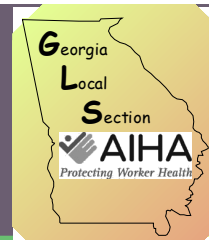


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Quarterly Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear Georgia Local Section Members,

I am humbled and honored to serve as your Georgia Local Section President this year. During my 23-year Industrial Hygiene career I have been a member in three local sections, the Connecticut River Valley, the Carolinas, and GLS. Each local section has its own unique identity and characteristics. I have always been impressed with the consistent quality of GLS meetings and with the diversity of the organizations represented by the GLS members.

I greatly appreciate the hard work of the previous Board members and volunteers that have served for GLS. I specifically want to thank Margaret Buckalew, Hilarie Schubert Warren, Stan Salisbury and Vicki Hanrahan Ainslie. Margaret served as the GLS President in 2007 despite her busy consultant's schedule. Hilarie Schubert Warren has been

the force that has kept GLS on track over the past two years. Stan Salisbury has volunteered to continue to update and improve our web site. Hilarie and Stan have also agreed to help our new Treasurer Kristen Butler transition to our new web-based membership management system. Vicki Hanrahan Ainslie has been the behind-the-scenes newsletter editor for several years. Vicki has volunteered to continue as our newsletter editor.

In 2008, the focus of the GLS Board is to:

- Continue to offer high quality meetings — to that end we are seeking members to step forward to present on case studies, AIHA technical committee updates, and other presentations.
- Facilitate Outreach — to students and other health professionals — We have a number of opportunities and we are seeking your assistance

for this work.

- Serve as a good steward of our financial resources — so that we can continue to fund scholarships for deserving area industrial hygiene students, and
- Improve business processes by implementing an online membership system to streamline membership and meeting registration, reduce the burden on our treasurer and secretary, and maintain continuity during board transitions.

Please mark your calendars for the **March 25 Spring half-day** and **May 6, 2008 Vendor's Day** (to be held at the Georgia Tech Reserach Institute) meetings.

Take Care,

—Peter J. Kowalski, MPH, CIH

Congratulations to Steve Tochilin, new AIHA Fellow!

The Georgia Local Section sends its Congratulations to our own **Steve Tochilin**! The AIHA Board of Directors has approved his nomination as a Fellow of AIHA. The American Industrial Hygiene Association, the AIHA Awards Committee, and the AIHA Board of Directors all agreed that he was deserving of this high recognition.

Only five percent of the AIHA membership can qualify for the Fellow Award, which is given to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of industrial hygiene. Only full members in good standing for at

least 15 years are eligible. Way to go, Steve! We're proud that your accomplishments were recognized by your peers as outstanding contributions to the Association and to the profession.

Tidbits

Draft Alert on Beryllium Disease Available for Review

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is conducting a public review of the NIOSH Alert: Preventing Chronic Beryllium Disease and Beryllium Sensitization, NIOSH Docket Number NIOSH-120.

For more information and to view the draft alert see: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/>

[review/public/120/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/120/)

Comments must be received by May 12, 2008.

The CDC will be hosting the 57th Annual Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Conference, April 14-18, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Atlanta-Ravinia. Go to CDC's web site for more information: <http://www.cdc.gov/eis/conference/conference.htm>

ABIH CM Points

The American Board of Industrial Hygiene has awarded 0.5 certification maintenance (CM) points for the Winter and Spring (March 25) 2008 Georgia Local Section Meetings.

The approval numbers are:

- # 08-645 Winter 2008 Meeting
- #08-1074 Spring 2008 Meeting



Thanks

GLS greatly appreciates the hard work of Past President **Michelle Dunham** for submitting articles for this edition of our newsletter and for her outreach work.

Thanks also to our web administrator, **Stan Salisbury** for thoroughly researching the advantages and costs of moving GLS to a web based membership management system. Our web site is in great hands!



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An Opportunity to Give Back...

