



# EXAMINER

A Publication of The New Jersey Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association

**Volume 18, Issue 6**

**September 2018**

## Message from the President –

Greetings to all of our NJAIHA members! I hope everyone had a great summer as we prepare for new meetings and events for the New Jersey AIHA section. As we move into the fall and the start of a new season for our section, I'd like to update you on a number of important activities that are being planned for the coming year. In August, the Executive Board met to get caught up on current business, and to start planning our upcoming monthly meetings and PDCs for the NEIHC. I am very appreciative and honored to be working with such a fine group of professionals, many of which have served this section for a long period of committed service. These individuals are committed to make NJAIHA a vital aspect of the Industrial Hygiene and EHS professions here in New Jersey and their diverse backgrounds and experiences only adds to our strengths as a section. Thank you Executive Board for your time and contributions!

We will continue with several important initiatives started last year including rebranding NJAIHA and student outreach. Craig did an amazing job with leading the rebranding effort and will be rolling out the new logo, taglines, banners and website over the next few months. This rebranding will be critical for the other initiative of student outreach, which is being managed by Dan Priesler. Dan brings energy and insight into our continued effort to connect with the next generation of industrial hygienists. He is in the process of registering NJAIHA for an October conference where we will network with and educate NJ guidance counselors on the career path for our industry. Our ultimate goal is to establish college student chapters of NJAIHA over the next several years.

Please join me in welcoming Scott Van Etten of EMSL into his new position of President-Elect. Scott has a lot of great ideas for interesting presenters and topics for the coming year. We have set the dates for meetings this fall. For the September and October meetings, they will once again be the third Thursday of each month and at Snuffy's. For the January to April meetings in 2019, we are open to all topics and even new locations, so if you have any suggestions for this, please reach out to Scott and let him know.

Hold the date of December 5, 2018 on your calendars for the Professional Development Courses (PDCs) which will again be at the PSEG facilities at 4000 Hadley Road in South Plainfield, NJ. If you are interested in being a speaker for our PDC or can recommend someone please contact Craig Doolittle at: [cdoolittle@trcsolutions.com](mailto:cdoolittle@trcsolutions.com) or call 973-670-9793. We should have more official information forthcoming over the next month for the PDCs. (see page 6 for more information)

Finally as we look to continue and expand the number of attendees at our events and interest in the IH field and certification we look for any input from our membership in these areas. I look forward to seeing all of you at our September 20th meeting at Snuffy's!

Best Regards,

Doug Glorie, President NJAIHA

## ***Introducing the “Examiner” and other NJAIHA/Creative Counsel Initiatives***

In an effort to update our visibility as a professional organization, enable us to better communicate with the EHS market, and specifically to attract more professionals and students to NJAIHA and industrial hygiene careers, the NJAIHA Executive Committee has retained the services of a marketing advisory firm – **Creative Counsel** out of Princeton Junction, NJ to assist us.

We have recently re-energized our brand and you will see it begin to be incorporated into our letterhead and newsletter (now retitled the “Examiner”). You will also start to see changes in the website ([www.njaiha.org](http://www.njaiha.org)) as the new brand, along with some other changes to the site are being made. Next will be a new tabletop exhibit that can be used at conferences and career fairs to help promote our profession and the great contributions we make to protecting worker health. After this, we’ll be initiating a new blog to better connect us with younger demographics through social media, again, all with the goal of attracting new members and younger students to our profession.

These are exciting times for NJAIHA and we look forward to not only feedback on the changes we are making, but we invite your active participation in this critical growth effort.

Stay tuned!

