

**MINUTES – Winter Business Meeting of the AIHA Pittsburgh Local Section
December 12, 2024 – 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM - Smokey Bones (Robinson, PA)**

- I. Welcome and Attendance: Executive Committee Members, Regular Members and Students (introductions as necessary).

Present	Committee Seat	Name
X	President	Barry Momyer
X	President-elect	Darrick Bertig
X	Past President	Dane Mitcheson
X	Past President	Matt Zock
X	Treasurer	Frank Pokrywka, (audit)
	Secretary	Carol Delfino
X	Corresponding Secretary	Christy Kirsch
	Director	Rona Smeak
X	Director	Morgan Ryan
	Member	Jarred Chase
X	Member	Zane Frund
X	Member	Fred McGuigan
X	Member	Tim Voltz, PSI

- II. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Summer 2024 Minutes (approved by the executive committee and those present)

- III. Old Business:

- A. Pittsburgh AIHA Scholarship – will continue for 2025. Discussed current criteria of 3.0 QPA for IUP SRU, WVU, and Thiel (if interested). Barry to contact Thiel and Morgan to contact WVU for continued interest. Application deadline is January 27, 2025 – Completed application is found online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JB8FHXX>
- B. Science Fair – Frank Pokrywka has been the only Pgh. AIHA Judge for last two years. Since more involvement from other members was not forthcoming the committee voted to suspend our participation with the Science Fair.
- C. The MASHA Conference was held on October 24, 2024. The Pittsburgh Section AIHA again participated with a vendor booth. Matt Zock, Dane Mitcheson, Darrick Bertig. Tim Beck and Frank Pokrywka helped at the booth. Approximately 25 local Section members attended. Participation at next year’s MASHA was approved with caution was to avoid the 3rd Thursday of October 2025 avoiding conflict student safety conference.
- D. September 19, 2024 Event Heat Stress Management (Amazon PIT10 Southside office)-Event was cancelled due to low attendance.

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IV. New Business:

- A. LeMont Luncheon date of March 13, 2025 for the AIHA President's (Nicole Greeson) meeting was confirmed and a \$500 deposit was sent to secure our reservation. AM Health and Safety generously offered to sponsor 10 students at the luncheon.
- B. Executive committee approved a request by Frank Pokrywka to expand the eLearning program from the lite subscription to the full program. Lite subscription is \$875 for 5 courses. Full subscription is \$2325 for 20+ courses plus live attendance at all AIHA webinars. Check and roster sent.
- C. ELearning Usage Report provided by Colleen Manning shows 24 different members accessed the online courses. A total of 72 certificates were issued. Hopefully the expanded program will encourage increased participation and possible use of webinars to enhance university classes and local section meetings.
- D. NIOSH Silica event review / meeting and mine tour was well received. A great write-up and photos are posted online. This may become a regular event on our schedule.
- E. Annelyse Hoover, President of SRU AIHA was inquiring in Sept. about possible speakers to present to the SRU student section. Darrick Bertig will follow-up with her if still interested 724-372-3215 amh1063@sru.edu
- F. Joseph Hill is the new AIHA Local Section Liaison 703-846-0735 / jhill@aiha.org replacing Thursa La. Joseph plans to focus on enhancing communication and engagement with our local sections and is happy to provide support as needed.
- G. A new monthly Local Section Update newsletter sent 11/21/24 is attached to these meeting minutes.

V. Committee Updates:

- A. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Frank Pokrywka (reports attached)
 - i. Discovered an error in the 2023-24 financial spreadsheet presented at our last meeting. I forgot to add the \$1320 meeting revenue from The Irwin Works, which resulted in a \$126 net profit for the year rather than the loss first reported.
 - ii. The modified report was submitted for audit and early comments from Paula were positive.
 - iii. Our CD was renewed for 18 months at a rate of 4.25%. A trip to the bank was required to avoid the automatic renewal at a lesser interest rate.
 - iv. Upon executive approval a \$1000 check will be mailed to the AIHF for our student chapter scholarship.

- B. **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE** – Carol Delfino (secretary is chair). Christy has contacted most of last year’s participants.
- i. Corporate Sponsorship Drive underway – reach out to existing sponsors to confirm 2025 participation.
 - ii. New Corporate Sponsor – Protect All Solutions, Andrew Wright / Taylor Neal have joined. Five other companies will also be contacted (RJ Lee, Fedex, Covestro, PPG, Lanxas)
 - iii. Corporate Sponsors – Sponsorship is \$250 per year. Sponsors receive two free individual Pgh. AIHA memberships, a 1-year listing on the Pgh. AIHA Consultants List page, a 1-year listing on the Pgh. AIHA Corporate Sponsors page and a listed in the newsletters. Corporate Sponsors are highlighted on the Pgh. AIHA website home page on the right under “Thank You to Our Sponsors” with corporate logo and link to sponsor’s website.
 - iv. Reminder that Corporate Sponsor Application Form is always available on Pgh. AIHA website.
<https://www.pittsburghaiha.org/corporate-sponsor-application-form.html>
 - v. Corporate Sponsors (in 2024):
 1. Amazon
 2. AM Health & Safety
 3. Atlas Technical Consultants
 4. CIH Services
 5. Colden Corporation
 6. CSC
 7. Delfino Health & Safety
 8. HKM Employment Attorneys, LLP
 9. Intertek/PSI
 10. MSA
 11. Premier Safety
 12. Protect All Solutions
 13. SKC (Advertiser/Corp. Sponsor)
 14. Stantec
 15. Urgent Analytical
 16. U.S. Micro-Solutions, Inc. (Advertiser/Corp. Sponsor)

C. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Dane Mitcheson

- i. Nominations for AIHA fellows -Due December 31, 2024 Portal opens September 2024. <https://www.aiha.org/about-aiha/awards-and-opportunities/aiha-fellows>
- ii. Executive committee nomination plans for this 2025 Election:
 1. President-elect Zane Frund nominated
 2. Director (2 yr.) Rona Smeak term ending. Fred McGuigen nominated. Rona willing to run again for Director.
 3. Secretary (2 yr.) Carol Delfino term ending. Dane Michelson nominated

Elections take place in March 2025 – Need candidates to submit biography/photo FEBRUARY 2025.

D. **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** – Rona is Chair of this committee. Additional committee members are needed

- i. Student Sections
 1. SRU
 - President: Annelise Hoover
 - Vice President: Robin Wehman
 - Secretary: Emily Szczesny
 - Treasurer: Tanner Williams (IncomingElizabeth English)
 - Advisor Rona Smeak
 - Rona mentioned that she spoke with Thursa La at AIHCe in Columbus, OH who stated that she spoke with AIHA board and they approved SRU to be eligible for AIHA Foundation Scholarships starting in 2025.
 2. IUP
 - Advisor Brian Seal (need to get IUP officers list) Darrick to investigate.
 3. WVU – The IH Program at WVU is in flux. We need to see the status of the AIHA Student Section. Morgan Ryan will look into this for more information.
 4. Barry M will contact Thiel about participation interest.
 5. Morgan Ryan will attempt to contact WVU Extension about participation interest.

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- ii. Reminder to Matt Zock to get the word out about Amazon scholarships for 2025. Details will be presented on our website.
- iii. Future chapter/local section support. Matt Zock suggested that we create a section subcommittee and is happy to help set this up. He noted that students need constant engagement to remain active. Recommend that Brian Seal from IUP head up this subcommittee. Darrick will check with Brian.

E. AUDIT COMMITTEE – Paula (chair)

- i. The 2023-2024 Audit Report documents submitted to Paula November 2024. Still awaiting approval.

F. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE – Christy (chair)

- i. Four issues are published per year (spring, summer, fall and winter). Past issues of newsletters are available on the website newsletter page.
- ii. Fall 2024 newsletter published in November. January 2025 (winter) currently being prepared in coming weeks to kick off the New Year. President’s holiday letter needed.
- iii. Looking for input / committee updates to include in newsletters.
- iv. Always looking for a story to add. So, Tell Us a Story – Consider sharing an unforgettable story with others to include in newsletters. Frank submitted a new story “The Day I Almost Died”

G. WEBSITE UPDATE (Christy)

- i. Continue with a website hosted by Weebly. Registered domain name pittsburghaiha.org was renewed April 2024.
- ii. Annual cost of \$150 for domain/website, \$50 for email, maintained and managed by Christy
- iii. Linked-In page created / looking for page administrator to post information. Morgan agreed to develop and enhance our social media presence.

H. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (Christy)

- i. Membership renewal underway – **dues payable by 12/31/2024.** Members can pay directly to National AIHA or to the local section as directed on our website. Reminder: Local section dues are required for participation in our e-learning program.
- ii. Pittsburgh AIHA members who are NOT National AIHA members must pay their dues through Pittsburgh AIHA, either online/ Paypal, or

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payments by mail. Dues renewal notice in newsletter / homepage.
Reminder will be sent via email.

- iii. Pittsburgh AIHA Membership fee \$35 for regular members, Student and Retired members are free.
- iv. Membership benefits include e-learning subscription (if renewed) and member rates at LS events.
- v. 9

AIHA Members - New		
First	Last	Organization Name
James	Cutright	?
Justin	Doty	Slippery Rock University
Gianna	Filosi	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Marley	Gardner	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Brandon	Griffin	Slippery Rock University
Emmalee	Henthorn	Slippery Rock University
Caleb	Hoffman	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Taylor	Neal	ProTect-All Solutions
Andy	Wright	ProTect-All Solutions, LLC

ince the summer business meeting (as of 9/1/2024)

- I. **PROGRAMS COMMITTEE** – Darrick Bertig (president-elect is chair)
Tim volunteered to help on this committee.
 - i. REMINDER E-Learning Subscription - 2025 online classroom for Pgh.
Online access will expire 12/31/2025: The first 2 classes are:
 - 1. Jan 15, 2025, Live Webinar, Understanding OSHA’s Revised HAZCOM Standard. (2 hours)
 - 2. Feb 19, 2025, Live Webinar, Innovative Model with IH Mod 2.0 and Monte Carlo Simulation Techniques. 1.5 hours
 - ii. Usage report received 11/2024 – 74 certificates issues / 24 different members.
 - iii. Pgh. AIHA Meeting Summary since Summer Business Meeting – NIOSH Crystalline Silica Discussion and Tour held on November 20, 2024 – writeup and photos posted on the website.
 - iv. Reminder that a member coordinator is needed for each event.
Pittsburgh Local Section AIHA Event Planning Guide is available on Pgh. AIHA website.

