Tripler AIHA Director*

While it seems as if they just approved the 2010 federal budget (they did), President Obama is about to propose the 2011 federal budget. Supporters of OSHA, MSHA, NIOSH and EPA were very pleased with the increases approved in the 2010 budget; but don't get too excited. Insiders hint the 2011 budget may put the brakes on nearly every federal agency in an attempt to control spending. Some say the President may recommend an across the board cut, perhaps as high as 5%.



President's Message (continued from cover)

Lastly, I would like to encourage anyone who is considering serving on the Carolinas AIHA Board to contact any of the current board members and let them know you are interested. Volunteering can be lots more fun than you may realize. To use a non-AIHA example, my wife has historically been the one to step up and volunteer to time the swimmers at my son's swim meets. My role has typically been to lay low until all of the volunteer spots are filled and then sit upstairs in the bleachers with all of the other non-volunteers and inhale chlorine for three hours. It is usually hot upstairs and the time seems to pass very slowly. However, at my son's most recent swim meet, my wife was out of town and there was no avoiding it. To my surprise, I found that it was lots more fun being engaged in the process and interacting with the swimmers. It was also much cooler at the pool level and the meet seemed to finish much more quickly than before. My experience serving the Carolinas AIHA board has been very similar. It has been very rewarding to play a role in making the conferences and PDCs a success. My time on the board has flown by much faster than I realized. If you are a practicing Industrial Hygienist, I encourage you to step down from the bleachers and get involved. There may just be some benefits to volunteering that you didn't anticipate.

Tony

Tony Watson, MSPH, CIH, CSP
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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
DUES
\$25**



Carolinas AIHA Spring 2010 PDC/Conference

March 17–18, 2010

Raleigh, North Carolina



Wednesday – March 17

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:15 –12:00 PM Topic No. 1 – Combustible Dust Panel
Panelists Scheduled to Appear include:
Jonathan Hale, MS - Air Systems Corporation
Representative from NC DOL
Marty Schloss, PE - KBD/Technic, Inc.
Ron Allen - Imperial Sugar
- 12:00 Noon Lunch (Provided)
- 1:00 PM-5:00 PM Topic No. 2 – ABIH Ethics
Nancy Orr, CIH - Joint Industrial Hygiene Ethics Education Committee (JIHEEC)
- 5:00 PM Vendor Area Opens
- 5:30 PM Past President’s Reception, (*Vendor Display Area*)

Thursday – March 18

- 7:30 AM Coffee & Danish, (*Vendor Display Area*)
- 8:00-8:30 AM Welcome - *Tony Watson, CIH, CSP* – Workplace Hygiene
Business Meeting – *Colleen Eubanks, CIH* – SCNSC
- 8:30-9:30 AM The New Health and Safety Management – Systems Style
Lindsay Cook, CIH, CSP – The EI Group, Inc.
- 9:30-10:15 AM Health Hazards Control Unit Program Update – *Mary Giguere, CIH*
- 10:15-10:45 AM Break and Vendor Displays
- 10:45-11:15 AM Student Spotlight Presentation
- 11:15-12:00 PM Governmental Affairs Update – *Aaron Trippler*
- 12:00-1:00 PM Lunch (Provided)
- 1:00-2:00 PM Industry Profile – *Mark Hefley, Nucor Steel*
- 2:00-3:00 PM NC OSHA Update – *Phil Hooper, CIH, NC Department of Labor*
- 3:00-3:30 PM Break and Vendor Presentations – *Kevin Cosgrove*
- 3:30-4:30 PM Civil Liability of Corporate Industrial Hygienists in North Carolina and South Carolina
– *George A. Dwiggin, PhD, JD, CIH*
- 4:30-4:35PM Closing Remarks – *Chris Murray, CIH* – The EI Group, Inc.
President Elect, AIHA Carolinas Section

Carolinas AIHA Spring 2010 PDC/Conference

March 17-18, 2010

Clarion Hotel State Capital – Raleigh, North Carolina

Registration Form

Advance Conference Registration

(add \$20 after February 26th)

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

PDC

(add \$20 after February 26th)

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| Member | \$195 |
| Nonmember | \$230 |

Carolinas Section Annual Dues

Member: \$25 Students: No Charge

Method of Payment

Check Visa MasterCard
 American Express

Card Account

Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Card Holder

Signature _____

Card Holder Name

Please Print _____

Billing Address for Card

Course Location & Lodging Information:

Clarion Hotel State Capital

320 Hillsborough Street

Raleigh, NC 27603

www.clarionhotel.com

Reservations: 919-832-0501

AIHA Room Rate: \$79/night (plus tax) – single/double

Sleeping rooms have been set aside at the Clarion for those attending the conference, but availability cannot be guaranteed past **February 26**. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel. To receive the above rate, please state that you are with the **American Industrial Hygiene Association**.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____

Business Fax: _____

Email: _____

Check box if this is an address change

Make Checks payable to AIHA Carolinas Section and
MAIL Registration Form To:

Carolinas Section-

Attn: Connie McElroy-Bacon

PO Box 37129

Raleigh, NC 27627-7129

Fax: 919-852-4594

Phone: 919-233-8400

cbacon@mindspring.com

Amount enclosed: _____

