



President's Message

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Dear Section Members,

Happy New Year! I first wanted to thank everyone who attended the Fall conference in Myrtle Beach for our 50th Anniversary event. It was good to see familiar faces and new ones. A special thank you to the anniversary planning team **Katy Heide, Rebecca Shultz, Ronda Haggerty, and Ushang Desai**. This team did a phenomenal job planning the activities and resourcing the event. While we will be unable to have similar celebrations at future conferences, we have carefully considered your feedback that you liked the activities and collaboration. The board is thereby looking at ways to make the Past Presidents reception more interactive (on a low or no budget). Please reach out to any board member if you have suggestions.

In case you missed it, the Pat Curran memorial scholarship is now available. There is an article later in the newsletter about it, so please have a look and share it with others. While the rest of us in our IH careers may not have the reach Pat did, it only takes you impacting the life of one person to make a difference. What IHs do every day helps prevent someone from having to miss work, attend doctor's appointments, wonder if they will fully recover, complete simple life needs like tying one's shoes, or enjoying their hobbies. I experienced those events and feelings last year due to a shoulder surgery. The impact of my surgery reminded me daily that what IHs do to preserve, maintain and enhance people's health is something most of us do not think about, however not doing it could be life changing. We will never know the number of lives we have positively impacted, but take it from this person who had a simple shoulder surgery who missed work and could not tie their shoes, you make a difference to the lives you protect every day.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Conference in Charlotte!

Kind regards,

Sandra Y. Smith

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Wednesday, March 8th

12 Noon - PDC Registration Opens

Professional Development Course

1:00-5:00 pm

Respiratory Protection

Richard Cravener Jr., MS, CIH, CSP

Cravener Consulting Solutions

Thursday, March 9th

7:30-8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Professional Development Course

8:00 am-12:00 pm

Ergonomics

Dr. Pete Johnson, Professor Emeritus, Env. & Occ Health Services

School of Public Health, University of Washington

10:00 AM - Conference Registration Opens

12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch

Conference Opening Session

1:00-1:05 pm

President's Welcome

Sandra Smith, President – AIHA Carolinas

1:05-2:20 pm

Human Performance

Ashley Waddy, Sr. Manager Human Performance Biogen

2:20-3:00 pm

Vendor Introductions/Break

3:00-4:00 pm

Flammable Liquids

Jon Wallace

Workplace Group

4:00-5:00 pm

How to be an Effective Expert Witness for Mold Litigation

Jeremiah Bancroft & Brent Sherota

Mold Law Group

Friday, March 10th

8:00-8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:30 am

PFAS and Firefighter Turnout Gear

Dr. Bryan Ormond

North Carolina State University

9:30-10:00 am

NC DOL OSHA Update

Paul Sullivan

Assistant Deputy Commissioner

Occupational Safety and Health Division

10:00-10:15 am

Break/Vendor Presentations

10:15-11:00 am

Emergency Response

North Carolina Emergency Management

Regional Response Team 7 - Charlotte

11:00-11:50 am

Confined Space

Jeff Almond

FailSafe Consulting

11:50 am-12:00 pm

Business Meeting/Closing Comments

Spring 2023 and Fall 2023 Carolinas AIHA PDC and Conferences

Spring 2023:

Location: Hilton Charlotte University Place, Charlotte, NC
PDC and conference

Dates: March 8-10, 2023

Registration: www.aiha-carolinas.org

Fall 2023:

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

Dates: September 20-22, 2023

Registration: Details will be shared with you later in the year



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Carolinas Section - AIHA
Spring PDC and Conference
March 8-10, 2023
Charlotte, NC

Registration Form

Conference Registration

Circle one

(add \$20 after February 22nd)

Member \$220
Nonmember \$240

PDC-Registration

Circle One

(add \$20 after February 22nd)

Member \$220
Nonmember \$255

Exhibit Space (Each Table) \$400

Carolinas Section Annual Dues

Member \$35 Student \$10

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Carolinas Section

Attn : Connie McElroy-Bacon

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Amount enclosed: _____

REGISTER ONLINE AT

www.aiha-carolinas.org

Students can register for the Conference at no charge. Hotel and travel fees are not included with registration. Contact Connie for more information.

Thanks to the AIHA Carolinas Spring 2023 Vendors



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Member News: eLearning Subscription 2023

Welcome to the 2023 eLearning Subscription!

AIHA Carolinas access has been established for the 2023 eLearning Subscription program in the online classroom and you can begin viewing content now. **Please note that this program runs from January 2023 through December 2023.**

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. Under the AIHA University tab, click Online Classroom. From there, click the Online Classroom option where you will see the 2023 AIHA Carolinas Section eLearning Subscription content.
- 2. Review the information posted on the [2023 AIHA eLearning webpage](#).** 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. We have already added several OnDemand sessions, so feel free to start checking those out! Bookmark this page in case you need to review it later.

We're looking forward to another program year! Expect to receive communications from us once a month with any program updates.

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.