

Recent NJAIHA Activities in Pictures

Tim Rice, NJAIHA Historian



2025 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - Past Presidents' Night 4/17/25 at the Somerville Elks Lodge 1068, Bridgewater, NJ

On April 17, 2025, the New Jersey Section AIHA (NjaiHA) held their annual Past Presidents' Night at the Somerville Elks Lodge 1068 in Bridgewater, NJ, an event at which the service of its Section's Past Presidents is duly recognized and honored. Among NJAIHA members and guests joining in the festivities that night were ~~ten~~ Section Past Presidents whose terms dated as far back as 1989-90. Each Past President had a chance to introduce themselves, indicate their year of service as President, share any personal recollections or experiences they had during their years on the NJAIHA Executive Committee, and provide guidance to any current members considering running for the office of NJAIHA President. Also during the evening the DVD *"Honoring NJAIHA's Past Presidents"* was shown to the delight of all. Another great night for the NJAIHA!



NJAIHA Past Presidents' Night - April 17, 2025 Somerville Elks Lodge 1068, Bridgewater, NJ

Left to right (period in office): Jack Glass (2001-02), Jill Asch (2009-10), Louise Vallee (2010-11), Joe Kapp (2008-09), Mike Mancini (2007-08), Tim Rice (1989-90), Pat Mulrooney (2002-03), Brian Feury (2021-22), Richard Lynch (2023-24), Marc Vargas (2022-23).

April 2025 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - Past Presidents' Night (cont.)



NJAIHA Past Presidents, members and guest take in one of the evening's technical presentations.

(right) NJAIHA would like to acknowledge our friends at Pennoni Associates, Inc. for their generous support and sponsorship of our April 2025 Past Presidents' Night. Standing here in front of the Pennoni display table and reviewing with meeting attendees the firm's line of IH and EHS services is Vince Daliessio, CIH, (at the time) Senior Industrial Hygienist for Pennoni. Thank you, Vince, and the entire team at Pennoni Associates!

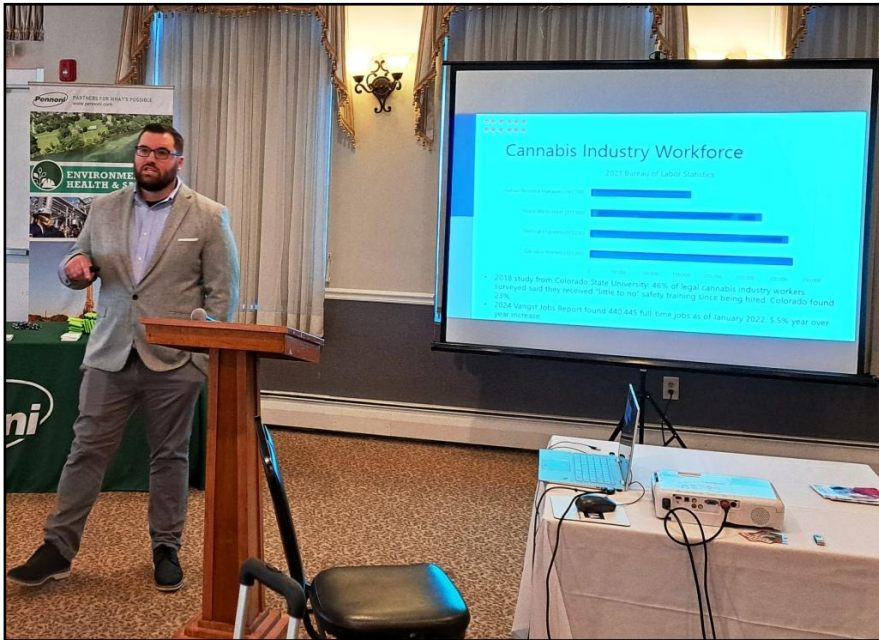


(above) Bill Pockels, NJAIHA President, opens the dinner meeting with a welcoming message and a few announcements prior to introducing our before-dinner technical speaker.



NJAIHA Past President Mark Vargas (2022-23) (in front of doorway) shares an experience from his term as President which brings on applause from attendees.

April 2024 NJAIHA Dinner Meeting - Past Presidents' Night (cont.)



Before-dinner Technical Speaker:

Dan Bracey, CIH, CSP, CHMM, Technical Director-EHS Solutions, Partner Engineering and Science, Inc.

