

NEWSLETTER
February 5, 2020

Dear Member:

The Section's 45th annual meeting was held January 22-24, 2020 at the Bay Club Hotel and Marina, 2131 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA. Attendance was great - the hotel purchased new narrow tables to accommodate more seating. Also deflectors installed on the heat/air conditioning units resulted in increased air flow in the room. Everyone present stated the meeting was a resounding success.

President **Barbara Dawson** conducted the business meeting Wednesday afternoon January 22, 2020 in the Commodore Room – the minutes are attached for your perusal.

President Dawson opened the technical meeting Thursday morning January 23, 2020, welcoming attendees and speakers, then introduced the Program Chair **Tom Slavin**, CIH, CSP, CSHM, CPEA, FAIHA, FASTM. Tom gave a brief overview of the conference program he developed, themed “**2020 Vision – A Critical Look at Key IH Issues**”. Tom presided over the entire meeting – he engaged excellent speakers and we were fortunate to have a day and a half of excellent presentations. No need for me to write about the presenters because Tom provided the attached in-depth summary of the presentations which can also be found on the YPSW website. The meeting concluded with a sumptuous banquet. Our banquet speaker Frank Hearl entertained us with his presentation “an Industrial Hygienist’s view of Ice Hockey”. Many thanks to Chris Laszcz-Davis for generously paying for the banquet wine again this year – and an added plus was having her son Grant and his fiancée Jenelle join us for the banquet. Our meetings are a bright respite for many of our members residing in cold climates.

CHANGE OF YPSW OFFICERS

Presenting your 2020 Executive Committee – installed January 24:

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| President: | Tom Slavin | <u>Directors</u> |
| President-Elect | Fred Boelter | Frank Hearl |
| Past-President | Barbara Dawson | Ben Heckman |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Bob Lieckfield | Bob Nocco |

My annual gentle reminder, you are responsible for calculating your own CM point values and list them on your worksheets, as ABIH discontinued review of CM requests for Category 4 Education Events effective 2011. Additional information can be found at <http://www.abih.org/documents/TerminationofCMPPointsReviews.pdf>.

Sincere thanks to Frank Renshaw, who served a three-year term as President-Elect, President and Past-President. An engraved crystal memento was presented to Frank. Frank, the Executive Committee will still be calling you for advice/consultation. Our “Retired Presidents” are a wonderful resource providing guidance to the current Executive Committee.

CLAYTON AWARD

The recipient of the 2020 YPSW George and Florence Clayton Award, **Barbara Cohrsen**, was very appreciative of the Section's acknowledgement of her many years of notable achievements in the field of industrial hygiene and dedicated service to YPSW. President Dawson listed Barbara's numerous notable achievements, including a private pilot's license. Barbara's career has been very interesting and busy; her very gracious and heartfelt acceptance speech was greeted with rounds of applause. Photos will be posted on our website along with a short bio on Barbara. On Wednesday evening the Executive Committee treated Barbara and her invited guest Bob Lieckfield to dinner at the Bali Hi on Shelter Island. For the record, YPSW paid for the guests' dinner and Executive Committee members paid for their individual meals.

WEBSITE

Frank Hearl, our "web master" maintains our website www.ypswaiha.org. Frank brings the site up to date by posting data as it is supplied to him – check out the 2020 meeting data Tom provided him for posting and this letter will be sent to him when it is printed and ready for mailing to the membership. Frank Renshaw, our resident photographer, took multiple photos throughout the meeting. He will provide them to Frank Hearl for posting. The site is specifically for our YPSW members. Thanks to Frank Hearl for keeping the website up to date and providing this valuable service to the YPSW membership and also to Frank Renshaw the many photographs he provided for posting.

2020 DUES PAYMENT

Please notice the very big change on your dues statement – the secretary-treasurer is now **Bob Lieckfield** so **send your checks and information to him (his contact information is on the dues form)**. Please pay your 2020 dues promptly. Your cooperation will enable Bob to prepare the 2020-2021 membership book for mailing in late May/early June along with information pertinent to the 2021 meeting. Please check your current listing in the 2019-2020 membership book (and updates in subsequent newsletters) and **make necessary changes on the dues form**. If you are a **lifetime member and/or paid your dues in advance** Bob still needs your completed form for file and verification of membership book information – **if you are in either of these categories**, you can send the information via email or snail mail. (If you do not provide current information, Bob must use data in the last membership book.) **Please print all your information legibly** – sometimes it becomes impossible to decipher your cursive handwriting. Also, please complete additional info requested on the dues form – your credentials, CIH, CSP, PE, PhD, etc., and indicate on the form if you are an AIHA member/AIHA Fellow. If you are not a Fellow and feel you are qualified, download the forms from the AIHA website and send the completed forms to Past President Barbara Dawson for review by the YPSW Executive Committee and submission to AIHA.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES SINCE OCT 2019 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new members:

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Donna Heidel - LM

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

- The **Levitate Technologies** tour Thursday afternoon technical tour was well attended and very informative – please see Tom’s excellent write-up in his Meeting Summary.
- If you picked up a “Trip Advisor” card at the hotel please complete the information and email it to Trip Advisor. “Our” hotel ranking is judged in part by the number of comment cards submitted on their behalf – so help them get higher in the hotel grouping by sending in your comments.
- If you did not sign up for the Commodore Club last month, remember to do this when you register for the meeting next year – free perk for repeat guests with additional benefits.
- Please see the attached news release regarding the Safety and Health Historical Society (SHHS). SHHS is a new non-profit, educational and charitable organization intended to compile information and educate those who work in many aspects of safety and health about past history. SHHS seeks to celebrate lessons learned from the past. SHHS identifies events, individuals, organizations and innovations important in safety and health history that helped advance practice to what it is today. SHHS is open to all individuals and organizations interested in the history of safety and health.
- A gift of \$200.00 was sent to the Redwood Gospel Mission in Santa Rosa, CA in memory of Thomas Goob. A thank you letter from the Mission read *“Your gift will help serve the ongoing needs of the poor and desperate in our community through the rescue programs of the Redwood Gospel Mission. What better way to celebrate a life than to contribute to sustaining the life of another? May God richly bless you for your gift of \$200.00. /s/Jeffory W. Gilman, Executive Director”*

MISCELANEOUS

- Messages from members who could not attend the 2020 meeting are included as an attachment.
- Many cards for YPSW members who could not attend for various reasons were circulated at the meeting with members writing notes to the recipients - we hope these messages from attendees bring a smile to faces of the recipients. I mailed the cards to each a few days after the meeting. I hope everyone is doing very well at this time, especially considering the weather conditions.
- Deep appreciation to Kathy Phalen for transporting the hospitality suite and yours truly to the meeting – very generous of her to make this round trip again. We sent her a “thank you” fruit basket.
- Sincere thanks to **Chris Laszcz-Davis**, The Environmental Quality Organization, LLC for her generosity in buying the banquet wine.
- Following the meeting thank you letters were sent to each speaker; the required Roster of new Section Officers and the Local Section Annual Group Exemption Report were submitted to AIHA; the required report was sent to the IRS. Refunds were made for early cancellation and overpayments.

If you took pictures at the meeting and/or the tour, please share them with the membership, by sending them to Frank Hearl at fhearl@me.com to post on the website.

My deep appreciation to attendees for their acknowledgement and thanks in my handling of the logistics and administrative details of the meeting...and having the hospitality suite well stocked. My personal thanks to all of you who volunteered and manned the hospitality suite while I was still in the meeting room finishing up my duties there, at the dinner for Barbara Cohrsen, and finally while Bob and I were collecting badges and handing out meal tickets.

Megan Canright graciously volunteered to assume responsibilities for the Hospitality Suite starting with the 2021 meeting. She met with me Saturday morning and took possession of the remaining hospitality room supplies. We did have some liquor left over and that will be a good start for next year – it seemed the most popular item on the bar was the 18 year old Glenlivet – both bottles were empty! If you missed trying the Kirkland vodka try it next year - it is an exact replica of Grey Goose. I'll send Megan my usual shopping list for items members have requested over the past several years.

A new year, a new beginning for many so thought it would be a good idea to publish this tidbit in light of all the unrest in many circles, it is important to remember the rules of good conduct at all times in all walks of life, so here is a great quote: ***“RESPECT: When working together, members or volunteers should always be mindful of how their actions or contribution affects colleagues, peers, and the Association. We may not always agree, but disagreement is no excuse for poor behavior or poor manners. Avoid becoming involved in personal attacks or repetitive arguments. Abusive language or actions, including any form of harassment, will not be tolerated. Additionally, members or volunteers will not discriminate against another member, volunteer or staff and will be respectful of ethnic, national, cultural and other differences. AIHA Code of Conduct: <https://www.aiha.org/membership/member-center/aiha-membership-and-volunteer-code-of-conduct>”***
This reminds me of the Golden Rule “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” we were taught as children and has been passed from generation to generation – old, but lasting advice.

Thanks to all YPSW members for keeping the faith and making YPSW a continuing success. Member input and cooperation keeps YPSW alive and flourishing. Please send Bob information about your travels, accolades, health or any other subject that would be of interest to fellow members – all shared information is always welcomed for publication. Since we only meet once a year, it is nice to receive information periodically that can be disseminated to members in the newsletters published throughout the year.

Now it is time to pass the baton to Bob Lieckfield – he and I have been working together and I promised to be available to mentor, if needed. For history sake, when Doug and I took over this job 20+ years ago we had 50 members, now we are approaching membership of 150. We joined in 1994 and the Claytons put us to work starting in 1995 - hosting the hospitality suite, arranging our 1998 and 2004 cruise meetings to Ensenada, Mexico; and after these “satisfactory trial runs” we assumed full secretary-treasurer duties. When Doug died, several YPSW members persuaded national to give me an honorary membership in AIHA (which I treasure) I became secretary-treasurer on my own. Personally, it has been quite an honor and experience getting to know you all. I appreciate the many friendships that were forged over these many years. Now it is time for me to say good luck to Bob and I'll see you at the 2021 meeting – if that is in the stars.

Have a wonderful, enjoyable and safe Spring and Summer. I enjoyed seeing you all at the Bay Club Hotel and Marina in San Diego for our 2020 meeting; now it is time to mark your 2021 calendars – **remember our meeting is ALWAYS the week of the MLK holiday so next year (January 20-22, 2021).**

Anna V. Davis
Secretary-Treasurer (Retired)

Enclosures:
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