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Message from the President –

Fellow NJAIHA members,

Greetings from the New Jersey Section of the AIHA.

There is a lot happening in the world and, crucially right here at home.

It's all about COVID-19. Companies have issued travel restrictions and self-quarantine if you travel by airline. Companies are encouraging their employees to work at home if possible. More importantly, if you are sick, STAY HOME! New Jersey has recommended gatherings of 250 or more be cancelled until further notice. At NJAIHA, we have taken the precaution of postponing our March Dinner Meeting in concern over our member's health.

We have an exciting opening for President elect and need applicants. As President-elect, you will select speaker talks for the Dinner Meetings which is an interesting process.

We also need an outreach coordinator for our local NJAIHA board. If interested send an email to myself at svanetten@emsl.com or Dan Preisler at dpreisler@kleinfelder.com. This is the time to get involved locally.

We would welcome a pandemic preparedness presentation at one of our dinner meetings. If interested let Dan or myself know. You can email Dan to schedule your presentation.

We are also looking for PDC presenters for our December conference. If interested, let me know. We would like to have a 3-3.5 hour PDC with one or multiple speakers. The date is tentatively December 3rd, 2020.

So far, the national AIHce conference in Atlanta on June 1-3, 2020 is scheduled to happen. Please keep up with announcements using Catalyst or visit their website at www.aiha.org. If things change, we will send out the info by emails.

Let 2020 be a great year for Industrial Hygiene. I hope to see you at the dinner meetings.

Sincerely,

Scott VanEtten, CIH

President NJAIHA

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Obtain Knowledge and CIH Maintenance Points through AIHA "eLearning"

NJAIHA has renewed its subscription for the AIHA eLearning program. If you are a NJAIHA member in good standing, you will have access to the designated AIHA eLearning programs at no charge to you. Updates for the NJAIHA roster are made quarterly.

The 2020 package will include 10 contact hours of live webinars or the associated archive recordings and 10 contact hours of selected sessions from the AIHceEXP OnDemand. NJAIHA receives two live connections to the designated webinars. If you are not able to participate in a live webinar, the recordings will be made available on line within a few days after the live webinar.

If you would like to use one of the two live connections for an eLearning webinar or to host a group at your location, please contact Barb Woodhull at barb.woodhull@apexc.com to make your reservation. First come, first served and we will try to allow as many people to take advantage of this opportunity as possible.



Industrial Hygiene and Safety Review Course June – August

- Prepare for CIH and CSP Exams
- Earn Certification Maintenance Points
- Training for Employees

Tuesday and Thursday Nights
Rutgers EHS Building, Piscataway, NJ



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<http://www.njaiha.org/events/njaiha-summer-review-course/>



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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/concentrations/Environmental-Occupational-Health/index.html>

A formal application to the program is done through SOPHAS.

<http://sph.rutgers.edu/admissions/index.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 UPDATE

We are working hard to continue to build momentum in our Outreach Program and we need your help. We have developed materials, both written and visual, that can be used at conferences, job fairs, presentations at high schools and colleges, etc. and we are looking for NJAIHA members to share your passion and story as to why you became an industrial hygienist. If you weren't already planning to attend our monthly meeting next week, please come and join us so we can gather your testimony and a picture (with your approval of course).

Attracting students and young professionals to become industrial hygienists or pursue other disciplines in the environmental, health and safety field is a need recognized by national AIHA and your Executive Committee has taken this challenge on here in New Jersey. For this to be most successful, these students and young professionals will benefit immensely by being able to connect with you who are actively protecting the health of our workforce.

Please plan on joining us!

Now that Dan Preisler is President-Elect, NJAIHA is also seeking excellent candidates for a new Outreach Coordinator. Please address nominations or questions to info@njaiha.org.

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Publications Director's Note

The COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus is all over the news this month, and will be for some time to come. As allied health professionals, we are looked upon by our employers, co-workers, colleagues, friends, family members, and the public as professionals who have something important to say about this situation, and pandemic infections in general.

With the growth and maturation of the internet, and the rapid spreading of information on social media, much of it of uncertain or dubious quality, it is vitally important that we have available solid sources of information on this evolving event.

AIHA National;

https://www.aiha.org/public-resources/consumer-resources/coronavirus_outbreak_resources

Our colleague Bernie Fontaine pointed out this 1.5 hour online free course on the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 prepared by the Rocky Mountain ERC;

<https://ce.rmcoeh.utah.edu/wconnect/coursestatus.awp?&course=20COVID19F20>

There is OSHA and CDC guidance on responding to COVID-19 in the workplace;

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>

Because most of us live and work in New Jersey, late-breaking information on the pandemic in NJ, including cases by county may be found here;

<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/>

Major newspapers have been selectively removing paywalls from their online Coronavirus articles including the Washington Post and the New York Times, see their homepages for updates.

<https://www.nytimes.com/news-event/coronavirus>

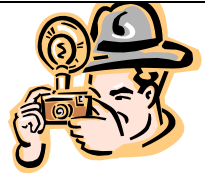
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2020/03/16/coronavirus-latest-news/>

We Need You!

NJAIHA Members are encouraged to submit items for publication in "The Examiner". Interesting items related to Industrial Hygiene, outreach activities, (non-proprietary) things from your work in the field, papers, presentations, and posters from conferences, everyday examples of the importance and power of a healthy environment, or anything you're passionate about in our field that might be of interest to our members. Make it good, make it uplifting, make it valuable, and make my job easier!

Recent NJAIHA Activities in Pictures

Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian



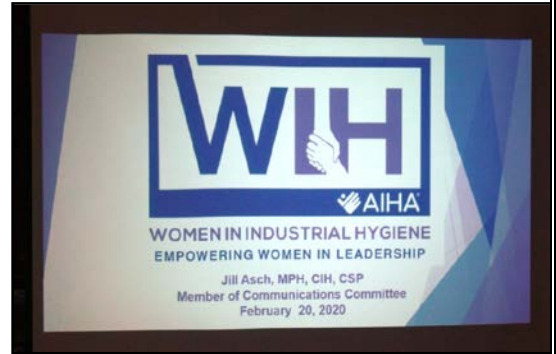
February 2020 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - 2/20/20 at Snuffy's "Bring Your Own Buddy" Night



(top) Dan Preisler, NJAIHA President-Elect, opens the February meeting with a welcome to members and guests, and then sets the stage for a different type of before-dinner session. In this session, entitled "*Build Your Industrial Hygiene Network*", members and attendees (bottom and right) were invited to discuss their current employer/line of work, and where applicable, recount on their career progression through the industrial hygiene field, all with an eye towards providing useful "lessons learned" information to some of our younger and newer members. Dan did an excellent job in leading the group to spark open communication and networking within this ice breaking session.



February 2020 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - 2/20/20 at Snuffy's (cont.)



(above and top right) Our after-dinner speaker was Jill Asch, MPH, CIH, CSP, an NJAIHA Past-President and current Corporate Health & Safety Officer for Hillmann Consulting, LLC. Jill is also an active member of national AIHA's Women in Industrial Hygiene (WIH) Professional Development Committee, and serves on its Communication Committee. Jill's presentation, entitled "*Women of Industrial Hygiene-Empowering Women In Leadership*", gave all members and guest an inspiring look into the mission and vision of the recently formed WIH Committee, and enlightened all on what to expect from the Committee at AIHce 2020 and further into the future. (right) Jill Asch gets an NJAIHA token of appreciation for her talk from Scott VanEtten, NJAIHA President. Thanks again, Jill!



(top) Gail Becker (center), Professor, Department of Natural Sciences, Middlesex County College, and students, Selamat Prelaj and Marissa Kowal. Thanks, Gail, for once again bringing two of your students to a monthly dinner meeting so they can become acquainted with the field of industrial hygiene. (right) Dr. Becker, Selamat, and Marissa close out the evening talking with Candice Kowalewski, NJAIHA Director of Membership Services.

February 2020 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - 2/20/20 at Snuffy's (cont.)



