



Southern California - American Industrial Hygiene Association



President's Message:

Dear Southern California EH&S Professionals and Students:

The SCAIHA Board is honored to serve you, and we are dedicated to build a strong Southern California EH&S Community. We chose this career path to help improve the lives of working people, protect public health, and protect the environment. We will be most effective in achieving these goals if we work together as a professional community. SCAIHA is a unique local resource for you to network and exchange information with colleagues, keep up-to-date on relevant topics, earn CM credits, mentor and volunteer.

How can you get the most benefit from this organization and help contribute to our local EH&S community?

- Check the SCAIHA website regularly for information on SCAIHA meetings, job openings, local EH&S events and news
- Attend meetings (lunch and dinner member meetings are every-other odd-number month)
- Run for an SCAIHA Board position (2017-2018 elections are coming up!)
- Become a mentor (see details in this newsletter)
- Participate in SCAIHA-sponsored volunteer opportunities
- Contact us with suggestions on how we can better support you in your EH&S career, and to serve the Southern California EH&S community

Wishing you all the best in 2017!

Robin Fomalont
President, SCAIHA



Picture from our July 2017 Meeting in Sherman Oaks

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CALL FOR 2017 BOARD MEMBERS:

It is that time of year again! We are looking for charismatic, enthusiastic, and willing participants for the upcoming 2017 SCAIHA board. We are looking for individuals interested in the following positions:

- **President-Elect**
- **Secretary-Elect**
- **Treasurer-Elect**
- **Government Affairs**
- **Professional Development**

Please refer to the SCAIHA bylaws for descriptions of the following positions, <http://www.scaiha.org/bylaws.html>. If you are interested, please send an email to Michelle Rosales at mrosales@forensicanalytical.com. Provide your name, contact information, and what position you are interested in by February 10th. Current students can also run for positions as well.

The elections will be held in February and positions will begin in March 2017.

Save the Date:
March 1, 2017: Next SCAIHA Meeting!
Location TBA



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Call for SCAIHA Newsletter's Name!

Please submit ideas for a fun name for our newsletter! The winner will receive a \$50 gift card! Email ideas to ebrown@alphaenergy.com

SCAIHA Mentor Program - all new for 2017

SCAIHA is launching a mentor program for 2017. The objective is to connect students and/or young professionals with like-minded experienced industrial hygienists. If you are interested in finding a mentor or would like to volunteer to be a mentor to others, please contact us at scaihamentorprogram@gmail.com and we can send an application.

Scholarship (SCAIHA/OCAIHA):

Students, it's not too late to apply for the annual student scholarship! Send an email to Michelle Rosales at mrosales@forensicanalytical.com for more information.

California Industrial Hygiene Council:

With the help of Sacramento Advocacy, CIHC screened over 350 OEHS bills introduced into the legislature's 2015-2016 session, provided comments for AB 2272 (Surgical Plume) which was vetoed, and SB 1167 (Indoor Workers: Heat Regulations) which passed. We continued with our participation in Cal/OSHA and DTSC Advisory Committees. Wrote, distributed and encouraged members and companies to sign a letter supporting continued NIOSH funding levels, worked on the Young Workers Safety & Health Initiative and provided comments to CA Office of Self-Insurance proposed regulations.

In the 2017 legislature, we have put forth proposed changes to Section 6401.7 of the CA Labor code. This CIH bill will be sponsored by Assembly member Kansen Chu and will require identification of competent person or persons responsible for implementing the program. In cases where an employee suffers a harmful exposure to a hazardous chemical or substance, a serious injury, or death in connection with his or her employment, the bill adds a requirement for the employer to consult a qualified professional to determine what corrective measures are appropriate.

CIHC also organized the three day 2016 CIHC Professional Development Seminar (26th annual), which had one of the highest attendance totals in the Seminar's history.

Industrial Hygiene Article:

- Michelle Rosales, Forensic Analytical

What you need to know about Federal OSHA's Final Rule to Protect Workers from Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica

- Reduces the permissible exposure limit (PEL) for respirable crystalline silica to 50 µg/m³; action level (AL) to 25 µg/m³.
- Requires employers to: use engineering controls to limit worker exposure to the PEL; provide respirators when engineering controls cannot adequately limit exposure; limit worker access to high exposure areas; develop a written exposure control plan, offer medical exams to highly exposed workers, and train workers on silica risks and how to limit exposures.
- Provides medical exams to monitor highly exposed workers and gives them information about their lung health.
- Provides flexibility to help employers, especially small businesses, protect workers from silica exposure.
- OSHA approved State Plans (e.g. Cal/OSHA) will have six months to adopt standards that are at least as effective as federal OSHA standards.

For more information visit the Federal OSHA website (<https://www.osha.gov/silica/>).

New Member Spotlight!

I joined the SCAIHA as a student at CSUN, studying EOH/IH . (A lot of acronyms!)

After I received my Master's Degree in IH/EOH, I became a member of SCAIHA as a professional. I believe the association will provide valuable insight in the field of industrial hygiene. Members of SCAIHA are highly respected professionals, academics, and independent consultants with a wide-array of knowledge and experience in the field. Going forward in my career as a consultant, my membership with the organization will assist in enhancing my experience & knowledge within the field.

Thank you for your interest,
Madeleine Dangazyan





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Job Opportunities:

1. We need to fill one Field IH position at Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA. This is an excellent position; there are IH technicians that do most of the sampling, but we need someone who can do in-depth exposure assessments, including for some new squadrons with entirely new aircraft arriving in CY17.

I am the hiring manager and I am looking for either a recent graduate or someone completing their MS/MPH within the next six months.

Please have anyone interested contact me directly.

John R. Salzer, Sr.

MS, CIH, RPIH

John.R.Salzer.civ@mail.mil

2. UCLA-Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program (LOSH) Environmental Career Worker Training Program (ECWTP) Coordinator

UCLA-LOSH is hiring a coordinator for the Environmental Career Worker Training Program at LOSH and the Western Region Universities Consortium funded by the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences. The goal of the ECWTP is to train individuals for jobs such as those in construction, environmental remediation, energy efficiency, and hazardous waste fields with a focus on recruiting from underserved, urban communities disproportionately affected by environmental exposures.

To apply, go to

<https://hr.mycareer.ucla.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=69270>

3. International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Health and Safety Specialist

The International Association of Fire Fighters has an immediate opening for a full time Health and Safety Specialist in their Washington, DC headquarters. This is a great opportunity for a health and safety professional looking for work opportunities with unions. Excellent pay and benefits.

https://workforcenow.adp.com/jobs/apply/posting.html?client=iaffhq&jobId=42522&lang=en_US&source=CC2

4. Farmworker Justice Project Coordinator

Farmworker Justice (FJ), a national organization based in Washington, D.C., is seeking a Project Coordinator (PC). The PC will report to the Project Director and work in close partnership with community-based partners to build their capacity to provide training and education to high-risk farmworkers on the recognition and avoidance of safety and health hazards in their workplaces, and to help farmworkers

access high-quality healthcare. This position involves: technical assistance and training, project administration support, reporting, and written communication.

[Position Information](#)

5. Nottingham Trent University Fully-Funded PhD Scholarships for October 2017 start

Fully-funded PhD available. Contact: Dr Maria Karanika-Murray

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6. Mountain Cascade Inc Site Safety Manager

Looking for a Site Safety Manager with 5 years experience. The job is full time and comes with a great benefit package. To submit a resume email rickeya@mountaincascade.com



January 2017 Meeting sponsored by:

