

Spring 2025 Newsletter



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President's Message

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A change in the wind has arrived, and it's time for a new administration. Serving as the President of the AIHA Carolinas Local Section has been an honor and a pleasure. Working alongside our passionate committee has reminded me why I love our field. Together, we've put in the work to make our section one of the best in the country through our tremendous value, community, and growth opportunities. I know our next President, Richard Cravener, will continue to honor our history while leading us into a bright future.

Speaking of new administrations, OSHA has a number of new standards moving through the rulemaking process. I anticipate delays on any new standards, but that doesn't mean the hazards they were meant to address are delayed too. As health and safety professionals, we have a duty to ensure the well-being of workers and the community. While confidence in the scientific community may waver, it's our role to quell doubt and mistrust through clear communication of technical science. Our stewardship is as important as ever, and I thank you for all of your efforts.

If you're curious about other ways to get involved, look no further than your local AIHA Carolinas section. We'll be holding officer elections at the spring conference and are excited to have positions open on the board including a Treasurer, and North Carolina/South Carolina Director positions. It's a great opportunity to expand your professional network while getting to know others. The hard work we put in to offer you these great conferences is truly rewarding and fun. Through diverse ideas and expansive networks, we can continue to bring the best possible product to you.

See you all in Charlotte this March!

-Grant Quiller

AIHA Carolinas Section-Agenda

March 5-7, 2025 - Hilton Charlotte University Place - Charlotte, NC

Wednesday, March 5th

12 Noon - PDC Registration Opens

Professional Development Course

1:00-5:00 pm

Bioaerosols

Dr. Ushang Desai, PhD; Richard Cravener, MS, CIH, CSP; Grant Quiller MS, CIH, CSP

Thursday, March 6th

7:30-8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Professional Development Course

8:00 am-12:00 pm

Current topics in firefighter PFAS/PFOA

Dr. Bryan Ormond, PhD, NC State University, Wilson College of Textiles

10:00 AM - Conference Registration Opens

12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch Buffet

Conference Opening Session

1:00-1:05 pm

President Welcome

Grant Quiller, MS, CIH, CSP

President – AIHA Carolinas

1:05-2:00 pm

Global Use of Blue Asbestos and its Implications for America

*Tony Watson, CIH, CSP,
President, Workplace Hygiene*

2:00-2:30 pm

Vendor Introductions/Break

2:30-3:20 pm

Food Truck Vendor Safety

Dr. Michael Benjamin, PhD

Co-Program Director, Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

3:20-4:10 pm

North Carolina Firefighter Cancer Cohort Study

Dr. Heather Stapleton, PhD

*Ronie-Richele Garcia-Johnson Distinguished Professor,
Nicholas School of Environment – Duke University*

4:10-4:25 pm

Vendor Break

4:25-5:15 pm

Radiation Jeopardy

Richard Cravener, MS, CIH, CSP

Sr. Manager, EPRI

5:30-7:00 pm

Presidential Reception & Dinner

Friday, March 7th

7:30-8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:30 am

Mental Health in Construction Workers

Dr. Tina Chen, PhD

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

9:30-10:00 am

Break/Vendor Interaction

10:00-10:45 am

North Carolina OSHA Compliance & Consultative Update

*Paul Sullivan, MS, CIH, CSP, Assistant Deputy Director
NC DOL, OSH Compliance*

10:45-11:30 pm

AIHA National Update

Nicole Greeson, MS, CIH – AIHA National President

*Duke University Health System, Occupational Hygiene and
Safety Division Director*

11:30 pm

Officer Elections & Closing Comments

Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 Carolinas AIHA PDC and Conferences

Fall 2025:

Location: Embassy Suites, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, SC
PDC and conference

Dates: September 24-26, 2025

Spring 2026:

Location: Hilton Raleigh North Hills, Raleigh, NC
PDC and conference

Dates: March 11-13, 2026



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Carolinas Section - AIHA
Spring PDC and Conference March 5-7, 2025
Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC

Registration Form

Conference Registration

Circle one

Member (Advanced) \$250
Nonmember (Advanced) \$270
Member (After Feb 19) \$300
Nonmember(After Feb 19) \$320

PDC-Registration

Circle One

Member (Advanced) \$250
Nonmember (Advanced) \$285
Member (After Feb 19) \$300
Nonmember (After Feb 19) \$335

Exhibit Space (each table) \$450

After Feb 19 (each table) \$500

Carolinas Section Annual Dues

Member \$35 Student \$10

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\(sailab.com\)](http://sailab.com)



[SGS Galson - Industrial Hygiene Lab for Sampling and Analysis](#)



[SKC, Inc. | Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Safety Products and Technology \(skcinc.com\)](http://skcinc.com)

Member News: eLearning Subscription 2025

Welcome to the 2025 eLearning Subscription! AIHA Carolinas access has been established for the 2025 eLearning Subscription program in the online classroom, and you can begin viewing content now if you are a member of the local section. Please note that this program runs from January 2025 through December 2025.

Here are the action items to take this month to maximize your participation in the program:

1. Login to the [online classroom](#) and verify that you see a tab to access your group's content. If you do not see this tab, please get in contact with us so we can research the issue. If you don't know your login credentials, please use the forgot password link on the login page to have them sent to you.
2. Review the information posted on the [2025 eLearning Subscribers page](#). Here you will find information about upcoming live webinars, OnDemand content already added to your classroom, accessing your AIHA transcript and FAQs about using the system. Bookmark this page in case you need to review it later.

Member News: Open Officer Positions

We are excited to announce that officer elections will be held at our upcoming Spring Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get involved and contribute to the leadership of our organization.

The current openings are for the following positions:

- **Treasurer**
- **North Carolina Director**
- **South Carolina Director**

We encourage all members who are interested in these roles to consider running. Your participation is vital to the continued success and growth of AIHA Carolinas.

More details about the election process and candidate requirements can be found in our bylaws on our website. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to any board member.

The Pat Curran Memorial Scholarship

Pat began his career in North Carolina State Government in 1972 and worked in the Division of Public Health in various capacities until his retirement in 2004. Pat continued to consult with industry and teach during his retirement. Through his working and retirement years, Pat served on many boards and committees and his greatest pleasures were helping people with their occupational and environmental health concerns and mentoring the next generation of safety and health professionals. He served as an Adjunct Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill: Environmental Sciences and Engineering-Gillings School of Global Public Health. Pat also taught at ECU in the Master of Science in Occupational Safety Program-College of Engineering and Technology.



John "Pat" Curran

Pat's outstanding work and contributions did not go unnoticed and upon his retirement from the State of North Carolina, he received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the Governor in recognition of his extraordinary service to the state. In 2010, Pat received the Warren Cook Award from the Carolinas Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association for outstanding contributions to the profession of industrial hygiene.

Most recently, Pat received the Robert T. Hughes Memorial Award from the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists which recognizes outstanding individuals in the field of industrial ventilation.

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

In awarding the Pat Curran Memorial Scholarship, the recipient should be:

- Enrolled at the graduate or undergraduate level at a university in Carolina's Local Section geographic area in an ABET-accredited program with an emphasis in occupational health.
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 scale, or a B average.

For more information, to donate, or to apply for the scholarship, please visit the [The Pat Curran Memorial Scholarship | AIHA](#) found on the AIHA website.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 27, 2025!