Greetings everyone,

We are embarking on a new AIHA Pittsburgh Chapter year. So thrilled and honored to be President this year and we plan to have many meeting topics and tours of interest. I encourage you to be actively involved in the Chapter whether it is being an officer, presenting, participating in meetings or simply volunteering your time. Having members involved is the only way that we can continue to bring new ideas forth and inspire everyone to learn new tools and techniques of the Industrial Hygiene profession.

With MASHA, Carrie Blast Furnace tour and other activities already this year, we are grateful to have so many students who are interested in joining the Chapter but more importantly thinking about specializing in Industrial Hygiene. Students are becoming more and more active in the Chapter and we appreciate the advice and mentoring that each of you does to help them.

Special thanks to our sponsors and many new members to the Chapter already joining this year. Plans are in place for a number of interesting areas including learning more about Cannibis and its impact on worker health and safety. We have also invited Ms. Kathleen Murphy, CIH, President of AIHA to speak at our local chapter President’s Luncheon next year in February or March.

More surprises and fun ahead as we continue to invigorate our members. Should you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to reach out to any members of the Executive Committee including myself.

Respectfully Yours,

Renee A. Cowell, CSP
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Click here for details and payment information.

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**New Members to Pittsburgh AIHA**

Welcome to the following people who have recently joined the Pittsburgh AIHA

*Dave Shafer, MS, CSP, CSHM, CHMM - Thiel College.*

Dave is a uniquely qualified, highly motivated environmental, health, and safety professional who applies his expertise to employee training and education. He has worked in EHS for forty years as a consultant, government contractor, college instructor and employer
that has given him a balanced perspective and effectiveness grounded in reality and practical thinking.

Most recently, he was appointed coordinator of the "Environmental Safety Management" undergraduate degree program at Thiel College in Greenville, PA. Shafer was recruited to help design and develop the EHS curriculum for the brand new program. The ESM Program has been designed to prepare future problem solvers using an innovative curriculum that combines environmental science, business administration and safety management courses built on a liberal arts foundation. The ESM curriculum has been reviewed and has received QAP recognition from the BCSP and ISHM Board Approval. The first class of ESM majors begin this fall (2019). (www.thiel.edu/ESM)

Dave has a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Science from Drexel University and a B.A. in Biology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He holds the following certifications: CSP, CSHM, SMS, CHMM, CET.

The Pittsburgh AIHA would also like to welcome the following new members who recently joined the local section:

- Adam Mitchell, Koppers
- Bryan Seal, CIH, CSP, CHMM, REHS, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Shalani Priyadarshini, Carnegie Mellon University
- Sidney Brown, Slippery Rock University
- Hunter Riddle, Slippery Rock University
- Alina Schlichtkrull, Slippery Rock University
- Mackenzie King, Slippery Rock University
- Taoreed Lawal, West Virginia University
- Brad Kane, Slippery Rock University

Stay up to date on all the National AIHA News and Events - check out the most recent AIHA QuickTakes Newsletter (November 2019) with important dates & deadlines, highlights from AIHce EXP, Student / Early Career Professionals, Government Relations, Catalyst, Education and more! Click HERE for the newsletter.
2018/19 Sponsors - renewal received

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Job Opportunity for Antea USA, Inc.as Environmental, Health and Safety Professional (Mid-Senior Level) located in Oakmont, PA. Antea USA, Inc. (Antea®Group) is looking for ambitious, detail-oriented Mid to Senior-Level Environmental, Health and Safety Professional in the Pittsburgh area. Click the link above for details and online application.

If you have ever looked at a company’s environmental and safety policies or programs and imagined ways to improve them, then this job is for you! We are building and implementing EHS programs for a progressive company that is growing quickly and constantly changing. Your key skills: flexibility and adaptability combined with a strong grasp of pertinent Federal and PA-specific EHS regulations.

The successful candidate will be a process- and results-driven, self-starting leader who enjoys the challenges of working in a fast-paced environment. The ideal candidate must also be detail-oriented, with strong organizational skills, as well as strong written and verbal communication skills.

As an EHS Professional, you will be located at the client’s facility on a daily basis, and work with their global EHS Management team to provide EHS services, solutions, programs, best practices and technical guidance. Your role: to effectively and efficiently assure compliance with applicable EHS regulations and mitigate EHS risks.
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