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### Local Section Business Meeting

The Executive Committee held their annual Summer Business Meeting on Thursday, July 27 at The Walnut Grill in Robinson PA. During this meeting we welcomed the incoming officers and discussed items on the [meeting agenda](#). Draft meeting minutes will be posted when finalized. Thank you to the following who attended:

Matt Zock, CIH - Incoming President  
Lucinette Alvarado, CIH - Incoming President-Elect  
Dennis Kelly - Past-President  
Frank Pokrywka, PhD, CIH - Secretary  
Keith Rickabaugh, CIH, CSP - Director  
Christy Kirsch - Corresponding Secretary  
Raj Dharmarajan - Member  
Rob Rinto - Member  
Andrew Krivan - New Student Member (IUP)  
Ashlyn Landgraf - Member  
Bernie Quinn, CIH - Member, Past-President

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### Pittsburgh AIHA Members "E-Learning" Subscription Reminder

All PAID local section members have access to our E-Learning Subscription through the National AIHA. Currently we have three webinars available. An email with webinar information is sent directly from National AIHA E-learning contact [Jessica Pagel](#) to Pittsburgh AIHA members in good standing. The following three recorded webinars are available to view at your convenience:

- Decision Theory and Implications for Risk Management and Health and Safety
- The New Era of Global Exposure Limit Setting Processes.
- Ethics for the EHS Professional

If you have questions, contact Christy at [ckirsch@pittsburghaiha.org](mailto:ckirsch@pittsburghaiha.org).

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## Hearing Loss Prevention Seminar - Thurs. Sept. 14, 2017

Pittsburgh AIHA Members are invited to attend this free full-day seminar to educate yourself about the current regulations, equipment choices, employee training programs and legal issues related to noise hazards and hearing conservation. Conducted by instructors who are among the industry's most respected hearing experts, this seminar will cover, in detail, how to assess noise problems and properly protect employees. The seminar will focus on practical and applied solutions rather than highly technical matters. The topics covered are valuable to anyone involved in hearing conservation, from plant managers and insurance carriers to CAOHC technicians and occupational hearing conservation program team members.

[Click here for more details and to register online.](#)



## Pittsburgh AIHA Member News

Welcome to the following new members of the Pittsburgh AIHA:



**Zarreen Amin** - currently working as a research technician at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Zarreen graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2014 with a degree in Biology. She has joined the Pittsburgh AIHA to further explore the IH profession with the goal of becoming a successful industrial hygienist practicing abroad in Bangladesh. [Click here to read more about Zarreen...](#)

**Andrew Krivan** - is a student from Indiana University of Pennsylvania currently working at FedEx Ground on a summer internship. Andrew attended our July 2017 Summer Business Meeting where he asked the Committee Members for guidance / assistance forming an IUP Student AIHA Chapter. Andrew will be a senior at IUP this coming fall and expects to graduate in May 2018 with a BS in Safety, Health, and Environmental Applied Sciences.

**Laura Hallett** - recently joined the Pittsburgh AIHA and is currently working as an Associate Health Scientist at Cardno ChemRisk in Pittsburgh. She received her MS in Industrial Hygiene from the University of Iowa in 2017 and also holds a BS from The University of Georgia in Environmental Health.



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### Job Opportunity - AECOM Industrial Hygiene

AECOM has an opportunity for a Senior Industrial Hygienist in their Pittsburgh PA location.

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### #IAmIH Challenge

Are you an industrial hygienist passionate about your work? Why not share your career and the wonders of the profession with your community? The Natl. AIHA has issued a challenge to IH/OH leaders to go forth and educate the next generations about how amazing and awesome this career can be. Click to learn more about [The #IAmIH Leadership Challenge](#)

### 2017 AIHA Distinguished Lecturer - Pittsburgh AIHA Member Carl W. Heinlein, CSP, ARM, CRIS



*Congratulations to Pittsburgh AIHA Member Carl Heinlein who was recently selected as a 2017 AIHA Distinguished Lecturer. The AIHA Distinguished Lecturer Program focuses on providing lectures on national and international occupational and environmental health issues that affect the practice of industrial hygiene. [See the National AIHA webpage for the details...](#)*

### 2017 State of the EHS Industry Report

The Natl. AIHA and Enviance are proud to unveil the results of our inaugural State of the EHS Industry Survey, including feedback from over 700 EHS professionals!

Download your complimentary copy of the full [2017 State of the EHS Industry Report](#), and feel free to pass on the link to a colleague.



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## Get Involved - Natl. AIHA Volunteer Opportunities

From volunteers to related organizations, there are a lot of people that help make up the AIHA family. These smaller, more focused groups are often the oil that keeps the AIHA machinery running. Click below to explore:

[Volunteer Groups](#)  
[Local Sections](#)  
[Students and Early Career Professionals](#)  
[Future Leaders Institute](#)  
[Special Interest Groups \(SIG\)](#)  
[Outreach](#)  
[AIHA Guideline Foundation](#)  
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## AIHA Urges Congress to Reverse Course on Worker Health and Safety Funding

*Source: Natl. AIHA  
Press Release  
July 26, 2017*

*The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is concerned over the funding cuts to several key federal agencies and programs designed to protect worker health and safety.*

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (July 26, 2017) — Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations approved draft legislation to fund several federal government entities that help protect worker health and safety. In response, AIHA has issued the following statement:

“Although in some ways a slight improvement over President Trump’s proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget requests, the House’s draft funding bills largely miss the opportunity for change, falling into the same old patterns that have prevented our workplaces from being as healthy and safe as they could be,” said AIHA’s CEO Lawrence Sloan. “By recommending funding cuts for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), these bills make it more difficult to protect worker health and safety—the very key to unlocking the latent potential productivity of the American economy.”

“These funding cuts have the potential to undermine fundamental research and educational and training grants, which strengthen our nation’s commitment to a safe and healthy workforce,” Sloan continued. “It is AIHA’s sincere hope that our elected officials pay heed to these programs that help safeguard our workforce.”

For more information, visit AIHA’s Government Relations Action Center at <http://capwiz.com/caiha/home>.

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## Recent News From OSHA

*New guide will help small businesses comply with OSHA's silica rule for general industry and maritime*

OSHA has released a [Small Entity Compliance Guide for General Industry and Maritime](#) to help small business employers comply with the agency's Final Rule to Protect Workers from Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica. The guide describes the steps that employers are required to take to protect employees in general industry and maritime from the hazards associated with silica exposure. These requirements include: assessing worker exposures; using engineering and work practice controls to keep exposures below a specified safety threshold; and offering medical exams to certain highly exposed workers. Enforcement of the final rule in general industry and maritime is scheduled to begin June 23, 2018.



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### Upcoming Events to Consider:

## Technical Conference and Annual General Meeting

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While the speaker schedule hasn't been finalized, we expect a wide-array of topics to be discussed ranging from the oil and gas industry to construction, risk management, and major updates with OSHA.

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