**CHEMWATCH**



## IT'S ALL IN THE MIX

- Cloud Based
- 5000+ Regulatory lists
- 23+ Million Vendor SDS
- Hazard & Risk Management
- 47 Languages Supported
- SARA Tier II - IFC Support
- Assets Management
- 100+ Countries Supported
- Chemical Approvals
- Approvals Workflow Engine
- Weekly Updates
- Smartphone & Tablet Support

## ONE STOP CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT

Visit us at [www.chemwatch.net](http://www.chemwatch.net)  
Contact: [info@chemwatch.net](mailto:info@chemwatch.net)

Email: [paul.benbow@chemwatch.net](mailto:paul.benbow@chemwatch.net)  
Phone: 919-624-5790

## Make Your Work Easier!

### Local Lab

EMLab P&K New Jersey  
3000 Lincoln Dr. E, Suite A  
Marlton, NJ 08053  
(866) 871-1984

*\*Please call the lab to ensure  
availability of supplies.*

### Pick up Supplies\*

- Air-O-Cells, Tape lifts, Swabs
- Sterile bottles for water sampling
- PCM & MCE filter cassettes
- MEA and TSA petri dishes



**EMLab P&K**  
A TestAmerica Company

### Lab Analysis

- Mold/Fungi
- Asbestos
- *Legionella*
- Bacteria
- USP <797>
- PCR

- Dedicated EMLab P&K Project Manager
- Reports that fit your needs
- Buy sampling supplies and equipment

- LabServe® – Best-in-class data management
- Mobile apps – Lab results anywhere you are
- Pick up sampling supplies

**Quality and Accuracy You Can Trust**

(866) 871-1984    [info@emlabpk.com](mailto:info@emlabpk.com)    [www.emlabpk.com](http://www.emlabpk.com)





### Protecting workers everyday.

Fifty years of proven quality and innovation make SKC products the number one choice of health and safety professionals worldwide.

- Quality pumps, media, and samplers
- Proven reliability
- Superior technical support — live and online

**Contact Chuck Nachreiner at 800-752-8472  
for SKC products in New Jersey!**

SKC Inc. Eighty Four PA USA  
[www.skcincl.com](http://www.skcincl.com)

**World Leader in Sampling Technologies**



**Proven solutions. Experienced professionals.**



### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Construction Safety • HAZWOPER Training • Indoor Air Quality •  
Industrial Hygiene • Industrial Safety • Respiratory Fit Testing • Safety &  
Health Training • Surrogate Air Quality • Testing for API

### Contact

973-597-0750 • [gary@phaseassociate.com](mailto:gary@phaseassociate.com) • [www.phaseassociate.com](http://www.phaseassociate.com)

# **New dual concentration in Rutgers School of Public Health (SPH) Environmental and Occupational Health (ENOH) Department, including Occupational Safety and Health MPH**

The MPH concentration in occupational safety and health at Rutgers School of Public Health (SPH) has been approved. This is now one of two concentrations within the Department. Please note you can go online and see details at:

[http://sph.rutgers.edu/departments/ENOH/curriculum/mph\\_osh.html](http://sph.rutgers.edu/departments/ENOH/curriculum/mph_osh.html)

A formal application to the program is done through SOPHAS.

<http://sph.rutgers.edu/admissions/apply.html>

Please select “occupational health” (and not “environmental health”) among choices under Rutgers SPH, listed at: <http://sophas.org/program-finder/?degree=MPH&institution=997>

Admissions requirements, and deadlines for application submission, are posted at SOPHAS and on main Rutgers SPH website. Contacts: Dr. Derek Shendell (shendedg@sph.rutgers.edu) and Dr. Koshy Koshy (koshyko@sph.rutgers.edu)

#####

## **OUTREACH COORDINATOR SERVICES**

Dan Preisler, one of our members, had agreed to fill the role of “Outreach Coordinator” for our section. This is a new role for NJAIHA and Dan will be working with the Executive Committee (EC) to expand our efforts to connect with younger EHS professionals and college and high school student. The primary goal is to raise awareness of what industrial hygienists do, the contributions we make to protecting worker health and the fact that there are career opportunities in this field.

### **From National AIHA with respect to Outreach Activities -**

Why is student outreach important?

- Latest membership surveys indicate that about 40% of AIHA’s members were 50 years of age or older. There is no better time to reach out to students!
- It can be very rewarding for local section members to mentor and have a positive impact on students.
- Outreach provides a great networking venue for people looking for jobs or for employers hiring.
- Outreach can help local sections increase future membership.
- Students may be more interested in participating in local section activities because of the lower cost of membership and the ease in attending local events.

If you are interested in having Dan come to your organization and or know of an organization that would benefit from this service, please contact Dan at [dpreisler@kleinfelder.com](mailto:dpreisler@kleinfelder.com)

## 2018 Professional Development Courses (PDC's) Call For Presenters

The NJAIHA Executive Committee announces the Call for Presenters for this year's Professional Development Course (PDC) to be held on **Wednesday, December 5**, 2018 at the PSEG facilities at 4000 Hadley Road in South Plainfield, NJ. If you have a topic you'd like to present on, please contact Craig Doolittle at: [cdoolittle@trcsolutions.com](mailto:cdoolittle@trcsolutions.com) or call 973-670-9793

As in the past, the PDC is organized in two four-hour tracks, so each presentation should be approximately 3.5 hours in length. If you are interested in presenting, please provide a (1) brief abstract, (2) biography for consideration **by October 12, 2018**. Past topics have included:

- Ethics for industrial hygienists
- Indoor air quality
- Respiratory protection
- Ergonomics
- The NJ Hazardous Drug Safety Act
- Mathematical estimations of industrial hygiene exposure
- Environmental management for the industrial hygienist
- Mold
- Legionella
- Hazard and control banding
- Advancement in gas detection methods
- OSHA's silica standard
- Legal aspects for the industrial hygienist
- Occupational health and industrial hygiene in developing countries
- Safety and industrial hygiene contributions to emergency response

#####

**SAVE THE DATE - SAVE THE DATE - SAVE THE DATE**

**2018 Northeast Regional Industrial Hygiene Conference and  
Exposition: Friday, December 7th, 2018**



## September 2018 – Dinner Meeting

### **NJAIHA OFFICERS**

President  
Doug Glorie  
STV Incorporated  
212-505-4930

President-Elect  
Scott VanEtten  
EMSL Analytical  
856-303-2558

Past-President  
Craig Doolittle  
TRC Environmental  
973-670-9793

Treasurer  
Barbara Woodhull  
Bureau Veritas  
732-623-4532

Secretary  
Hank Shortwell  
Atlantic Environmental  
973-366-4660

### Directors:

Member Services  
Candice Kowalewski  
ALC Environmental  
212-675-5544

Administration  
Brian Feury  
Langan Engineering  
and Environmental  
Services, Inc.  
201-417-2666

Publications  
Mark Ostapczuk  
HETI  
201-783-6621

Executive Secretary  
Ronnie Tutty  
973-300-0144

Historian  
Tim Rice  
908-782-2102

Webmaster  
Jack Zybura  
LSG&A  
908-955-7763

**DATE:** Thursday, September 20, 2018

**PLACE:** Smuffy's Pantagis Renaissance, Route 22 East, Scotch Plains, NJ 908-322-7726

### **AGENDA:**

**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:

*Topic: Legionella-Past and Present*

*Speaker: Jack Springston, CIH, TRC Solutions, New York, NY*

**6:30 p.m.** Dinner – Members \$30, Guests \$40.

Students and unemployed are free (subsidized 100% for dinner meetings). Online registration is now available at <http://www.njaiha.org/event/september-2018-dinner-meeting/>

**7:15 p.m.** After Dinner Session:

*Topic: Sampling Pump Flow Characteristics and Sampling Error*

*Speaker: Vincent M. Daliessio, Jr, CIH, EMSL Analytical, Cinnaminson, NJ*

*Please register by Tuesday, September 18, 2018, by calling Ronnie Tutty at 973-300-0144 or you may email your reservation to [njaiha@ptd.net](mailto:njaiha@ptd.net) or fax your reservation to 973-579-6202, giving the names of those who will attend. In case of inclement weather, please call Ronnie Tutty at 973-300-0144.*

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Pick up Route 22 West to sign reading "Mountain Ave. – Scotch Plains". Take Mountain Ave. thru 2nd traffic light to parking lot entrance on the right (just after intersection).

**Coming from New York City** - Lincoln or Holland Tunnels or George Washington Bridge - take NJ Turnpike SOUTH to Newark Airport Exit #14 and follow common directions above.

