

YPSW 51st Annual Meeting

January 21-23, 2026

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA): 1976 and Beyond

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

4:00-5:00 PM, **Business Meeting**

Jenn Sahmel, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA YPSW President

5:00-7:00 PM, **Evening Social**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

8:00-8:10 AM, **Welcome**

Jenn Sahmel, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, YPSW President

8:10-8:20 AM, **Announcements and Board of Directors Vote**

Bob Lieckfield, Jr., CIH, FAIHA, YPSW Secretary-Treasurer

Morning Session

8:20-8:25 AM, **Program and Session Introduction**

Dave Roskelley, MSPH, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, Program Chair and YPSW President-Elect

8:25-9:25 AM, **The Creation and Amendments of the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976**

Frank Hearl, PE, Hearl Environmental Consulting LLC

9:25-10:25 AM, **TSCA Perspectives on Peer Review Groups,**

Julie Panko, BS, CIH, ToxStrategies-BlueRidge

10:25-10:45 AM, **Break**

10:45-11:30 AM, **Supporting Risk Evaluations under TSCA Using the Structured Deterministic Model (SDM) 2.0**

Susan Arnold, PhD, CIH, FAIHA, University of Minnesota

11:30-11:55 PM, **AIHA National Update (with focus on Government Relations)**

Larry Sloan, MBA, FASAE, CAE, AIHA CEO

Bradley King, PhD, CIH, CDC/NIOSH, AIHA President

12:00 to 1:00 PM, **Hosted Lunch**

Afternoon Tour

1:30-4:00 PM, **Docent Tour USS Midway**

Transportation will be provided to and from hotel

The USS Midway Museum opened to the public in June 2004 as a floating naval aircraft carrier museum. Proudly known as America's Living Symbol of Freedom, Midway is a treasured icon for the city of San Diego. The USS Midway provides engaging, inspiring and educational experiences, letting guests enjoy more than 80 years of naval aviation history and experience firsthand the legacy of this amazing aircraft carrier.

YPSW has arranged for a "private Docent led tour" to further enhance our experience.

More information at www.midway.org

Evening Social

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

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Thursday Evening Banquet (Reservation Required)

Dinner Cruise San Diego Harbor

This year the YPSW section proudly celebrates its 51st year as the premier section for industrial hygiene and occupational safety and health practitioners. We will hold a special dinner cruise banquet on Thursday, January 23. Come join friends, colleagues, and others for a great evening at sea.

6:45 PM Hotel Departure

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Dinner Cruise

10:00 PM Hotel Return

Business Casual. Remember your coat.

Flagship Tours Dinner Cruise celebrates the San Diego evening complete with skyline views, DJ entertainment, and a relaxed coastal vibe for a YPSW Night on the Bay. After being shown to our reserved seating area, we can stroll the open decks to take in skyline views and ocean air. When dinner service begins, we will enjoy a leisurely three-course meal as the yacht cruises the bay. After dinner, we can again stroll the decks and enjoy the city lights or head indoors dancing the night away with our onboard DJ.

Each YPSW attendee will be provided with a complimentary 2-drink coupon. The cruise will also have a Full Cash bar with signature cocktails, local beers, and California wines available throughout the evening.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

8:00-8:05 AM, **Welcome**

Jenn Sahmel, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, YPSW President

8:05-8:10 AM, **Announcements**

Bob Lieckfield, Jr., CIH, FAIHA, YPSW Secretary-Treasurer

Morning Session

8:10-8:15 AM, **Session Introduction**

Dave Roskelley, MSPH, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, Program Chair and YPSW President-Elect

8:15-9:15 AM, **What is Behind and What is Beyond the TSCA Risk Assessment Horizon?**

Fred Boelter, CIH, PE, BCEE, FAIHA, RHP Risk Management

9:15-10:15 AM, **Navigating Chemical Risk Management in the Tempest of Materiality Decision-Making**

Charles Redinger, PhD, MAP, CIH, Redinger Group

10:15-10:30 AM, **Break**

10:30 to 10:45 AM, **Clayton Award Presentation**

Jenn Sahmel, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA YPSW President

10:45-11:45 AM, **TSCA Reflections 1976 to Now**

John Howard, MD, Director, NIOSH

Noon-1:15 PM, **Hosted Lunch**

Afternoon Session

1:15-2:15 PM, **Occupational Exposure Assessment in the World of TSCA – The Impact on IH Professionals**

Renee Kalmes, MSPH, CIH, Exponent

2:15-3:15 PM, **Understanding EPA's Risk Evaluation: Contrasting EPA's approach to Occupational Exposure Assessment and how Occupational Health Programs Assess and Control Exposures in the Workplace**

Silvia Maberti, PhD, ExxonMobil Biomedical Sciences, Inc.

3:15-3:30 PM, **Break**

3:30-4:00 PM, **IH Grand Challenges, OHTA**

Chris Laszcz-Davis, MS, CIH, COH, FAIHA, FAIC

4:00-4:15 PM, **Meeting Wrap-up, Installation of New Officers, and Passing of the Gavel**

Jenn Sahmel, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, YPSW President

4:15-4:30 PM, **Session Close/Solicitation of Topics of Interest for 2027 meeting**

Dave Roskelley, MSPH, CIH, CSP, FAIHA Program Chair and incoming YPSW President

Evening

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The Yuma Pacific Southwest Section is celebrating its 51st anniversary. Formed in 1975 by pioneers of the modern industrial hygiene profession—George Clayton, Frank Patty, Lester and Lewis Cralley, Ralph Allan, James Sterner, Herbert Walworth—YPSW has since included virtually all leaders in the IH profession from the private, academic, and government sectors. Ruth Patty served as the first YPSW President, with President-Elect Herbert Walworth, Secretary Florence Clayton, Treasurer Gertrude Cralley and Directors Frank Patty, George Clayton, and Lester Cralley.

Throughout our history, the membership of the YPSW Section has comprised many of the founders, developers, and leaders of the modern IH profession, including OSHA Directors, AIHA Presidents, Directors of Health and Safety for major corporations, and numerous others who have significantly advanced the science and art of industrial hygiene.

Below is the membership roster as of April 1976.

- Leonard Breen, Occupational Health Section, State of California, San Diego, CA
- Seymour Calvert, PhD, President, Air Pollution Technology, San Diego, CA
- George and Florence Clayton, President, Clayton and Associates, Fallbrook, CA
- Lester and Gertrude Cralley, PhD, Fallbrook, CA
- Lewis and Eva Cralley, PhD, Fallbrook, CA
- David Elgas, President, American Technical Lab, San Diego, CA
- Carl Jensen, Escondido, CA
- Frank and Ruth Patty, Yuma, AZ
- James and Patricia Sterner, MD, Laguna Hills, CA
- Herbert Walworth, Lake San Marcos, CA

The first YPSW meeting was held at La Costa Hotel and Spa, Carlsbad, CA on March 4, 1976. The meeting was publicized in The Blade Tribune, Fallbrook Enterprise, and The Evening Tribune (San Diego). The Banquet speaker was Evan Campbell, the incoming AIHA President (1976).

We take pride in the section's unique membership and the legacy of opportunities we provide to our members and the profession. Our heritage and our esteemed membership roster over the past 51 years are sources of great pride.