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Fellow NJAIHA members,
Greetings and Happy New Year from NJAIHA! As always, I hope this message finds you all well as we look forward to a better year than 2020.

First off, I wanted to give a quick update on virtual meetings. When COVID-19 first hit and we scrambled to postpone meetings, I don't think any of us expected this would become a new way of life for an extended period of time. I know many of you have reached out asking about meetings and when we are having the next one. I can say we are working hard to get virtual speakers to put together a February meeting, so please be on the lookout for that. As always if you have an interesting topic you'd like to present on please email Brian Feury (bfeury@lagan.com) or myself (dpreisler@kleinfelder.com).

Second, I'd like to congratulate Brian Feury and Jack Zybura for the elections into NJAIHA board positions of President-Elect and Secretary respectively. Both Brian and Jack have been active members of the Board for some time now and have stepped up to fill the positions to keep the legacy of this group going. I look forward to continuing to work with both of them to improve the Section. Along the same lines of that note, a special thank you to former Secretary Hank Shotwell for his years of service to the NJAIHA and the community. Thank you Hank for all you have done!

We have open positions for board members in the roles of Director of Administration and Outreach Coordinator. If interested or would like to hear more about what these roles entail, please send an email to myself at dpreisler@kleinfelder.com.

Lastly, I'd like to remind those who have not paid their 2021 dues to please do so as soon as possible. You should have received a reminder email from NJAIHA on January 8th with a reminder. Not only is membership cheap (\$30 for the year) and a great way to stay active in your local community, it also grants you access to the AIHA's eLearning Subscription through NJAIHA. We should be up to date on all of those that paid their local section dues through National, but please reach out to njaiha@ptd.net if you believe you have already paid and are still receiving reminder emails.

Again, I am hopeful we can all get back together having our in person meetings sometime in 2021. Our former meeting venue (Snuffy's Pantagis in Scotch Plains) has closed it's doors for good so if you have any recommendations for meeting locations in the central NJ area please let us know as we look forward to finding a new location for our in person meetings. Until we can meet again best wishes and stay safe everyone.

Sincerely,
Daniel Preisler, 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 2021 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@apexcos.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.

Go to <https://www.aiha.org/education/elearning>, and click "View Online Classroom" to get started.

AIHA "eLearning" (cont'd)

Available webinars (as of 2/4/2021);

- Welcome to the 2020 AIHA eLearning Subscription
 - AIHce OnDemand: Hearing Loss Prevention - What Have You Done for the Worker Today?
 - AIHce OnDemand: Why We Can, Must, and Will Become Better Leaders
 - AIHce OnDemand: Sampling and Analytical Challenges in Meeting Ever Lower OELs for Metals and Metalloids
 - AIHce OnDemand: New NIOSH Method Using Evacuated Canisters for Exposure and Indoor Air Quality Monitoring
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Ronnie Tutty - Serves 20 Consecutive Years as NJAIHA Executive Secretary

Did you know an NJAIHA milestone was reached this past Summer? Well, NJAIHA is very pleased to announce to all our members that our Executive Secretary, **Ronnie Tutty**, as of July 2020, has now served **20 consecutive years** in that position! That's 20 years of continuous, quality service to all the Executive Committee (EC) members that have passed through our Section, all 20 of the Past-Presidents Ronnie has worked with and supported since 2000, and all of the hundreds of members we have had in our ranks since 2000. Ronnie got her start with NJAIHA in July 2000 under the Presidency of Mike Donovan.



This past July, all 20 Past-Presidents that worked with Ronnie were notified by e-mail that Ronnie had obtained this 20 years of consecutive service milestone, ... and needless to say, congratulatory responses poured in, many with personal reflections on the pleasure it was getting needed support and assistance from Ronnie during their administrations.

I know that all of you who have worked and communicated with Ronnie over the years, join with all EC members and NJAIHA Past-Presidents in thanking her for her dedicated service to our Section, and congratulating her on reaching this milestone. Ronnie, job well done!

Tim Rice
NjaiHA Historian



2021 Industrial Hygiene Review Course

NOTE: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Rutgers facilities are currently slated to be closed to summer activities. Please stay tuned to the NJAIHA Website at www.njaiha.org for updates.

17 IH Classes



- **Prepare for CIH Exam**
- **Earn Certification Maintenance Points**
- **Training for Employees**

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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, NJAIHA is also seeking excellent candidates for a new Outreach Coordinator. Please address nominations or questions to

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Publications Director's Note

The COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus continues in the news, and will 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.