**Coming from Staten Island** - Go over the Goethels Bridge and exit to the NJ Turnpike NORTH. Take the Turnpike to Exit #14 to Route 22 WEST and follow common directions above.

**Going NORTH on Garden State Parkway** - Exit # 140 to Route 22 EAST. Bear to LEFT to take jug handle to Route 22 WEST and follow common directions above.

**Going SOUTH on Garden State Parkway** – Exit #140A to Route 22 WEST and follow common directions above.

**Coming from New Brunswick and Points South** – Pick-up Route 287 NORTH (Exit #10 at Edison from the NJ Turnpike or Exit #127 from the Garden State Pkwy.) Take 287 NORTH to Somerville, Exit to Route 22 EAST to Scotch Plains. Entrance on right, after Blue Star Shopping Center and before Park Ave. overpass.

**Coming from PA or Points West** – Route 78 EAST to Exit #41. Follow signs to Route 22, Scotch Plains. At 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light turn right to go over Overpass to Park Ave. Stay in right lane of overpass and at next light turn right onto Mountain Ave. Make first right turn to enter parking lot.



**Page****INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 1       | President's Message   |
| 2       | NJAIHA/Creative Counsel Initiatives   |
| 3 - 4   | Newsletter/Website Advertisements and Sponsorships                            |
| 5       | Rutgers University Dual Concentration in SPH ENOH Dept. Safety and Health MPH |
| 5       | Outreach Coordinator Services   |
| 6       | 2018 PDC's Call For Presenters  |
| 7       | NJAIHA September 2018 Monthly Dinner Meeting Announcement                     |
| 8       | 2018-2019 Local Section Officers List   |
| 9       | In Memoriam - Lewis S. Goodfriend   |
| 10      | Welcome New Members!  |
| 10      | Job Postings and Website Links  |
| 11 - 13 | Recent NJAIHA Activities with Pictures  |
| 14 - 16 | AIHA Legislative Updates  |

**OUR LOCAL SECTION OFFICERS**

| <u>Office</u>                    | <u>Name</u>        | <u>Phone</u> | <u>Email Address</u>                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---|
| <b>President</b>                 | Douglas J. Glorie  | 212-505-4930 | douglas.glorie@stvinc.com               |
| <b>President-Elect</b>           | Scott Van Etten    | 856-303-2558 | svanetten@EMSL.com                      |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                 | Barbara Woodhull   | 732-225-6040 | barb.woodhull@us.bureauveritas.com      |
| <b>Secretary</b>                 | Henry Shotwell     | 908-310-8481 | dr.hank@mindspring.com                  |
| <b>Past-President</b>            | Craig Doolittle    | 973-670-9793 | CDoolittle@trcsolutions.com             |
| <b>Director: Member Services</b> | Candice Kowalewski | 212 675-5544 | Candice.Kowalewski@ALCEnvironmental.com |
| <b>Director: Administration</b>  | Brian Feury        | 201-417-2666 | bfeury@lanagan.com                      |
| <b>Director: Publications</b>    | Mark Ostapczuk     | 201-783-6621 | mostapczuk@hetiservices.com             |
| <b>Executive Secretary</b>       | Ronnie Tutty       | 973-300-0144 | njaiha@ptd.net                          |
| <b>Webmaster</b>                 | Jack Zybura        | 908-955-7763 | jzybura@lsga.com                        |
| <b>Historian</b>                 | Tim Rice           | 908-782-2102 | ricehss@comcast.net                     |
| <b>Outreach Coordinator</b>      | Daniel Preisler    | 973-714-9849 | dpreisler@kleinfelder.com               |



### **In Memoriam - Lewis S. Goodfriend, P.E.**

It is with profound sorrow that we recently learned of the passing of Mr. Lewis S. Goodfriend at the age of 95. Lew was the 25<sup>th</sup> President of NJAIHA and served in 1969-70. Lew remained active in the section throughout the years, attending and presenting at meetings. The picture below shows Lew presenting at a NJAIHA dinner meeting in 2010.



The following additional thoughts about Lew was posted by the current president of Lewis S. Goodfriend & Associates - Mathew Murello, P.E.

*It is with the deepest sadness that I report on the news of the passing of LSG&A's founder, Lewis S. Goodfriend. Lew passed away quietly in his sleep in the early morning of June 30<sup>th</sup> in his bed in Longmont, CO surrounded by his family. Lew was a proud Marine, serving from 1943 to 1945 in the Pacific theatre. In 1953, Lew founded LSG&A as one of the first acoustical consulting engineering firms in the area. Prior to founding LSG&A, Lew obtained a Mechanical Engineer degree from Stevens Institute of Technology and a Master of Electrical Engineering from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. Lew went on to become one of the foremost experts in acoustical engineering. Lew was a Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America and the Audio Engineering Society. He was a Past President and former Member of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Noise Control Engineering, Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and American Society for Testing and Materials, and served on the Board of Trustees of Stevens Institute of Technology. Lew was also was the first Editor of Sound and Vibration Magazine and the first Editor of Noise Control, a publication of the Acoustical Society of America.*

The online memorial can be found at <https://www.carroll-lewellen.com/tributes/Lewis-Goodfriend>.

## Job Postings and Website Links

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>

### 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/>.

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3675325>

### AIHA Legislative Connection

Interested in what's going on in the Federal and State Governments? Follow the link below to the National AIHA Government Relations Action Center:

[Government Relations Action Center](#)

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Danyella Brooks   | EHS Compliance Associates |
| Michael Capalbo   | Hillmann                  |
| Douglas McGarrity | PSEG                      |
| Yetan Li Robert   | Rimkus Consulting Group   |
| Tiffany Wolf      |                           |

## Recent NJAIHA Activities with Pictures

Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian



### New Jersey Section AIHA - June 2018 Year-End Dinner Meeting

On Thursday, June 7, 2018, our annual year-end Dinner Meeting was held, as last year, at The Imperia in Somerset, NJ. Section members and guests convened for the last meeting of the 2017-2018 season at which outgoing officers were recognized, the year in review was presented, student scholarships were bestowed, an after-dinner technical presentation was given, and members got one last chance to network before Section dinner meetings begin again in the Fall.

On the next few pages are some highlights from the evening in pictures.



NJAIHA members and guest enjoy networking prior to the start of the 2017-2018 Year-End Dinner Meeting at The Imperia in Somerset, NJ .



Craig Doolittle, NJAIHA President, discusses the highlights and accomplishments of the past year during his 2017-2018 NJAIHA Year-end Report.



Barbara Woodhull, NJAIHA Treasurer, provides the NJAIHA Financial Report for the 2017-2018 Operating Year, and is shown here summarizing NJAIHA revenue streams from the past year. Our Section continues to maintain itself on fiscally sound ground.



## New Jersey Section AIHA - June 2018 Year-End Dinner Meeting (cont.)

(right) Bernie Fontaine, NJAIHA Past-President, presents outgoing NJAIHA President Craig Doolittle with a plaque in recognition of his past year of active and meritorious service to the NJ Section. Thank you again, Craig, for your service after completing your second stint as NJAIHA President!



A traditional event during one of our Spring dinner meetings is the presentation of scholarships to deserving and qualifying students who have demonstrated scholastic excellence in the study and promotion of environmental health and safety/industrial hygiene at the undergraduate or graduate levels. At this year's June meeting, NJAIHA awarded student scholarships totaling \$5,500!

With Candice Kowalewski, NJAIHA Director of Membership Services, presiding (above, left), four students were awarded scholarships this year as follows: the *Raymond Manganelli Scholarship* to Michelle Muska, New York University; the *Brian M. Sylvester Memorial Scholarship* to Juliana Ruggieri, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; a *President's Scholarship* to Hongyi Yu, Rutgers University; and a *President's Scholarship* to Ethan Wagner, University of Hartford. Congratulations to Michelle, Juliana, Hongyi, and Ethan from everyone at NJAIHA!