Your AIHA-GLS executive board has been considering supporting KIDS' CHANCE, Inc. and seeks your input. KIDS' CHANCE, Inc., is a non-profit, educational scholarship program that was established in 1988 by the Workers' Compensation Section of the Georgia Bar, in association with insurers, employers, attorneys, labor, medical, and rehabilitation groups. The mission of KIDS' CHANCE, Inc. is to provide educational scholarships to the children of Georgia workers who have been seriously, catastrophically or fatally injured in work-related accidents

to help these kids continue their educations. Students ages 16-25 whose parent's work-related injury resulted in a substantial decline in family income are eligible. The applicant must also meet adequate academic standards set by the selection committee.

About half the states in the U.S. have KIDS CHANCE programs, with each state funding its own programs. In Georgia, KIDS' CHANCE's operating costs are only approximately 15 percent. Nationwide, more than 800 scholarships have been awarded. In Georgia alone, more than \$3 million dollars have been raised

and more than 600 scholarships awarded since 1988. There are 77 current scholarship recipients in Georgia. Funds come from donations by individuals, groups, organizations, foundations, and various fund-raising events such as golf tournaments, fun runs, and silent auctions such as the one held in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Labor's annual Safety and Health Conference.

Let us know your thoughts by April 7, 2008; contact any board member (see contact information on page 8 of this newsletter).



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Georgia Youth Alliance

In support of the Georgia Youth Alliance, students from several local area high schools have received OSHA 10-hour Outreach Training during the 2007-2008 school year. Students at Maxwell High School of Technology in Lawrenceville and DeKalb High School of Technology-North received Construction Outreach Training and students on the Kell High School Robotics team in Marietta received General Industry Outreach Training.

These classes were conducted by OSHA and Georgia Tech Consultation staff members with assistance from area safety and health professionals from construction companies, industry, and organized labor as well as members of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Georgia Local Section and the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), Georgia Chapter.

At Maxwell High School, Michelle Dunham, Industrial Hygienist with the Georgia Tech OSHA Consultation Program, AIHA, and Jonathan Worrell, Compliance Assistance Specialist (CAS) from OSHA's Atlanta East Office, conducted the Construction Outreach class with help from Joe Lohkamp, Regional Safety Coordinator with ATC Associates. Seventy-two students in the Construction Technology and Welding Technology programs received 10-hour cards after completion of the training during the first two weeks of the school year.

At DeKalb High School of Technology-North, Michelle and Jonathan again conducted the Construction Outreach class

with assistance from Bovis Lend Lease Safety staff members and the Ironworkers Local #387. Bovis Lend Lease was most generous with their assistance, allowing four safety staff members to help with the training. Estel Pritchett, Mike Reed, Ronnie Smith, and Steve Ellis all conducted parts of the 10-hour class. Brian White, Welding Director, with the Atlanta Ironworkers Local #387 Joint Apprenticeship Program did fall protection training for the classes. Sixteen students and one faculty member completed the 10-hour class and will receive their cards at a future school-wide assembly.

At Kell High School, 14 student members of the Robotics Team completed a 10-hour General Industry Outreach class on consecutive Saturdays in December. Michelle Dunham and Jim Howry, Safety Engineer with the Georgia Tech OSHA Consultation Program, again with assistance from OSHA's Jonathan Worrell, conducted the training. The students are preparing for the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition in mid-March. Ed Barker, head coach of Kell's Robotics team, reports that they have been "accident-free" as they prepare their robot for the event.

In addition to the outreach training, members of the Georgia Youth Alliance conducted a training session for Construction teachers at the Trade and Industrial Educators of Georgia Winter Conference in Newnan, Georgia on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Ray Hudson, President of Georgia ASSE and Safety Director for Ruby-Collins, Inc., a heavy

construction and utility contractor, and Jonathan Worrell discussed hands-on training techniques and demonstrations that can be used in the classroom to make safety training more meaningful to the students.