Presentation:

"Rise of Cannabis Legislation - Health and Safety in the Cannabis Industry"

Dan, thank you providing us with this informative and timely presentation discussing the current status of marijuana/cannabis legislation in the U.S., as well as highlighting safety and industrial hygiene hazards of various job functions within the industry, and discussing solutions for controlling these hazards.



After-dinner Technical Speaker:

Kelly Smalling, MSPH, Research Hydrologist, New Jersey Water Science Center. Co-lead, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Environmental Health Program, Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Integrated Science Team

Presentation:

"Drinking Water Exposome: USGS-Community Partnership Studies"

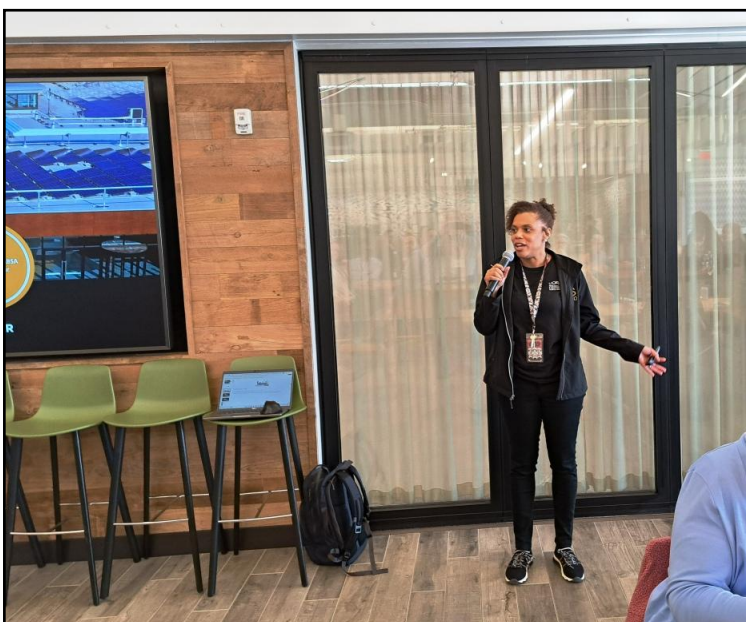
Kelly, thank you for sharing with NJAIHA members and guests this important and enlightening presentation covering USGS drinking water quality research with emphasis on assessing human exposures to and potential effects of contaminated mixtures including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in tap water.

March 2025 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA Dinner Meeting
03/27/25 at the L'Oreal USA-Research & Innovation (R&I) Center, Clark, NJ

On March 27, 2025, NJAIHA held its traditional annual dinner meeting with the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professional (NJASSP) and the Mid-Atlantic Biological Safety Association (MABSA). This year the meeting took place at the L'Oreal USA-Research and Innovation (R&I) Center in Clark, NJ. NJAIHA would like to thank L'Oreal and Laynnea Myles and her EHS staff for graciously hosting our dinner meeting at their recently commissioned state-of-the-art research and innovation center, and for providing tours of this cutting-edge facility to all attendees. Following are some photos taken during the evening's activities.



NJAIHA, NJASSP, and MABSA members have a chance to network and reconnect with their peers prior to start of dinner, the after-dinner technical talk and the facility tours.



Our evening's host, Laynnea Myles, MS, CSP, Assistant Vice President, Environmental, Health and Safety, L'Oreal, welcomes attendees to the L'Oreal USA-Research and Innovation (R&I) Center in Clark, NJ.

March 2025 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA Dinner Meeting (cont.)



Attendees enjoy a delicious buffet dinner provide by the folks at L'Oreal.



(clockwise) Bill Pockels, NJAIHA President, Corey Jones, NJASSP President, and Sean Fitzgerald, MABSA President-Elect, take a few moments to address the assembled group and provide updates on their respective professional organization's activities.

March 2025 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA Dinner Meeting (cont.)



After-dinner Technical Speaker:

Alanna Garrison, CSP, CIH, CHMM, Senior EHS Consultant and Assistant EHS Practice Lead, Antea Group

Presentation: "Production and Event Site Safety"

Alanna, thank you so much for sharing with NJAIHA, NJASSP, and MABSA members and guests this illuminating presentation on film set health and safety which covered pre-filming risk assessment processes, discussion of potential health and safety hazards on filming locations, and review of cleanup processes which can be highly regulated, time-consuming and expensive.



After all the facility tours were over the attendees enthusiastically gathered for a mega group photo. What a great turnout we had. We will hopefully see everybody back and maybe even more for the March 2026 NJAIHA/NJASSP/MABSA dinner meeting!