

Organizational Strategic Initiatives - ABIH

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Introductions

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

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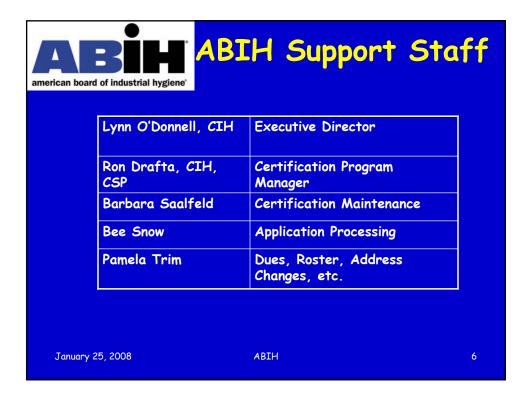
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- ABIH is composed of 11 directors (including 1 public member)
- · The Board changed in size over the years
- Recently moved to policy governance, allowing Board to spend more time on strategic thinking and permitting staff to perform the tactical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

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- · 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
- CCHEST (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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