- v. Proposed/Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2025
 - a. January 2025-Ethics, Rona Smeak
 - b. February 2025-Lymes Disease
 - c. March 2025 AIHA President’s Luncheon (need coordinator)
 - d. April 2025 (Open)
 - e. May 2025 (Open)
- vi. ASSP Collaboration
- vii. CM/CEUs for technical meetings
- viii. Possible future meeting topics – Suggestion Form on Meetings Page on Pgh. AIHA website
 - 1. J Lee Group-Fracking Concerns or Micro plastics analysis with lab tour.
 - 2. Amerisafe – Health Hazards in Construction (Del Kubeldis)
 - 3. Matt Dennis offered talk comparing OHD vs. TSI fit testing
 - 4. Intertek PSI suggesting joint meeting with EIA on mold / IAQ
 - 5. Ticks and Lymes Disease per Darrick Bertig
 - 6. Heat Stress Regulations redo of Matt Zock’s postponed event.
 - 7. AIHA Stewardship and Sustainability Committee-Circular economy, intersection between IH and ESG, etc.
 - 8. Chris Sarisina from ASSP offered to do a joint presentation on Radiation Safety. Barry to coordinate?
 - 9. Zane Frund offered MSA tour and talk on product development plus AI software innovations in September.
 - 10. Other topics from eLearning selections.
- ix. Possible future meeting venues
 - 1. Carpenters Union Council Building – Mark McConnell
Most likely would not hold an event at this location.
 - 2. MSA site at RLA
 - 3. AM Health and Safety (limited to 25 people)
 - 4. Intertek PSI Conference Room
 - 5. Nevillewood Golf Club per Bill Bernhart for large event.
 - 6. Stantec Conference downtown per Laura Allen.
 - 7. PPG Monroeville per Mary Ann Hoff
 - 8. NIOSH Bruceton Site per Tim Beck
- VI. Open Discussion- none
- VII. Adjourn Meeting - 2:00 PM

First Name Last Name Course > Section			Award Date
Lucinette	Alvarado R	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	3/18/2024 9:15
Robert	Baft	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	1/25/2024 15:01
Darrick	Bertig	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	3/27/2024 9:32
Darrick	Bertig	An Ethical Conduct Checklist for Real-Time Technology Deployment (AIHce EXP 2023 OnDemand ESUB)	3/27/2024 18:25
Darrick	Bertig	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	3/25/2024 17:43
Darrick	Bertig	AIHA University Webinar: The Use of Physiological Monitoring to Assess Heat Strain LIVE WEBINAR	5/16/2024 9:41
Darrick	Bertig	AIHA University 3-Part Occupational Toxicology Webinar Series: Mechanisms of Action, SDS Communication, and	11/12/2024 11:28
Robert	Chesonis	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	1/25/2024 15:01
Robert	Chesonis	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	3/12/2024 14:08
Robert	Chesonis	AIHA University Webinar: The Use of Physiological Monitoring to Assess Heat Strain LIVE WEBINAR	4/24/2024 14:03
Robert	Chesonis	AIHA University 3-Part Occupational Toxicology Webinar Series: Mechanisms of Action, SDS Communication, and	11/10/2024 14:05
Robert	Chesonis	AIHA University 3-Part Occupational Toxicology Webinar Series: Mechanisms of Action, SDS Communication, and	10/22/2024 14:08
Fred	Elbel	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	6/18/2024 8:33
Fred	Elbel	An Ethical Conduct Checklist for Real-Time Technology Deployment (AIHce EXP 2023 OnDemand ESUB)	6/14/2024 13:15
Fred	Elbel	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	6/14/2024 10:22
Fred	Elbel	AIHA University Webinar: The Use of Physiological Monitoring to Assess Heat Strain LIVE WEBINAR	6/14/2024 14:21
Warren	Houseman	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	2/26/2024 9:55
Warren	Houseman	An Ethical Conduct Checklist for Real-Time Technology Deployment (AIHce EXP 2023 OnDemand ESUB)	2/26/2024 14:04
Brian	Karlovich	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	3/6/2024 14:56
Brian	Karlovich	An Ethical Conduct Checklist for Real-Time Technology Deployment (AIHce EXP 2023 OnDemand ESUB)	3/8/2024 11:16
Brian	Karlovich	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	3/18/2024 17:23
Matt	Kovach	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	2/26/2024 11:53
Matt	Kovach	An Ethical Conduct Checklist for Real-Time Technology Deployment (AIHce EXP 2023 OnDemand ESUB)	2/26/2024 10:28
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Matt	Kovach	AIHA University Webinar: The Use of Physiological Monitoring to Assess Heat Strain LIVE WEBINAR	6/16/2024 16:10
Sara	McGinity	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	3/19/2024 9:41
Sara	McGinity	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	3/19/2024 9:50
Brian	Neill	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	4/10/2024 9:50
Brian	Neill	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	4/5/2024 12:47
Douglas	Noble	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	5/28/2024 12:33
Douglas	Noble	An Ethical Conduct Checklist for Real-Time Technology Deployment (AIHce EXP 2023 OnDemand ESUB)	5/31/2024 14:18
Douglas	Noble	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	5/28/2024 11:21
Douglas	Noble	AIHA University Webinar: The Use of Physiological Monitoring to Assess Heat Strain LIVE WEBINAR	5/31/2024 11:32
Jan	Oleszewsk	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	9/18/2024 11:31
Thaddeus	Pajak	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	4/7/2024 11:25
Thaddeus	Pajak	An Ethical Conduct Checklist for Real-Time Technology Deployment (AIHce EXP 2023 OnDemand ESUB)	4/8/2024 20:39
Thaddeus	Pajak	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	4/6/2024 18:15
Francis	Pokrywka	An Ethical Conduct Checklist for Real-Time Technology Deployment (AIHce EXP 2023 OnDemand ESUB)	8/26/2024 19:58
Francis	Pokrywka	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	10/2/2024 14:40
Bailley	Reggetz	AIHA University 3-Part Occupational Toxicology Webinar Series: Mechanisms of Action, SDS Communication, and	9/17/2024 14:01
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Keith	Rickabaug	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	5/31/2024 15:58
Joseph	Samuels	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	2/21/2024 12:25
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Joseph	Samuels	AIHA University 3-Part Occupational Toxicology Webinar Series: Mechanisms of Action, SDS Communication, and	11/1/2024 12:13
Stacey	Sears	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	2/26/2024 14:49
Stacey	Sears	An Ethical Conduct Checklist for Real-Time Technology Deployment (AIHce EXP 2023 OnDemand ESUB)	2/26/2024 15:50
Bernard	Sersevic	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	9/18/2024 14:28
Bernard	Sersevic	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	9/17/2024 14:43
Bernard	Sersevic	AIHA University Webinar: The Use of Physiological Monitoring to Assess Heat Strain LIVE WEBINAR	9/23/2024 13:36