All NJAIHA members and guest in attendance at the February 2020 “Bring Your Own Buddy” night dinner meeting gather for a group photo. Thanks to Candice Kowalewski for reminding us that taking a group photo of everybody would be a good idea. It certainly was! *(Next year yours truly will remember to get in the shot).*

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.assp.org/current-openings/>

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

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:

[Government Relations & Advocacy](#)

Weekly State & Federal Government Relations

Update: March 13, 2020

AIHA Board Member Testifies on Mold Hazards in Buildings before Maryland State Legislature

AIHA Board member Michele M. Twilley, DrPH, CIH, spoke about mold hazards in institutions of higher education when she testified this past Tuesday before the Maryland State House Appropriations Committee in support of [House Bill 1428](#). The bill would, among other things, call upon the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Department of General Services, and the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health to develop and adopt regulations requiring periodic inspections for mold hazards and related problems in occupied State higher education facilities.

Many thanks to Dr. Twilley for representing AIHA before Maryland policymakers and advancing efforts to protect workers!

Members of Congress Introduce COVID-19 Legislation

A few short days ago, leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives introduced the Families First Coronavirus Response Act ([H.R.6201](#)). Much of the attention on this bill has focused on testing and paid leave, however, it also contains the text of the [COVID-19 Health Care Worker Protection Act of 2020](#), which AIHA supports.

Division C of H.R.6201 would require the U.S. Secretary of Labor to issue an emergency temporary standard to protect employees of healthcare sector employers and employees in other sectors whom the CDC or OSHA identifies as having an elevated risk of exposure to COVID-19. The emergency temporary standard would be required to be issued within one month of the bill being enacted into law. The bill would also require the Secretary to begin work on a permanent standard after the emergency standard is issued.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act is currently being discussed by Congressional and White House leaders, and thus may change. AIHA is not expecting changes to be made to the portions of the bill concerning protections for healthcare and other workers.

OSHA Issues Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19

On Monday, March 9, OSHA issued a document entitled "Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19" ([PDF](#)). The guidance was developed with the input of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and addresses safe work practices and appropriate use of PPE, based on the risk of exposure to COVID-19. For a great synopsis of this document, please visit <http://bit.ly/38S88Kd>.

Time to Start Thinking About Events! Only 5 Months Until OSHA's Safe + Sound Week

Safe + Sound Week has become a big thing. Last year's Week alone resulted in 1.7 million workers being provided with occupational health and safety resources. On social media, nearly 18 million followers were reached. Safe + Sound Week is an uplifting campaign designed to showcase workplace health and safety successes, and help employers and employees make even more advancements – or start an OHS program if one doesn't already exist. AIHA has served as an organizer of Safe + Sound Week since it began.

The 2020 Safe + Sound Week runs from August 10 through 16. For additional information, including an uplifting infographic, please visit <http://bit.ly/3cZdJ4L>

Government Relations Update: March 13, 2020 (cont'd)

NIOSH Board of Scientific Counselors Seeks Nominations

Are you interested in being nominated to serve on NIOSH's Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) by AIHA? If so, then by close of business on Friday, March 20, please send the following information to Mark Ames at mames@aiha.org. This information is required for all BSC nominations.

- Current curriculum vitae, including complete contact information (telephone numbers, mailing address, email address).
- Cover letter, including a description of the candidate qualifications and why the candidate would be a good fit for the BSC.
- At least one letter of recommendation from person(s) not employed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (Candidates may submit letter(s) from current HHS employees if they wish, but at least one letter must be submitted by a person not employed by an HHS agency (e.g., CDC, NIH, FDA, etc.).

Here's the description of the BSC from NIOSH's [website](#):

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) is a federal advisory committee created to provide advice and guidance to the Director of NIOSH. The primary activity of the Committee is to provide advice on NIOSH's occupational safety and health research and prevention programs. The BSC also advises on standards of scientific excellence, current needs in the field of occupational safety and health, and the applicability and dissemination of research findings.

For additional information, please visit <http://bit.ly/3clEytY>.

