



Organizational Strategic Initiatives - ABIH

33rd Annual Meeting
Yuma Pacific Southwest AIHA
Irvine, California
January 25, 2008



Introductions

- Welcome and introductions
- What is ABIH and what do we do?
- What's in the future?


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- ABIH is composed of 11 directors (including 1 public member)
- The Board changed in size over the years
- Recently moved to policy governance, allowing Board to spend more time on strategic thinking and permitting staff to perform the tactical work
- Meet 3X/year, with monthly teleconferences between meetings


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Current Directors

Wilfrid "Buck" Cameron, CIH <small>Center to Protect Workers' Rights</small>	Kent Candee, CIH <small>EMC Insurance Companies</small>	Nancy McClellan, CIH, CHMM <small>Business Health Systems, Inc.</small>	Janice Camp, CIH, COHN-S <small>University of Washington</small>
Barbara Dawson, CIH, CSP (Chair) <small>DuPont Company</small>	Lisa Quiggle, CAIH <small>Michigan State University</small>	Scott Merkle, CIH <small>NIEHS</small>	John Henshaw, CIH, CSP <small>Henshaw & Associates</small>
Peter S.J. Lees, PhD, CIH <small>Johns Hopkins University</small>	Public Member (open)	Mario Vasquez, CIH <small>Bechtel Nevada</small>	

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Changes in Directors

March 2008

- **New chair** will be Scott Merkle
- **Outgoing directors:**
Buck Cameron, Barbara Dawson, Peter Lees
- **Incoming directors:**
Eric Bauer, J. Torey Nalbone, Jeff Throckmorton and public member, Lawrence Postol

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ABIH Support Staff

Lynn O'Donnell, CIH	Executive Director
Ron Drafta, CIH, CSP	Certification Program Manager
Barbara Saalfeld	Certification Maintenance
Bee Snow	Application Processing
Pamela Trim	Dues, Roster, Address Changes, etc.


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What does ABIH do?

- **Review** qualifications
- **Certify** accomplishment through a system of fair & defensible testing
- **Manage** certification maintenance and audit recertification
- **Act** on unethical behavior (recently issued revised enforceable Code of Ethics in conjunction with AIHA-ACGIH-AIH member ethical principles)
- **Communicate** with stakeholders
- **Work** with other organizations

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ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE Ends Policy

The goal of industrial hygiene practice is to protect the occupational and environmental health of workers and the public. The purpose of the Board is to promote, elevate and sustain the practice of the industrial hygiene profession through ABIH certification worldwide.

- 1.1 All employers, employees, and the public will recognize the role of the industrial hygienist and will value the demonstration of qualification through certification.
- 1.2 All qualified industrial hygienists will seek certification.
- 1.3 All industrial hygienists who have become certified will continue to upgrade their competency by participating in a formal certification maintenance process.
- 1.4 All industrial hygienists who have become certified will practice their profession ethically and legally.

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Links to Other Groups

- **AIH** (Academy of Industrial Hygiene) - Vasquez
- **CHEST** (Council on Certification of Health, Environmental and Safety Technologists) - Quiggle
- **CESB** (Council of Engineering Specialty Boards) - Lees
- **IOHA** Certification Recognition (International Occupational Hygiene Association) -Laszcz-Davis (former director)
- **JIHEEC** (Joint Industrial Hygiene Ethics Education Committee) -Henry (former director)
- **AIHA/ABIH/AIH** - joint marketing initiative
- **Local AIHA sections** - ABIH Directors

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What's in ABIH's Future?

- **Maintaining excellence**
- **Strategic goals**
- **Marketing**


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Ideas -- ABIH Work

- **Understand** barriers to certification
- **Engage** people earlier in their careers so that they want to become certified
- **Work** on promoting certification internationally and increase recognition of CIH internationally
- **Strategically work** with BCSP and CCHEST (e.g. OSHA Alliance)
- **Promote** the value of certification to our key stakeholders (applicants, diplomates and employers)


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Current Initiatives

- **IH Organization Collaboration**
 - Co-hosted, with AIH, a meeting at the PCIH with all IH-related organizations to better understand their differentiated roles
- **OSHA Alliance**
 - Working on a career pathway brochure that integrates health and safety
- **Value of the Profession**
 - Contributed to AIHA project currently underway
 - Will work with AIHA on communication of project deliverables

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On-going Work

- **Better define** IH career route
- **Strengthen** linkages with academic institutions and associations to promote the profession
- **Listen** to Diplomates and other key stakeholders for ideas to improve ABIH's contributions to the profession of industrial hygiene

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The Mark of Professionalism

The need for qualified industrial hygienists has never been greater. As concern about workplace and community health and safety has grown, so has the demand for professionals to evaluate working conditions and community exposure. The work of industrial hygienists increases in importance as the legal ramifications surrounding employee and public health continue to expand.

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