Nathan	Shaffer	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	3/13/2024 13:21
Nathan	Shaffer	An Ethical Conduct Checklist for Real-Time Technology Deployment (AIHce EXP 2023 OnDemand ESUB)	3/4/2024 14:46
Nathan	Shaffer	AIHA University Webinar: Revisiting the Worst Plant: A Virtual H&S Audit Version 2.0 LIVE WEBINAR	3/18/2024 11:36
Nathan	Shaffer	AIHA University Webinar: The Use of Physiological Monitoring to Assess Heat Strain LIVE WEBINAR	5/8/2024 11:49
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Meghan	Swanson	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	6/3/2024 23:05
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Donna	Wilson	AIHA University Webinar: The Revised Ergonomic Toolkit: An Introduction to Assessing Musculoskeletal Risk	3/6/2024 14:05
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Introducing AIHA's Local Section Advisory Group (LSAG)

LSAG's primary purpose is to promote the growth, well-being, and operational efficiency of AIHA Local Sections (LS) and AIHA Student Local Sections (SLS). LSAG helps strengthen the partnerships between AIHA National, the Board of Directors, and our local section network by serving as a liaison to all three entities.

Through collaboration and support, LSAG is dedicated to ensuring our local sections thrive by facilitating communication and sharing resources that benefit all sections and members. We believe that by working together, we can achieve greater success in advancing occupational and environmental health and safety and the field of industrial hygiene.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about how LSAG can assist your section, contact [Joseph Hill](#).