(above, left) Michelle Muska, New York University receives the *Raymond Manganelli Scholarship* from Dr. Hank Shotwell, NJAIHA Secretary; (above, center) Juliana Ruggieri, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, receives the *Brian M. Sylvester Memorial Scholarship* from Candice Kowalewski; (above, right) Hongyi Yu, Rutgers University, accepts a *President's Scholarship* via Skype from Beijing, China as Candice Kowalewski looks on.



## New Jersey Section AIHA - June 2018 Year-End Dinner Meeting (cont.)



Two of our four NJAIHA Student Scholarship recipients gathered for a group photo with family and NJAIHA representatives.

Shown left to right are: George Brown (Juliana Ruggieri's husband), Juliana Ruggieri - *Brian M. Sylvester Memorial Scholarship* recipient, Candice Kowalewski, NJAIHA Director-Membership Services, Michelle Muska - *Raymond Manganelli Scholarship* recipient, and Robert Muska (Michelle Muska's father)

Our two *President's Scholarship* recipients, Hongyi Yu and Ethan Wagner, were unable to be with us for the evening's activities, although we did hear from Hongyi Yu live via Skype from Beijing, China.

Congratulations to all from everyone at NJAIHA!



Our after-dinner technical presentation this year covered two subjects. Our guest speaker, Peter Harnett, MS, MPH, CIH, CSP, Environmental Health & Safety Manager, Lockheed Martin/Leidos and Senior Consulting Industrial Hygienist, COEH, Inc., (left) first discussed new science and biology behind hearing loss in the first part of his talk entitled, "*Science and Some Recent Developments, Human Hearing*". Peter then switched topics to give attendees an update on occupational health issues associated with hydraulic fracking. Peter had spoken to the NJAIHA initially on hydraulic fracking environmental issues back at the September 2012 NJAIHA dinner meeting.

(below) Doug Glorie, NJAIHA President-Elect, thanks Peter Harnett for once again taking time out of his schedule to give a technical presentation to NJAIHA members and guest. Peter, a past NJAIHA President, has been a regular speaker at NJAIHA meetings over the years. Thank you, Peter!



(above) NJAIHA is currently in the process of brand development and redesign of its "lighthouse" logo. A display was set up at the meeting to allow NJAIHA members in attendance to review and comment on four proposed ideas in this effort.



# State and Federal Government Relations Update

## <http://cqrcengage.com/caiha/home?0>

September 7, 2018  
The Week in Review

### AIHA Submits Comments to OSHA on Injury & Illnesses Tracking

AIHA has submitted comments to OSHA on their proposed rule on the tracking of workplace injuries and illnesses. With this rulemaking OSHA proposes to rescind the requirement for establishments with 250 or more employees to electronically submit information from OSHA Forms 300 and 301. OSHA argues that this move is necessary to protect worker privacy, which may be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). AIHA disagrees and suggests alternative actions. For additional information, please see the proposed rule at <http://bit.ly/2vfOXZm>. To view AIHA's comments, please visit <http://bit.ly/2Qbyxee>

### California Updates Regulation on CIHs and Lead-Related Construction

In case you missed it, California recently issued a correction to regulations affecting the process by which CIHs become certified lead-related construction (LRC) inspectors/assessors or project monitors. The previous rulemaking unintentionally restricted the process by which CIHs become certified as LRC professionals. The new regulation goes into effect October 1, 2018. To view the rulemaking, please visit <http://bit.ly/2Qbtg6c>.

### Congress Set to Approve New Funding for Worker Health & Safety Programs

The funding situation for worker health and safety programs is looking rather good in Congress. OSHA will likely get a \$4 million increase (\$556.8 million total); MSHA will be level-funded at \$373.8 million; NIOSH will also likely be level-funded at \$335.3 million. President Donald J. Trump proposed eliminating NIOSH's Education and Research Centers (ERCs), and recommended merging NIOSH into NIH; Congress is expected to reject both proposals.