Planning is also well underway for the big event of the year—the CEFGA Construction Career Expo and SkillsUSA state contest to be held on April 24-25, 2008 at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Members of the Georgia Youth Alliance will provide an exhibit, conduct a safety orientation for all attendees, and conduct a pre-conference safety inspection of the facility. The safety inspection will be conducted on the afternoon of April 23rd by volunteers from the ASSE Construction Group. CEFGA is the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia and promotes careers in the construction industry. Learn more about CEFGA and the Expo at www.cefga.org

Ed Foulke, Assistant Secretary of Labor-OSHA, has been invited to the Expo. It is hoped that this event will serve as the kick-off for the 2008 Teen Summer Job Safety Campaign which will again focus on Construction with an added emphasis on Residential Building. The 2007 Expo was attended by 3,205 middle school, high school, and technical college students, teachers, counselors, administrators, and 515 industry volunteers from 92 schools and 150 Construction companies. This year's event will be even bigger with 4,500-5,000 attendees expected from all over the state of Georgia.

GLS Members Participating in Career Days and CEFGA Fair

High School Career Day

The Georgia Local Section has an opportunity to participate in Career Day at Lakeside High School on April 2. Lakeside HS is soliciting participants to spend a few hours speaking with high school students about the working world, and this would be a great opportunity to share a little bit about industrial hygiene and occupational/environmental health.

Participants from GLS AIHA are Sylvia Callendar-Carter (DeKalb County) and Janice Ashby (CDC). Thank you to these representatives!!

CEFGA Fair and Expo

GLS AIHA will be supporting the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA) Fair and Expo April 24-25. AIHA — as part of the youth alliance — will be hosting a booth (shared with OSHA, Wage and Hour, and ASSE.

Over 4500 students are expected, and they will be completing a health and safety "assessment" card while participating in safety and health activities through out the event. A completed card will enter them in a raffle drawing for an iPod "touch" which GLS AIHA is sponsoring.

If any local section member

would like to volunteer to assist with this event, please contact Michelle Dunham (michelle.dunham@gtri.gatech.edu) and you can sign up for a time slot.

And speaking of our own Michelle Dunham, she is featured in photographs on both the CEFGA and ASSE web pages in honor of her tireless work with Georgia's youth. Check it out! Congratulations, Michelle!



2008 AIHA Leadership Workshop

Three of your fellow GLS members had the privilege and pleasure of being among the nearly 150 participants in the 2008 AIHA Leadership Workshop. The workshop was held in Falls Church, Virginia (near AIHA headquarters) on February 29-March 2. National AIHA funds this annual event, typically inviting national committee chairs and local section presidents-elect. This year, Don Groce (Chair - Protective

Clothing & Equipment Committee / Best Manufacturing Co.), Chuck Calmbacher (Chair - Publications Committee / Theragenics Corporation), and Barb Epstien (GLS President-elect / Epstien Environmental Resources, LLC) joined other local section officers, student local section reps, and committee chairs, along with our national board of directors and AIHA staff. We learned about resources available from AIHA,

shared tips on increasing volunteer groups' effectiveness, strategic topic ideas, project success stories, and more, and generally had a great time networking with our various counterparts and colleagues from across the continent and beyond. We're all looking forward to blending the enthusiasm and great ideas that grew out of the weekend and putting them to good work!



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A Little History...

Did you know that the AIHA Georgia Section has been around for more than 60 years?! Here's a little historical tidbit about our founding from an article published in the November 1945 issue of Industrial Medicine. Our local section was formally organized on June 1, 1945 at a meeting that included a tour of the Marietta Plant of the Bell Aircraft Corporation. Then as now, members included representatives from industry, government agencies and professional groups.

The first officers elected included industrial hygiene representatives from the Georgia Department of Public Health and Bell Aircraft Corporation, and also a physician from Bell Aircraft. Another great find was a membership list from 1949 showing almost 40 members (complete with four-digit phone numbers!). It's interesting to note some of the other industries and organizations represented in the membership, many of which are no longer located here or no longer around at all, or have evolved

into other organizations. Some of those include Globe Union Battery, Electric Storage Battery Co., