Message from the President – Bernie Fontaine

Voting has started for a President-elect, Secretary, and Director of Administration. Please make your selection and case a ballot. The future of our great organizational lies with its leadership. Vote today.

This month the Executive Committee (EC) has taken on a new challenge. We are meeting to discuss the path forward by developing a strategic management plan. We will review our strengths, weakness, opportunities, and threats facing the organization. In addition, we will consider the power and intensity of combining valued resources, collaborating with other associations, expanding human talent and capacity, and restructuring for the 21st century. With limited time and resources for health and safety, NJAIHA would like to become your local source for information, training, and base of knowledge to support our membership. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Craig Doolittle.

NJAIHA is now connected to AIHA’s eLearning solutions, which are designed for busy professionals seeking an alternate educational setting. This virtual learning environment provides the same standard of learning and level of technical content, but is administered online. Certification maintenance is awarded by AIHA for participants. AIHA webinars are web-based continuing education events that enable attendees to learn anytime from the comfort of their own home or office. AIHA webinars are presented by industry experts on a variety of topics, catering to every OEHS niche, and are fully accredited and allow IHs and OEHS professionals to obtain contact hours towards their certification maintenance programs. Automatic registration to AIHA webinars can earn you at least 10 contact hours.

The AIHA eLearning subscription also guarantees registration to the 2017 AIHA virtual conference on leadership and management via live video streaming, multi-track session broadcast; opportunities to submit questions for presenters and interact with other virtual participants via chat, and access to session recordings. NJAIHA members could earn another 11.5 contact hours. This is an outstanding business value for the price of NJAIHA membership.

Don’t forget our summer classes start soon. Although the structure of these classes is designed to help study for the CIH and CSP exams, you can also learn more about a particular topic to improve your understanding of the subject. Attending these summer courses can help those members who seek certification maintenance credits or continuing educational credits toward recertification as a CIH or CSP. For more information, contact Hank Shotwell.

Remember our “Loyalty Rewards Program” is in full swing Members who attend any five (5) dinner meetings will get the 6th dinner free!! Loyalty rewards are tracked by having your wallet card autographed at each dinner meeting. Also, if you sign up any five (5) new or former NJAIHA members in our “Member Get-a-Member” program, NJAIHA will offer you a free dinner at any one of the monthly meetings. There are no time constraints for either program. Contact Candice Kowalewski with any questions regarding membership services.
You may have seen our many postings on social media – Facebook and Linkedin. Our objective is to connect more with our members and attract new members on topics of interest and begin a deep dive by talking about the issues that affects the workforce, public, or environment. Using social media provides more connectivity with our membership in a timely fashion rather than emails alone. We have posted a number of jobs opportunities on Linkedin to complement the learning process. We encourage members to contribute information about the profession, interesting research, upcoming events, videos, and posting job opportunities. If you want to take a more active role in support of our social media content portfolio management, please contact Mark Ostapczuk.

NJAIHA continues to seek more vendors to advertise in our monthly newsletter and website, and help sponsor our monthly dinner meetings. As a bonus for advertising, we will promote your business by posting your information on our Facebook webpage. Advertising helps connect business opportunities with our membership. If you would like to advertise, complete an application on the website. Jack Zybura can provide more information about posting any information to the website or social media.

It’s time to review scholarship applications. Help us fund the 2017 NJAIHA student scholarships. We are continuing to sell the piqué polo shirts with the NJAIHA logo to raise revenue to support the student scholarships. These shirts can be prominently worn to any NJAIHA venue and they make a great gift. If you want to make a purchase, contact Craig Doolittle. You also can purchase them at the dinner meetings or visit the NJAIHA website. We would like to show solidarity by wearing these shirts at the upcoming June dinner meeting when we present the student scholarship awards.

The NJ State Assembly and Senate recently passed the “Hazardous Drug Safe Handling Act.” The purpose for this legislation is to help protect healthcare personnel who work with or near hazardous drugs in healthcare settings and whom may be exposed to these agents in the air and through contact with work surfaces, clothing, medical equipment, and patients. Over the next 12 months, all stakeholders who have an interest are being asked for their input into the construct of health and safety written requirements to support implementation of this legislation. If you would like to help us provide comment, guidance, and feedback to protect these workers, please contact Craig Doolittle.

Our subcommittee continues to update the current bylaws and operation manual. One area of interest is deeper understanding of conflict of interest and fiduciary responsibilities of the NJAIHA Executive Committee members. If anyone wants to help or provide comment, please contact Hank Shotwell.

NJAIHA continues to work with New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee (NJSISC) leadership to collaborate on the annual award ceremonies and dinner meetings. This collaboration allows worthy businesses to attend the banquet and receive their annual safety awards. It is an opportunity for NJAIHA to receive name recognition for our dedication and work to protect the health of all workers.

In closing, I hope to see you and a friend at the Thursday, June 15th dinner meeting at Snuffy’s! This is our end-of-year gala. We have scheduled Mark Ames (AIHA) and Tom Case as our guest speakers for this event. Look for details in a future email announcement or post on Linkedin and Facebook.

Best regards,

Bernard L. Fontaine, Jr., CIH, CSP, FAIHA
President NJAIHA
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How Nanoparticles Get into Blood and Damage Hearts

Inhaled nanoparticles like those pumped out in vehicle exhausts can work their way through the lungs and into the bloodstream where they can raise the risk of heart attack and stroke.

In experiments using harmless ultra-fine particles of gold, the scientists were able for the first time to track how such nanoparticles are breathed in, pass through the lungs and then gain access to the blood. Most worryingly, the researchers said at a briefing in London, the nanoparticles tend to build up in damaged blood vessels of people who already suffer from coronary heart disease – the condition that causes heart attacks - and make it worse.

Experts have long known that air pollution carries serious health risks and can trigger fatal heart attacks and strokes. According to the World Health Organization, outdoor air pollution in both cities and rural areas was estimated to cause 3.0 million premature deaths worldwide in 2012.

But until now, scientists had not been sure how particles inhaled into the lungs go on to affect heart health. The new findings, published on Wednesday in the journal ACS Nano, build on previous evidence and show that particles in the air we breathe get into blood and are carried to many different parts of the body, including arteries, blood vessels and the heart.

Mark Miller, a senior research scientist at the University of Edinburgh, who led the study, used specialist techniques to track harmless gold nanoparticles breathed in by volunteers. They found the nanoparticles can migrate from the lungs into the bloodstream within 24 hours and are still detectable three months later. [Ref: http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-air-pollution-idUSKBN17S1J9]

Check Out Facebook for Free Webinars in May

[Webinar Image]
President Donald J. Trump nominated R. Alexander Acosta to be the 27th United States Secretary of Labor. He was sworn in on April 28, 2017.

Secretary Acosta is the son of Cuban refugees, a native of Miami, and first-generation college graduate. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University.

Following law school, he worked as a law clerk for Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr., at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He then worked at the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis and went on to teach at George Mason University’s Antonin Scalia School of Law.

Secretary Acosta has served in three presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed positions. In 2002, he was appointed to serve as a member of the National Labor Relations Board, where he participated in or authored more than 125 opinions. In 2003, he was appointed Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and from 2005 to 2009 he served as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

Most recently, Secretary Acosta served as the dean of the FIU College of Law.

Secretary Acosta has twice been named one of the nation’s 50 most influential Hispanics by Hispanic Business magazine. He was also named to the list of 100 most influential individuals in business ethics in 2008. In 2013, the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce presented him with the Chairman’s Higher Education Award in recognition of his “outstanding achievements, leadership and determination throughout a lifetime of caring and giving back to the community.”

Secretary Acosta and his wife enjoy spending time together as a family, raising their two daughters. [Ref: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/os]
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**Visit NJAIHA On-line**

NJAIHA is continuously posting relevant information on industrial hygiene principles and practice on these webpages. Feel free to find out current events which may affect your business or industry and continue the conversation on a regional, national, and international level.

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/njaiha/](https://www.facebook.com/njaiha/),
LinkedIn: [https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3675325](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3675325)

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The NJAIHA 2017-18 Executive Board Ballot link is below.

Please VOTE for our next President-Elect, Secretary & Director of Administration. Voting deadline is **May 31, 2017**.

**President-elect** – Douglas Glorie, P.E., CIH, CSP

**Secretary** – Henry P. Shotwell, Ph.D., CIH or Brian Feury, CIH

**Director of Administration** – Write-in ballot

**Ballot 2017-18**
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### Membership Rewards

Members remember our ongoing loyalty rewards program. After five (5) paid dinner meetings, dinner is on us!! Please pick-up your loyalty reward card and have it checked at the door. This is a great way to help us increase the membership at the dinner meetings. Another way to earn loyalty rewards points, sign up five (5) of more new or former members of NJ AIHA. All new members are tracked to ensure that you receive credit for promoting the organization.

Please consider purchasing a NJAIHA polo shirt to support the student scholarships. These are great gifts, they help support a great cause. Those of you who are CIHs, don’t forget to pick up your verification of attendance forms. These are located the entrance to the dinner meeting room, professional development courses, and conference.

### Job Postings

There are many job postings on our web site. If you are looking or just curious check them out.

http://www.njaiha.org/resources/job-postings/

There are several job postings on these other organization web sites as well:

http://nj.asse.org/current-openings/

http://www.philaaiha.com/Employment.htm

https://www.aiha.org/get-involved/LocalSections/MetroNewYork/Resources/Pages/Job-Opportunities.aspx
Are you looking for an inexpensive way to study for the CIH and CSP exams? Do you need certification maintenance points to meet your re-certification requirements? The New Jersey Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (NJ-AIHA) is offering a comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Course. The course is designed to provide basic training in some critical areas of industrial hygiene and safety and will likely be beneficial for those entering the field as well as those who are just looking to sharpen their skills in certain technical areas.

In addition, many of the people who have attended the program have found it to be very helpful in preparing for the CIH and CSP examinations. Certified Industrial Hygienists have the opportunity to obtain CM points per lecture (0.167 points per contact hour). Participants are welcome to attend any or all of the lecture sessions, depending on their individual training needs. People who need certification maintenance points must sign an attendance sheet for each session.

### Industrial Hygiene & Safety Lecture Topics


The IH classes will be held **Tuesday nights** (6:00-9:00) beginning in June 2017 at the Rutgers Environmental Health & Safety Dept., 27 Road 1, Livingston Campus, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854. Tel. (732) 445-2550 (See the following link to Google Maps Directions)

*Note: First IH Class will run from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Please try and arrive promptly at 6:00 PM. The first half hour will cover registration activities, course orientation information, and other miscellaneous administrative activities.*

### Safety Topics

Safety Topics have been added to our schedule (included in the price). We will have guest speakers on certain safety topics to help prepare people for the CSP exam. **Safety classes will be held on Thursday nights (6:00 PM).** The website will be updated when the specific dates and topics for the Safety classes have been established. Enrollment forms, directions, and schedule are posted on the NJAIHA web page [http://www.njaiha.org/events/njaiha-summer-review-course/](http://www.njaiha.org/events/njaiha-summer-review-course/).
Need Help Planning to Attend the 2017 AIHce in Seattle?

Are you planning to attend the 2017 AIHce EXP in Seattle? AIHce continues to be the premiere destination for thousands of IH/OH professionals who are responsible for the safety, health, and environment of today's work-spaces. Industry suppliers have joined in this yearly EXPerience, bringing new technologies, training, and connections to help you be more efficient in your pursuit of protecting worker health.

Here are some tips to help make your travel and stay better. Please visit:  
http://www.aihce2017.org/plan/BeforeYouArrive/Pages/Travel-Information.aspx

NJAIHA Membership Does Have Its Rewards

Membership does have its rewards. NJAIHA Executive Committee decided to enhance the ongoing learning process and join AIHA's eLearning program. These eLearning solutions are designed for busy professionals seeking an alternate educational setting. This virtual learning environment provides the same standard of learning and level of technical content, but is primarily administered online. Certification maintenance is awarded for participants. If you are registered member of NJAIHA, you will be able to begin participating in the 2017 program, which began on 25 Apr 2017.