Despite this good news, and the impressive progress that Congress has made in approving the yearly funding bills, Members of Congress and the President are once again entertaining the idea of a government shutdown. The issues at the center of this latest disagreement appear to be immigration and funding for President Trump's border wall. The new Federal fiscal year begins October 1, mere weeks before the midterm elections during which all members of the US House of Representatives and about one-third of US Senators are up for election. The threat of a shutdown and its proximity to the elections is causing splits within the Republican Party, with some arguing for fiscal responsibility and others in favor of pressure tactics to force Congress to approve funding for issues some of them campaigned on.

## New Compliance Assistance Office + Two Websites Created by DOL

The US Department of Labor (DOL) has created a new Office of Compliance Initiatives, which is intended to strengthen the Department's compliance assistance through innovative solutions. DOL also unveiled two new websites, [www.worker.gov](http://www.worker.gov) and [www.employer.gov](http://www.employer.gov), both of which contain useful information on workplace health and safety, and a variety of other important issues.

## NIOSH Releases Final NORA for Traumatic Injury Prevention

What does NIOSH believe are the most important areas of research and urgent actions that need to be taken to prevent traumatic occupational injuries? The answers lie in the new [National Occupational Research Agenda \(NORA\) for Traumatic Injury Prevention](#). The NORA lists eight objectives:

- 1) Prevent work-related motor vehicle crashes and injuries
- 2) Reduce falls and advance fall protection
- 3) Reduce violence in the workplace
- 4) Prevent injuries related to human-machine interaction for current and evolving technologies
- 5) Promote safety in non-standard work arrangements
- 6) Improve occupational safety equity across worker populations
- 7) Improve organization-based injury prevention
- 8) Promote rigorous evaluations of occupational injury prevention programs and efforts

To learn more, visit <http://bit.ly/2wRUF4d>.

## Events

There are more than a few opportunities for AIHA members to attend interesting government relations events in the near future. Many of these events offer both in-person and virtual attendance options. You can find information on these opportunities under "GR Announcements" on [Catalyst](#). Be sure to let your colleagues know on Catalyst if you plan on attending an event to maximize chances for coordination, and if you're able, share key takeaways for our common benefit.

## September is National Preparedness Month!

President Trump has proclaimed September 2018 as National Preparedness Month. Below is the full text of his proclamation, which can be viewed also be viewed at <http://bit.ly/2Qb9veS>

## *A Proclamation*

*National Preparedness Month is a time to focus our attention on the importance of preparing our families, homes, businesses, and communities for disasters that threaten our lives, property, and homeland. During this time, we also honor the brave men and women who selflessly respond to crises and disasters, rendering aid to those in need. These first responders, who work tirelessly to safeguard our Nation and protect our citizens, deserve our utmost gratitude and appreciation.*

*Over the past year, communities nationwide and across the Territories have witnessed and endured damage from multiple hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, volcanic eruptions, and other natural disasters. The historic hurricane season of 2017 included three catastrophic storms that made landfall within a month, and was followed by a destructive series of wildfires in California. Combined, these natural disasters affected 47 million people and tens of thousands were mobilized to provide aid, comfort, and assistance. We are also especially mindful of those currently affected by ongoing wildfires in California, Oregon, and Colorado. In spite of tremendous challenges, the resilience of the American people continues to prevail.*

*Tragedies are somber reminders that preparedness is a shared responsibility and that it is critical to maintain readiness. All Americans can prepare for potential disasters by developing and practicing a family emergency response plan, assembling a disaster supply kit, signing up for alerts on mobile devices, setting aside emergency savings, and maintaining adequate insurance policies for their homes and businesses. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Ready Campaign outlines other important steps to best prepare for a major disaster.*

*This month, I encourage all Americans to take the opportunity to ensure they have an emergency response plan in place and ready to be properly executed. Emergencies and disasters test the resilience and strength of families, communities, and our Nation. It is impossible to avoid every challenge and threat, but we can and must prepare for them. By doing so, we can help protect our communities and save lives.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as National Preparedness Month. I encourage all Americans, including Federal, State, and local officials, to take action to be prepared for disaster or emergency by making and practicing their emergency response plans. Each step we take to become better prepared makes a real difference in how our families and communities will respond and persevere when faced with the unexpected.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.*

[State and Federal Bills and Regulations - September 7 2018 Newsletter.pdf](#)