¡Hola a todos! It is a new year and the AIHA Pittsburgh Local Section started strong. We had our January 2019 meeting hosted by Cardno ChemRisk in Downtown Pittsburgh and it was a success! It was not only a full house, but the presenters Laura Hallett and Josh Maskrey did an excellent job presenting IH exposure modeling; a concept that may be a challenge for those who aren’t mathematicians like me ☺. Thank you so much for the host and the presenters. This month’s meeting is going to be a good one too; is about ethics. Don’t forget to use this opportunity to get your CM points in ethics with this one. Go to our website and/or emails sent by Christy for further details.

I will use this opportunity for those of you who are also AIHA National members to not forget to vote for the 2019 Board of Directors election. National AIHA just released in the Synergist the candidates’ platforms. Take a look and when the ballot is out, select the candidates that you consider the best.

Our current National AIHA President, Ms. Cynthia Ostrowski is coming to visit us for our President’s Luncheon in March. Stay tuned for details.

That is all for now! Please check Catalyst for recent news within the local section. If you will like to share an announcement or awesome news, please feel free to do so in our Catalyst community. Have a great and safe day!

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Pittsburgh AIHA Executive Committee Nominations Due NOW!

by Matt Zock, Past-President and Nominations Committee Chair

Our local section depends on its members to volunteer for positions on the executive committee. Serving on the committee is a great way to become more involved in the local section, and you can claim certification maintenance (CM) credit toward your CIH. We are currently asking for nominations for next year’s committee (serving July 2019-June 2020):

- President-elect, 2-year term followed by President (must also be a member of National AIHA)
- Secretary, 2-year term (must also be a member of National AIHA)
- Director, 2-year term (need not be a member of National AIHA)

NOTE: The American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) allows you to claim certification maintenance (CM) credit annually for local section office: local section President – 1 point; local section Officer or Director – 0.5 points.

If you would like to volunteer for elections or nominate someone, please contact Matt Zock or Christy Kirsch ASAP. A short bio and statement of intent along with a photo are due by February 22, 2019.

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IH Exposure Modeling Resources Posted on Pittsburgh AIHA Catalyst Community Site

Cardno ChemRisk Health Scientists Laura Hallett and Josh Maskrey did a wonderful job presenting at our January event and provided a "Further Reading and Resources" guide as a follow-up to their presentation.

Included in the guide are links for the EASC webpage, the books referenced during their presentation, and a list of papers that may be useful in developing your knowledge on modeling. Click here to visit the Pittsburgh AIHA Catalyst Site.

Josh and Laura welcome any questions you may have on the topic and can be reached via email.

Be sure to check out the January meeting review by Frank Pokrywka including attendee list and photos linked above in the blog section of the newsletter.
2019 Pittsburgh AIHA Membership Dues -- payable NOW!

Membership dues of $25 for regular members is payable for 2019. Dues is waived for both Student and Retired members. Please submit payment as noted below:

1. National AIHA Members can combine their National and Local Section dues. CLICK HERE for more information.

2. Pittsburgh AIHA ONLY members must pay dues directly to the Pittsburgh AIHA CLICK HERE for PayPal Link for credit card payments.

Currently there are 40+ members who have not paid their Pittsburgh AIHA Dues for 2019 - an electronic invoice will be sent automatically from PayPal as a dues collection reminder. If you have any questions, please contact Christy at ckirsch@pittsburghaiha.org. Details are also posted on the Membership Page.
Pittsburgh AIHA Proposed Calendar of Events 2019

The following schedule was discussed / proposed during the December 2018 Business Meeting. The Program Committee is working to organize events and always welcomes input from members regarding topics or venue locations. If you have any suggestions for meetings, location, sponsorship, please email to info@pittsburghaiha.org.

- **February 19, 2019** - Lon Ferguson (IUP) / Jan Wachter (IUP) Ethics Discussion - CNX Building, Southpointe - Registration OPEN

- **March 28, 2019** – LeMont, Pittsburgh - Natl. AIHA President's luncheon, Cynthia A. Ostrowski, CIH (Registration to open soon!)

- **April 2019** – **Proposed** - Army Corps of Engineers / Safety & Health tour of a nearby lock/dam.

- **May 20-22, 2019** – recommended event: AIHce 2019 Minneapolis, MN

- **June 2019** - John Moore, National AIHA - Exposure and Risk Assessment in a Manufacture Setting. (Date / Location TBA)

- **July 2019** - Summer Business Meeting
2018/19 Sponsors - renewal received

- AM Health & Safety, Inc.
- Cardno ChemRisk (New in 2019!)
- CIH Services, Inc.
- Covestro, LLC
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Check it out! Natl. AIHA Government Relations Action Center

Have you been to AIHA’s Government Relations Action Center lately? We’ve made connecting with your Federal and State elected and agency officials easier than ever by improving the Action Center’s look and feel. A few new tools have also been added that we’ll roll out in the coming weeks. The goal is to make grassroots government relations an enjoyable experience for you, so that you’ll be more inclined to do more of it more often – and hopefully encourage your fellow AIHA members to do the same!

Please take a moment to explore the new Government Relations Action Center and send us your feedback. We’re always looking for ways to serve you better.
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