AIHA Submits Comments to White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Responding to a request for information, AIHA submitted comments to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy on public access to peer-reviewed journal articles produced in part as a result of Federally funded research. To view AIHA's comments, please click on "Additional Letters to Policymakers" at <http://bit.ly/2sMj10X>.

Updates on Notable and Key Bills

The following State legislatures are in session: AL, AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VT, VA, WA, WI, and WY.

U.S. Congress

- [H.R.6139](#): COVID-19 Health Care Worker Protection Act of 2020. Would require the U.S. Secretary of Labor to issue an emergency temporary standard to protect employees of healthcare sector employers and employees in other sectors whom the CDC or OSHA identifies as having an elevated risk of exposure to COVID-19. The emergency temporary standard would be required to be issued within one month of the bill being enacted into law. The bill would also require the Secretary to begin work on a permanent standard after the emergency standard is issued.
 - AIHA Position: Support
 - Status: (3/9/2020) Referred to several committees.
 - Note: The text of this bill has been incorporated into H.R.6201.

Government Relations Update: March 13, 2020 (cont'd)

[H.R.6201](#): Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

- o AIHA Position: Support

Note: AIHA's support for this bill is contingent upon it continuing to contain the text of H.R.6139.

- o Status: (3/11/2020) Introduced and referred to several committees.
 - Note: This bill is currently being discussed by Congressional and White House leaders, and thus may change. AIHA is not expecting changes to be made to the portions of the bill concerning protections for healthcare and other workers.

Arizona

- [HB 2538](#): Would require health care employers to develop, implement, and maintain a workplace violence prevention plan.
 - o AIHA Position: Support
 - o Status: Health and Human Services Committee hearing [scheduled](#) for 3/18/2020.

Illinois

- [HB 5520](#): Amends the Permanent Noise Monitoring Act. Provides that "noise annoyance levels" means levels derived from data compiled using the noise annoyance protocol proposed by members of the International Commission on Biological Effects of Noise and adopted by ISO TS 15666. Provides that the cited document is incorporated into the Act by reference.
 - o AIHA Position: Neutral
 - o Status: (3/12/2020) Assigned to the House Executive Committee.

Indiana

- [SB 258](#): Requires the board of firefighting personnel standards and education to establish best practices to improve safety and health outcomes for firefighters. Establishes the best practices fund for the purpose of providing matching grants to political subdivisions and volunteer fire departments to purchase equipment and other gear to implement best practices. Provides that the worker's compensation rating bureau of Indiana may recommend a premium or rate discount toward worker's compensation insurance to political subdivisions and volunteer fire departments that implement best practices.
 - o AIHA Position: Support
 - o Status: (3/12/2020) Signed by the President Pro Tempore.

Maryland

- [HB 1428](#): Would require the Department of the Environment, in consultation with certain entities, to adopt regulations to require periodic inspections for the presence of mold hazards and mold or moisture problems in each occupied higher education facility in the State; authorizing the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to grant a waiver from certain inspection requirements; requiring an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the findings of the inspections.
 - o AIHA Position: Support
 - o Status: House Appropriations Committee hearing held on 3/10/2020.
 - Note: AIHA Board member Michele Twilley testified in support of this bill.

Government Relations Update: March 13, 2020 (cont'd)

- [HB 722](#): Would require the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt regulations, on or before October 1, 2022, that include a certain standard establishing certain heat stress levels and to ensure that all employers comply with certain requirements with respect to occupational exposure to excessive heat; requiring certain employers to develop, implement, and maintain a certain excessive heat-related illness prevention plan for employees.
 - AIHA Position: Support
 - Status: (3/12/2020) Reported favorably by the Committee on Economic Matters.
 - Note: AIHA members previously testified in support of this bill.
- [SB 943](#): Would require State residential centers and State-operated hospitals to develop a workplace safety plan; establishing certain requirements for a certain workplace safety plan; requiring that certain training address certain risks and include certain instruction on certain matters; requiring certain State residential centers and State-operated hospitals to collaborate with a certain committee for certain purposes; requiring that certain procedures include certain other procedures.
 - AIHA Position: Neutral
 - Status: Senate Finance Committee hearing [held](#) on 3/12/2020.

Mark Ames
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