Dear Section Members,

Hope you had a great summer season and enjoyed some vacation time away from work. Your officers, board, and especially Connie have been very busy crafting a great Fall PDC & Conference. We are ready to go with an agenda packed with outstanding speakers and relevant information. My sincere thanks to the officers for their part in its development.

I’m not getting any younger, unfortunately, and I suspect the same can be said for each of us. Our section (and any section, for that matter) could certainly benefit from the new perspectives and energy of early career IH practitioners. AIHA has taken the effort to review IH practitioner demographics nationwide and appears to have reached the same conclusion. We need more new industrial hygienists!

Enter “I AM IH”: An awareness campaign developed to highlight the practice of industrial hygiene, communicate the good work we do, and foster outreach events to educate students as to the benefit of choosing our career path. Certainly, we have an ongoing and very valuable relationship with our student sections at East Carolina and other universities. Can we do more? Are there additional opportunities to engage students who have yet to choose a career path? Those are the questions that Elizabeth Pullen and others representing national AIHA have been asking. Perhaps it is time to formalize our outreach efforts, begin the process of developing a plan (with the assistance of our membership), and bring more new practitioners into our fold. Look for more information and discussion about this subject during our conference. We’re excited to have your thoughts on this!

Last spring, Mark Ames asked us how we see our section engaging government officials. Since then, I’ve polled our membership for interest in the subject of government affairs. We have yet to push the issue forward and begin the process of defining what our section’s role might be. Could there be a lack of interest at this time. I know Mark will keep us apprised of pending federal legislation that affects us, but more might be required of us at the state level. For now, let’s keep an eye on the news and legislative activity that might affect the practice of industrial hygiene in North or South Carolina.

Lastly, did you know that AIHA recently published a guide related to natural disasters? Hurricane season is upon us again and Harvey is certainly a reminder of that fact. Some of us find ourselves working in areas affected by disaster. This guide, titled “Health and Safety Issues in Natural Disasters”, is available on the AIHA website and might be a useful reference. It covers hazards & solutions associated with three main disaster types: Tornado, Flood, and Wildfires. I and many other IH professionals contributed to the document. We all hope you don’t need it.

Hope this message finds each of you in good health and ready for the fall season! As always, thank you for your involvement in your Carolinas Section. We truly thrive on your volunteer work with the organization. We hope to see each of you in beautiful Myrtle Beach.

Tim Hicks
Carolinas AIHA President
Thursday, September 28th
Conference Sessions (cont.)

1:15-1:30 pm
AIHA South Region Update
Stephanie Scibilia, SGS Galson

1:30-2:30 pm
Key Issues the IH Faces with HVAC Systems
(Causes & Solution Overview)
Doug Gunnell, P.E. Gunnell Engineering

2:30 – 3:15
Break in Vendor Display area

3:15-4:00 pm
New Sampling Options for the
OSHA Final Rule on Silica
Debbie Dietrich, CIH, SKC, Inc.

4:00-5:00 pm
Classifying DOT Hazardous Materials for transportation
Sonia Irusta, Bureau of Dangerous Goods

5:00-5:15 pm
Closing Remarks
Timothy Hicks, HHS Consulting

Friday, September 29th
Conference Closing Session

8:00 – 8:30 am
Continental Breakfast Vendor Display Area

8:30 - 9:00 am
South Carolina OSHA Update
Dottie Ison/Harvey Jessup, SC DOL

9:00-9:45 am
Hazardous Drugs: What is USP 800 & Why Should We Care?
Nicole Gresson, MS, CIH, Duke University

9:45-10:15 am
Break and Vendor Presentations– Vendor Display Area

10:15-11:00 am
Respiratory Protection, Review & Update
Pat Curran, CIH, PCIH

11:00am – 11:45am
Ebola Infection Control Strategies & Experiences
Eric Esswein, MS, CIH, NIOSH Western States

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM
Closing Remarks
Timothy Hicks, HHS Consulting

Wednesday, September 27th
Professional Development Course

12:00 pm PDC Registration

1:00-5:00 pm
PDC: Practical Solutions to Combustible Dust & Industrial Ventilation
Johnathan Hale & Susie Strohschein, Air Systems Corp,
Pat Curran, PCIH

Thursday, September 28th
Professional Development Course (cont’d)

7:30 – 8:00 am
Continental Breakfast

8:00 am-12:00 pm
PDC: Practical Solutions to Combustible Dust & Industrial Ventilation

12:00-1:00 pm
Lunch

Conference Opening Session

1:00-1:15 pm
President’s Welcome & Business Meeting
Timothy Hicks, HHS Consulting
PDC – Professional Development Course

PDC: Practical Solutions to Combustible Dust & Industrial Ventilation

*Industrial Ventilation to Protect the Worker*

Wednesday pm

- Pat Curran, CIH- Industrial Hygiene Basics for Industrial Ventilation (Physics of Air to Protect a Worker)
- Susie Strohschein, IE- Hood Science: Where the Air Protects the Worker
- Jonathan Hale, MPA- Troubleshooting the "Rest of the System"

Thursday am

- Pat Curran, CIH- Combustible Dust Science Basics
- Susie Strohschein, IE- DHA and "How to do your own Combustible Dust Inspection"
- Jonathan Hale- Innovative and Practical Means for Combustible Dust Explosion Mitigation - Don't Overthink This!

Carolinas AIHA Officer Position

The Carolinas AIHA Section currently has 1 opening on its board for vice president. If you have interest in this position, please contact Mandy Stone at mandy.stone@biogen.com

Elections will take place at the Fall 2017 conference business meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC.

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The Carolinas-AIHA is pleased to announce that we have continued the eLearning Subscription series for our members and purchased the subscription for 2017!

Check out the eLearning Subscriber's webpage for more information. This web page will list all upcoming webinars and house links to the recordings, handout materials, and evaluations. https://www.aiha.org/education/CourseCalendar/eLearning/Pages/elearningsubscription2016members.aspx

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