Vaccinations: As the availability of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines continues to grow, concerns about side-effects and symptoms which may be difficult to square with employee health screening questionnaires are growing as well. The CDC teases out and identifies the not-necessarily COVID symptoms and suggests ways to incorporate this knowledge into employee health screenings, here;

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/post-vaccine-considerations-healthcare-personnel.html#:~:text=the%20vaccine%20accumulates.-,Overview,occur%20following%20COVID%2D19%20vaccination.>

AIHA National continues to update their new website collecting COVID-19 reopening information. It's been endorsed by several high-profile personalities and organizations for its timeliness and scope;

<https://www.backtoworksafely.org/>

CDC guidance on responding to COVID-19 in the workplace continues to evolve, check often for updates;

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

The CDC posted a study on their website that concluded that two unrated, unfitted masks protect better than one against COVID19 infection. This has generated controversy among environmental health professionals to say the least. Here is a link to the study to peruse and come to your own conclusion (UPDATE – CDC has since “corrected” the article);

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7007e1.htm?s_cid=mm7007e1_w

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!

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February 2021 – Virtual Meeting

DATE: February 18, 2021

PLACE: Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings, NJAIHA is pleased to offer this virtual meeting via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Info: TBA.

Check the NJAIHA Website at <http://www.njaiha.org/event/feb-2021-virtual-meeting/>

COST: Free

AGENDA:

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Topic: Strapless N95 respirator

Speaker: John A. Schwind, Global Safety First, LLC

(March Virtual Meeting details soon, check [NJAIHA.org](http://www.njaiha.org) for updates)

NJAIHA Members in the News



NJAIHA Director of Membership Services **Candice Kowalewski** & James Manion celebrated their wedding on October 10th, 2020 followed by their honeymoon in New Mexico! Congratulations, Candice and James from everybody at NJAIHA

Jill Asch was recently featured on AIHA's "5 on the Frontline"- Here is the link to the video: https://youtu.be/hKjplJM8ffg?list=PLm2Z0uH10mT5O65G4b_CHSXAFJhKdXNm1

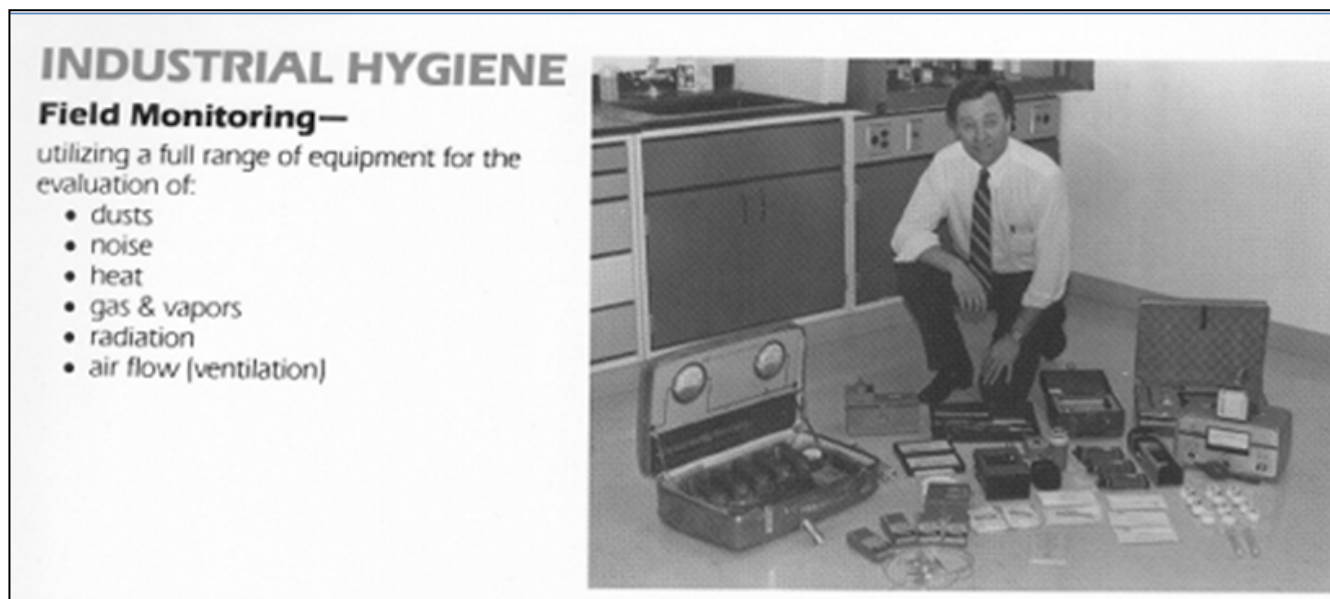
Bonus Content;