AIHA Webinars are web-based continuing education events that enable attendees to learn from the comfort of their own home or office. AIHA webinars are presented by industry experts on a variety of topics, catering to every OEHS niche, and are fully accredited and allow IHs and OEHS professionals to obtain contact hours towards their certification maintenance programs. The first AIHA eLearning webinar is "OSHA Compliance: Emerging Issues and Inspection Preparedness", was featured on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Participants can earn 1 contact hour until the end of the year by completing a course evaluation online.

Live Webinar registration includes one phone and internet connection per registrant. Each registrant may have an unlimited number of individuals participate with them at their site. Limited access to the presentation recording is also included with registration. AIHA's collection of pre-recorded webinars provides a convenient and cost-effective way for you to earn certification maintenance credits while brushing up on the industry's hottest topics.
AIHA Supports Women in Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Health

It’s time to discuss the challenges faced by women in the OEHS industry and how to overcome them. If you’re attending the 2017 AIHce in Seattle and you are interested in supporting women in industrial hygiene and related fields, join the Women in IH focus group, being held at AIHce EXP!

Your feedback will help gauge the interest in forming an AIHA volunteer group dedicated to fostering leadership opportunities for women in IH. All AIHA members are welcome! For more details, visit us at: https://ww2.aiievolution.com/aih1701/index.cfm?do=ev.viewEv&ev=1431

'Superbug' Strikes New Jersey; 15 Infected and Growing

New Jersey (NJ) has the second-highest infection rate from a "superbug," a potentially deadly fungus that has increased 800 percent since the fall. A potentially dangerous deadly "superbug" has struck NJ, where hospitals are dealing with the second-highest rate of infection in the country, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sixty-one cases of "Candida auris," a multi-drug-resistant fungus that is emerging globally, have been identified in New Jersey and elsewhere in the United States, according to the CDC.

NJ has had 15 cases, second only to New York, which has had 39. The remaining states are Illinois, with 4; and Indiana, Maryland and Massachusetts, each with one. All NJ patients have been hospitalized, according to the CDC. One NJ patient died in July 2015 after suffering from a brain tumor. The agency did not say where the NJ cases occurred. In November, there were only seven cases total that were identified nationwide, two of which were in NJ, according to the CDC.

Candida auris grows as yeast, and symptoms include difficulty swallowing, burning, genital itching and sometimes a cheese-like discharge that looks white, according to the CDC. The N.J. Health Department says it’s working on tracking cases throughout the state to ensure appropriate control measures are taken. Most of the Candida auris strains from U.S. patients showed some drug resistance, making treatment more difficult. Samples of Candida auris strains from other countries have been found to be resistant to all three major classes of antifungal medications.

Recent NJAIHA Activities in Pictures
Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian

April 2017 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - Past Presidents’ Night
4/20/17 at Snuffy’s

The New Jersey Section AIHA held their annual Past Presidents’ Night on April 20, 2017, once again at Snuffy’s Pantagis Renaissance restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. Among the NJAIHA members and guests joining in the festivities that night were sixteen Section Past Presidents whose terms dated as far back as 1976-77. Another great night for the NJAIHA!

NJAIA Past Presidents’ Night - April 20, 2017
Snuffy’s Pantagis Renaissance, Scotch Plains, NJ

Past-President Pat Mulrooney (2002-2003), gets his own photo since he wasn’t able to make the group shot!

Past-Presidents Woody, Kerbel (obstructed by a NJASSE Past-President, Alex Ruiz), Barnett, Schwartz, Stanton, and Zehler catch up with one another during the networking session.

(left) The evening’s meeting was graciously sponsored by the A.J. Abrams Company Incorporated. Here, Paul Truncellito, Business Development Manager for A.J. Abrams, reviews instrumentation products and services available from the company.

A.J. Abrams has recently joined the Technical Solutions & Services, Inc., (TSS) family of companies. Thank you, Paul, and the A.J Abrams Co. for sponsoring our 2017 Past Presidents’ night!

NJAIHA Past-Presidents, members and guests take in one of the evening’s technical presentations.

