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Rocky Mountain Section

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Promote, protect, and enhance occupational health, safety, and environmental professionals in their efforts to improve the health and well-being of workers, the community, and the environment.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Jim Rasmuson is being recognized as an AIHA Fellow. Only five percent of the AIHA membership can qualify for the Fellow Award, which is given to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of industrial hygiene. Mr. Rasmuson was nominated by his peers, who recognize his accomplishments and outstanding contributions to the Association and to the profession. The AIHA will honor Mr. Rasmuson by presenting him an award and Fellow pin during the President's Reception at AIHce on Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 pm.



Chris Corrigan is running for the position of Secretary Elect during the 2008 AIHA Board of Directors Election, which is going on now. Regarding her role as Secretary, Ms. Corrigan says,

"I am delighted to have the potential opportunity to serve AIHA as Secretary. I have found it very enjoyable and rewarding to be active in the association. As Secretary, I will focus to enliven and invigorate the association by building community and connections across local sections and committees; investing in our future leaders; strengthening our ethical foundation despite the diverse pressures and challenges we face every day; and advancing our value in ways that get business leaders to embrace the value we add to the corporate bottom-line and excite and appeal to students and early career professionals."

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VOLUNTEER NOW FOR DISASTER DUTY

Following the events of September 11, 2001 and Hurricane Katrina, many industrial hygienists wanted to volunteer to assist with protecting the rescue and clean-up workers. Many government employees were able to respond as part of their jobs. Now there may be a way for non-government industrial hygienists and safety professionals to help-out in the event of future natural or un-natural disasters.

The OSHA Technical Assistance Specialists (OTAS) Project is a means by which Safety and Health professionals can volunteer to become pre-qualified to deploy to a disaster area and provide technical assistance under the Worker Safety and Health Annex of the National Response Framework, formerly the National Response Plan.

Qualified OTAS, while deployed, will be temporary employees of Colorado State University (CSU). All travel expenses, meals and lodging will be reimbursed and compensation will be paid at a GS-12 step 5 rate. These funds will be provided to CSU by FEMA for legitimate disaster response expenses.

Volunteers will be required to attend a pre-deployment training activity and provide evidence of medical ability and respirator fit test. If you are interested visit the OTAS website: <http://www.bernardino.colostate.edu/public/OTAS.htm>. Read the OTAS Specifications and Duties document and submit the OTAS Application.

Applications and questions should be directed to:
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COLORADO CIHC—A SHORT STORY

Wendell Rahorst, Legislative Chair

In 1995 the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (RMS-AIHA) founded the Colorado Industrial Hygiene Council (CIHC). The first president of the CIHC was Linn Havelick who was just finishing a term as the Chairman of State Regulatory Affairs Committee that we now call the Legislative Committee. During this time period the definition for "Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH)", "Industrial Hygienist", and "Practice of Industrial Hygiene" were added to Colorado Revised Statutes 24-30-1402 Definitions. Efforts were also started to implement a "title protection" statute here in Colorado. The CIHC and the RMS-AIHA negotiated numerous issues with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regarding development of asbestos, lead paint, and radon regulations.

In 2000-2002 the CIHC again moved forward to implement a separate title protection section in the Colorado Revised Statutes. During this time a sunrise application was submitted to the "Department of Regulatory Affairs" (DORA), a Colorado agency that has the mission to review and render an opinion on whether new regulation is needed in an area. It is

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Calendar

Date/Time	What	Location	Additional Info.
March 26-27th	Safety Fest of the West	Auraria Campus 900 Auraria Parkway Denver, CO 80204 North Classroom	
April 8th 11:30 am	ASSE/AIHA Joint Meeting: Emergency Response to the Holly Tornado	Garcia's Restaurant 5050 S. Syracuse Denver, CO	
May 12—13	Colorado Safety Association Conference	Denver Marriott Tech Center	
May 15th 11:30	Team & Project Management and Lean Six Sigma Strategies	Golden Community Center 1470 10th St. Golden, CO	
May 31—June 5	AIHce	Minneapolis, MN	
July 17th 11:30 am	Occupational Health Psychol- ogy	Wheat Ridge Recreation Center 4005 Kipling St. Wheat Ridge, CO	
Nov 8—11	PCIH	Tampa, FL	