<https://www.aiha.org/membership/advocacy/5-on-the-frontline/five-recommendations-and-observations-for-essential-workers-and-vaccines>)

Jack Zybura, NJAIHA Secretary and Webmaster, received an official appointment from Governor Murphy to the **New Jersey Noise Control Council**. Jack stated on LinkedIn..."I look forward to serving with this group that acts as an advisory board to the NJDEP regarding the state noise regulations and considers noise issues throughout the Garden State.

Congratulations, Candice, Jill, and Jack from all at NJAIHA!

Bob Sheriff recently announced he is closing **Atlantic Environmental, Inc.** We found a photo of Bob and Atlantic Environmental in their earlier days. By the looks of the IH sampling equipment displayed... Sipin low-flow pumps, Dupont hi-flow pumps, a Gen Rad 1982 Precision SLM/OBA, a Dupont top-of-case calibrator unit, audio dosimeters, etc., and Bob's hair (ha!), this looks like Bob in the late 1970's/early 80's. Bob, NJAIHA is very proud to have had you as a member over all these years. May the relationship continue and very best of luck to you in your future endeavors!



The photo above prompted NJAIHA Summer Course Director Hank Shotwell to ask Executive Committee members, "Does anyone remember the wet-test meter and hand-cranking the air sampling pumps?" and then added "Leidel & Busch computed the sampling error statistics for partial-shift air samples (NIOSH Publication #159) because no one could hand-crank an air sampling pump continuously for 8 hours."

Whereupon NJAIHA Historian Tim Rice e-mailed back, "Yes, Hank, I do remember those sampling devices. And guess what? I found this picture of you taking an impinger air sample with a hand-crank pump in 1946" and Tim asked, "Do you still have that bow tie?"



NJAIHA Confers 2020 Student Scholarships

A traditional event which usually takes place during our annual year-end June dinner meeting 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 collegiate undergraduate or graduate levels. And, as of last year, our scholarship program was opened to high school senior year level students with some experience in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics)-oriented educational curriculum, and who have expressed an interest in pursuing a STEM-based curriculum, or preferably an IH/occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS)-based curriculum at the collegiate level.

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, our 2020 scholarships had to be conferred remotely through the mail this year, instead of in person at our year-end dinner. Not to worry, though, as under the coordination of Candice Kowalewski, NJAIHA Director of Membership Services, the NJAIHA Executive Committee approved the awarding of student scholarships to **seven** deserving students to the total of **\$6,550!**

Our NJAIHA Student Scholarship awardees for 2020 were as follows:

- The *Raymond Manganelli Scholarship* to **Aubrey Kaale**, New York Medical College (w/photo)
- The *Brian M. Sylvester Memorial Scholarship* to **Katelyn Steenvoorden**, University of Notre Dame (w/photo)
- A *President's Scholarship* to **Juliet Menz**, Gloucester Catholic High School (w/photo)
- A *President's Scholarship* to **Kamilia Nicolas**, Applied Technology High School (w/photo)
- A *President's Scholarship* to **Angel Clavijo**, Immaculate Conception High School (w/photo)
- A *President's Scholarship* to **Ynes Slyker**, Montclair High School
- A *President's Scholarship* to **Sumwen Osagie**, Arts High School

Congratulations to Aubrey, Katelyn, Juliet, Kamilia, Angel, Ynes, and Sumven from everyone at NJAIHA!



Aubrey Kaale, New York Medical College



Katelyn Steenvoorden, University of Notre Dame



Juliet Menz, Gloucester Catholic HS



Kamilia Nicolas, Applied Technology HS



Angel Clavijo, Immaculate Conception HS

BCG (Board of Global EHS Credentialing) Brings Back the CIH (Retired)

(editor's note – this article was written in October 2020, so the due date referenced below has passed. Nonetheless, the information discussed is still of interest and importance to CIHs for future planning purposes.)

CIHs, have you had a chance yet to read Alan Leibowitz's article "**BCG Brings Back the CIH (Retired)**" in the September 2020 issue of AIHA's *The Synergist*? If you haven't, we suggest you do. You can find it on page 10 of the hard copy issue and you can also find it in the September 2020 online edition. The article states that ... *"in response to request from diplomats, the Board for Global EHS Credentialing (BGC) is reestablishing a related designation that had been eliminated in 2011: the CIH (Retired). Former CIH diplomats will now be able to use the CIH (Retired) status to stay involved with the IH profession at the end of their career"*. Here's the link to the [September 2020 Synergist](#). Then scroll to page 10.

Also CIHs, have you recently received your **CIH 2021 Annual Fees Notice** e-mail from BCG? Hopefully you have. As you scroll down that e-mail you will see the following Section which will link (link included here) to a chart and additional information comparing the **Retirement** or **Voluntary Surrender** options for intentionally giving up your BCG Credential. Please check that out in advance so you are fully informed of your options if you are that point in your career where you are considering intentionally giving up your CIH credential. As you see below, you can always call BCG/ABIH at the phone number provided if you have any follow-up questions.

Fees and Due Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Fees: \$150*
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due Date: January 15, 2021, midnight (EST). Fees must be paid or postmarked by the due date in order to avoid an additional late fee of \$50.
<p>*If you have unpaid fees from previous years, your invoice amount will be greater than \$150</p> <p>If you are thinking about giving up your credential soon, STOP! Do not pay the annual fee. Call (517) 853-5763, or see our website here for information on our Retired or Voluntary Surrender options.</p>

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

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[Government Relations & Advocacy](#)

Weekly State & Federal Government Relations

Update: January 25, 2021

Pres. Biden releases Nat'l COVID-19 Response Plan

Among the first actions of President Biden after being sworn into office were to issue a National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness (PDF), and an Executive Order on Supporting the Reopening and Continuing Operation of Schools and Early Childhood Education Providers, which calls on the US Department of Education, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to develop a Safer Schools and Campuses Best Practices Clearinghouse, which will contain best practices for safely operating schools during the pandemic. It's possible that AIHA's Back to Work Safely guidance documents for libraries, K-12 schools, amateur sports, and institutes of higher education could be referenced on this clearinghouse.

Goal 5 of the National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness is "Safely reopen schools, businesses, and travel, while protecting workers." This goal references President Biden's Executive Order on Protecting Worker Health and Safety, which requires the US Secretary of Labor (DOL) to issue updated guidance to employers on COVID-19 workplace safety, and consider whether emergency temporary standards (ETS) on occupational exposure to COVID-19 are necessary (by OSHA and/or MSHA) and if they are, to issue an ETS by March 15, 2021. The Executive Order also requires DOL to review OSHA's enforcement efforts related to COVID, and identify short-, medium-, and long-term changes needed to better protect workers. The Executive Order also calls on OSHA to coordinate with OSHA State Plans to ensure that workers covered by such plans receive at least as much protection as under revised DOL guidance or an ETS related to COVID-19. Similar requirements are included for workers covered by the US Department of Agriculture and US Department of Transportation.

President Biden also organized the COVID-19 response efforts of his administration, signing an Executive Order on Organizing and Mobilizing the United States Government to Provide a Unified and Effective Response to Combat COVID-19 and to Provide United States Leadership on Global Health and Security. This Executive Order created the position of Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response and Counselor to the President. Jeff Zients serves as the Coordinator, is known for crisis management, and previously served in the Obama-Biden administration.

Weekly State & Federal Government Relations

Update: January 25,2021(cont'd)

Updates on Notable and Key Bills

Virginia adopts 1st in the nation permanent standard on occupational exposure to COVID-19

Virginia became the first State in the nation to adopt a permanent standard on occupational exposure to COVID-19. The new standard is expected to go into effect before Tuesday, January 26, following review by the governor.

For additional information, including the text of the final standard, please visit <http://bit.ly/2LCZwkQ>. A useful article on the new standard can be found at <https://bit.ly/2LwZJ9D>.

AIHA welcomes feedback from its members and encourages information-sharing. If you're aware of any developments that you would like to highlight, please post a reply on Catalyst or send an email to Mark Ames, AIHA's Director of Government Relations, at mames@aiha.org.

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