Our before-dinner speaker, Harris Brody, CIH, CHMM, MBA, Senior Project Manager, EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. PBC, uses a series of case studies to explore legal issues that can arise for the IAQ practitioner during his presentation “IAQ Legal Projects - Lessons Learned”. We welcome Harris back who was also a speaker at our June 2014 year-end meeting.
Our after-dinner speaker, Marc Gaffrey, Attorney, Supervising Partner-Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation Department, Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP, discusses the legal industry’s use of industrial hygienists as expert witnesses and explores legal and litigation issues involving our profession during his presentation, “Legal Aspects in Litigation Involving Industrial Hygienist or Industrial Hygiene Work”. NJAIHA is proud to have a practicing attorney of Mark’s expertise and stature as one of our members.

Bernie Fontaine, NJAIHA President, extends a token of appreciation to Harris Brody and Craig Doolittle, NJAIHA President-Elect, thanks Marc Gaffrey for taking time out of their schedules to prepare and deliver these technical presentations for the benefit and education of NJAIHA member and guests. Thanks again, Harris and Mark!
June 15, 2017 – DINNER MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING, PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

DATE: Thursday, June 15, 2017

PLACE: The Imperia, 1714 Easton Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey 08873

3:30 p.m. 
AIHA, NJ Section, Inc. - Executive Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m. 
Registration/Networking/Cash Bar

5:50 p.m.
Before Dinner Session: Student Scholarship Awards
Mid-Atlantic Regional AIHA Local Section Rep Presentation – Tom Case, CIH, CSP
President’s Message “NJAIHA Year in Review” – Bernie Fontaine, CIH, CSP, FAIHA
Treasurer’s Annual Report – Barbara Woodhull, CIH, CSP
Presentation of 2017 Student Scholarship Awards - Candice Kowalewski, MPH

6:30 p.m.
Dinner – Members $30, guests $40.
Students/ unemployed NJAIHA members are free (Subsidized 100% for dinner meetings).

7:15 p.m. 
After Dinner Session: Grassroots Government Relations and You
This presentation will provide an overview of AIHA’s legislative and regulatory affair Strategy, key issues and how we as a local section can participate in the process.

Speaker: Mark Ames, Director of Government Affairs, AIHA

Please register by Tuesday, June 13th, by calling Ronnie Tutty at 973-300-0144, email your reservation to njaiha@ptd.net or fax the reservation to 973-579-6202, giving the names of those who will attend. Online registration and payment is now available at: http://www.njaiha.org/event/June-2017-dinner-meeting/

COMMON DIRECTIONS:

RT. 287 (North or South)
Exit 10 Rt. 527 South Easton Avenue. The Imperia will be 1/4 mile on your right after the traffic light.

New Jersey Turnpike (North or South)
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Garden State Parkway (South)
Exit 129 for 287 North. Exit 10 Rt. 527 South Easton Ave. Imperia will be 1/4 mile on right after light.

Garden State Parkway (North)
Exit 127 for 287 North. Exit 10 Rt. 527 S. Easton Ave. Imperia will be 1/4 mile on right after the light.

RT. 22 or RT. 78 (East or West)
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NJAIHA Members: Do you know a student that could use some free $$$? 
Good News! NJAIHA Scholarships are still available!!!

2017 Scholarships

The New Jersey Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (NJAIHA) is pleased to offer scholarships for the study and promotion of industrial hygiene / environmental health and safety for the 2017-2018 school years.

Up to $5,000 is available for award among the selected candidates.

- Scholarships are available for students who will be enrolled in the Fall of 2017 in courses leading to a degree in industrial hygiene or allied fields such as occupational/environmental health and safety.

- Recipients must reside in NJ (if attending college outside of NJ) or be enrolled in an accredited college in NJ.

- Previous recipients are eligible to apply.

- Minimum cumulative GPA is 3.0.

- Deadline for application is May 15, 2017. The recipients will be notified in late May and are invited to attend the June 2017 NJAIHA meeting and make a short presentation to receive their award. Applicants must provide the following:
  - Completed scholarship application (Download Here or Submit Electronically Below);
  - A statement on a single sheet of paper of why you should be the recipient of the scholarship;
  - A copy or official transcript of records with GPA; and
  - A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or course-related employer, but preferably the student’s advisor.

Applications and questions should be sent to Candice Kowalewski, Director of Member Services, at membership@njaiha.org.

**Electronic Application**

[http://www.njaiha.org/students/2017-scholarships/](http://www.njaiha.org/students/2017-scholarships/)