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common for all pending legislation whether it is sunrise or sunset to undergo a DORA review prior to introduction as a bill in the Colorado Legislature. The intended bill underwent a DORA review and was introduced into committee. Due to an unfavorable climate in the executive branch in regard to new consumer protection statutes (every DORA submittal received a negative review that year including a sunrise bill for regulation of mortgage brokers and a sunset review for Barbers and Cosmetologists) and an unfortunate last minute change in committee the bill died in committee.

This effort was part of a national program to implement title protection for industrial hygienists, in all states, and had been part of AIHA national goals since 1993. In 2004 an AIHA survey identified Professional Recognition/Title Protection as one of the top public policy issues for 2005-2006. At that time AIHA President, Donna Doganiero, CIH made the following statement.

“Professional Recognition/Title Protection - This issue continues to appear in the top public policy issues for AIHA, as it has since 1993. Professional recognition/title protection allows industrial hygienists and others who have met minimum educational and experience requirements (such as certified industrial hygienists and certified safety professionals) to be legally defined and recognized as competent to perform certain work without the need for additional requirements. While some form of professional recognition/title protection legislation has been enacted in 18 states, AIHA continues to educate federal and state policymakers about the importance of recognizing those professionals who have received education and

Ski Day

The Local Section had a ski day on February 22, 2008, at Copper Mountain. A fun time was had by all. We look forward to seeing you at the next Ski Day!



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certification from nationally recognized and accredited organizations. (*"http://www.occupationalhazards.com/Issue/Article/37336/AIHA_Announces_Top_EHS_Issues.aspx"*)

The issue of Professional Recognition/Title Protection is still an important issue today as it was in 2002 and in the 1990s. In 2005 the RMS-AIHA board moved the CIHC to inactive status. Given the change in political climate in Colorado I think it is a good time to reactivate the CIHC and once again move forward with Professional Recognition/Title Protection efforts. There are also numerous action items that the CDPHE is moving forward with, in which it would be to great advantage to both the public and the industrial hygiene profession, to have the CHIC involved in the implementation of these items.

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DEFIELD SCHOLARSHIP 2008

Jenny Meyer, President

This year's DeField Scholarship will be awarded to Ms. Brie Hawley, a current graduate candidate in Environmental Health with a concentration in Industrial Hygiene, at the awards banquet in Fort Collins on April 12, 2008. Ms. Hawley has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Delaware in Animal Science, Pre-Veterinary concentration with Minors in Biochemistry and English.

Personal reasons have impacted Ms. Hawley's decision to pursue a career with an Industrial Hygiene concentration. Her grandfather and two of her uncles have been directly affected by occupational exposures and suffered serious illnesses as a result of these exposures. Because of her personal interest, Ms. Hawley's main interests lie in industrial hygiene and medicine and how these two disciplines may collaborate to provide education concerning the need for good occupational health practices to both employees and workers.

When asked to briefly expound upon the two most currently significant occupational health problems confronting the industrial hygienist, Ms. Hawley stated that globalization and the ambiguity in establishing a direct cause and effect relationship between work place exposure and disease were two issues that she would identify. The first issue deals with movement of industry and jobs to underdeveloped countries due to less stringent occupational health regulations and reduced operational costs. The second issue, as Ms. Hawley describes, deals with identification and separation of lifestyle and occupational exposures to identify root causes to chronic illnesses.

The Rocky-Mountain Section of AIHA is proud to participate in an award to such a deserving and qualified candidate. We wish her continued success as she strives to meet her lofty goals.