LSAG Members:

- Chair: Kassey Braun, CIH, CSP
- Vice Chair: Donald Elswick, CIH, CSP, CIT, CHMM
- Member: Chris Robertson, MSPH, CIH, CSP
- AIHA Staff Liaison & Member Networks Coordinator: Joseph Hill
- Student Local Sections Representative: Vacant (If you are interested in applying for this position, email [Joseph Hill](#).)
- AIHA Board Representative: Eric White, MPH, CIH, CSP

AIHA Catalyst Community for Local Section Officers

If you missed the announcement in the first edition of AIHA's Member Volunteer Relations (MVR) Newsletter, *Member Insights*, we are excited to share that the *Catalyst* community has returned to our previous platform provider. Local Section Officers have a central hub on *Catalyst* where you can engage with other Officers and share valuable insights and documents. [Log into Catalyst](#) and navigate to the Local Section Officers' community.

Local Section Bylaws

After careful review, AIHA's Board has updated our standard [Bylaws template](#) for Local Sections to ensure alignment with organizational policies and best practices. The revised bylaws template serves as a comprehensive guideline for your section. While it allows flexibility to reflect your unique operations, certain sections are **mandatory** and must be included in your section's bylaw. These essential sections are clearly highlighted in yellow for easy reference.

Key Actions for Local Section Officers:

1. **Review the Updated Template:** Familiarize yourself with the mandatory sections and compare them with your current bylaws.
2. **Ensure Compliance:** Incorporate all highlighted mandatory sections into your section's bylaws.
3. **Submit for Approval:** Once revised, please email your updated bylaws to [Joseph Hill](#) for review and approval **by the end of January 2025**.

For further information or assistance please contact [Joseph Hill](#).

AIHA Members & Volunteer Code of Conduct Policy

This policy outlines the [Code of Conduct](#) for all AIHA members and volunteers of AIHA National and Local Sections network. It summarizes the behavior expected of members and volunteers representing AIHA National or its sections in any forum, mailing list, public meeting, or private correspondence. Adherence to this policy ensures that we uphold AIHA's values and maintain the trust and collaboration essential to our mission.

Please review the updated Code of Conduct and share it with your local section members. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to jhill@aiha.org. Thank you for your commitment to fostering a positive and respectful community!

AIHA Occupational Exposure Limits Committee, Formerly WEEL Committee, Returns to AIHA

You may have caught our October Press Release regarding the new AIHA Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL) Committee. If not, I encourage you to read it [here](#) and check out the excerpt below:

Over 45 years ago [AIHA](#)—the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS)—realized the worker safety gap created by the lack of clear occupational exposure limit (OEL) guidelines for the workplace. Motivated to fill this need, the Workplace Environmental Exposure Levels (WEEL) Committee was born.

In 2013, the WEEL Committee operated under the auspices of the nonprofit Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA) and, at times, the University of Cincinnati. As of October 2024, the Committee has elected to return to management by AIHA. While TERA has opted to retain the WEEL trademark, the experts and processes will return to AIHA under the new designation "AIHA Occupational Exposure Limit Committee."

Recently, AIHA has received questions regarding confusion of the current state of the OEL Committee. We ask that each of you communicate to your local sections that the Committee which operated as WEEL originally under AIHA and then with TERA has now returned to AIHA and must utilize the new name AIHA OEL as TERA retained legal rights to WEEL.

Local Section Officers' Training Event

Registration for our much-anticipated Local Section Officers' Training Virtual Event is open. This session will focus on officer roles and responsibilities, key actions for a successful local section, resources, and more!

Event Details:

- Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
- Time: 3.15 pm – 4.30 p.m. E.T.
- Location: Virtual (Zoom link will be provided upon registration)

[Register here](#) to secure your spot!

Collaboration Opportunity With ASHRAE

Our Local Section network now has the chance to partner with [ASHRAE's](#) chapter network—opening doors for joint events, resource sharing, and expanded networking. This collaboration can strengthen our community and enhance the support we provide to Local Sections. If you're interested in exploring how your section can get involved, email [Joseph Hill](#) for more details. Let's work together to make the most of this partnership!

Local Section Partnership Events

Please take a moment to complete our brief [survey](#) about your participation or collaboration in partnership events with other associations or organizations. Your feedback will help AIHA's President, CEO, and staff focus our support efforts effectively. Thank you!

High School Outreach Opportunities About the OEHS/IH Profession

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) hosts annual college fairs across the country, allowing secondary students to meet admission representatives from colleges and many international universities.

Several years ago, they began hosting STEM Fairs, where organizations focused on STEM-related professions exhibit to connect with secondary students about the role of the profession and job opportunities.

The [Spring 2025 schedule](#) is now available with STEM fair opportunities in Atlanta (Sun., Jan. 26); LA/Pasadena (Mon., Feb. 3); Edison, NJ (Tues., March 4); and Houston (Thur., April 10). The early registration rate (by Dec. 19) is \$990 for non-members.

This would be an excellent opportunity for high school outreach to promote OEHS work within your region.



LOCAL SECTION RESOURCES

[Local Section Website Updates](#)

Please use the [AIHA SMARTSHEET request form](#) for website updates. To ensure we can address your request accurately and swiftly, please provide as much information as possible, including any supporting files or documents.

[Local Section Online Operations Manual](#)

To help you run your Local Section easily and efficiently, we have added resources related to governance, procedures, policies, roles, responsibilities, as well as templates and forms [here](#).

- ✓ [Annual Action Plan](#)
- ✓ [Meeting Agenda Template](#)
- ✓ [Meeting Minutes Template](#)
- ✓ [Members and Volunteers Code of Conduct](#)
- ✓ [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy](#)

[AIHA's Distinguished Lecturer Program](#)

The AIHA Fellows SIG hosts the Distinguished Lecturers program featuring experts in occupational and environmental health and safety and industrial hygiene who are available to present recent research and developments or other topics impacting workplace safety and the environment. Distinguished Lecturers are vetted by a review team for quality and relevance and include leading figures from academia, industry, and government.

This program offers opportunities to connect with experts and schedule presentations at various meetings, conferences, or other events, ensuring compelling content for the OEHS community.

- AIHA will reimburse up to \$400 USD for speaker travel once an expense report is completed and returned with receipts to [Joseph Hill](#).
- The list of Distinguished Lecturers is available on our [website](#).
- The nomination form to apply for a Distinguished Lecturer position may be found at [Distinguished Lecturers Application | AIHA](#).
- For further information and details regarding the DL program, visit the [AIHA website](#).

[Post a Local Section Event on AIHA's Events Calendar](#)

To request inclusion of a Local Section event on AIHA's Events Calendar, email [Bethany Chirico](#). Provide the name and dates of the event, a short description, and links to relevant websites. Please allow up to 5-7 business days for a response.

[Invite an AIHA Board Member or the CEO to Present at Your Next Meeting](#)

Are you interested in inviting an AIHA [Board member](#) or the CEO join your next meeting? This is a unique opportunity to learn about AIHA's strategic goals and new projects and ask questions directly of our leadership. To reserve a date and time, contact [Thursa La](#).



LOCAL SECTION STUDENT RESOURCES

Career Advantage

Sponsored by AIHA's Career and Employment Services Committee, [Career Advantage](#) is the reliable online job board that connects occupational and environmental health and safety job seekers with employers across all industries.

Social Media

Follow us at the social media links below to stay updated on the latest AIHA news and activities:

- AIHA LinkedIn: [American Industrial Hygiene Association \(AIHA\) | LinkedIn](#)
- AIHA Twitter: [x.com/aiha](#)
- AIHA Instagram: [www.instagram.com/weareaiha](#)
- AIHA Facebook: [Facebook.com/AIHAGlobal](#)

Student Local Section Operations

- [Student Local Section Officers Roles/Responsibilities](#)
- [Student Local Section Model Bylaws](#)
- [Student Local Section Officer Roster](#)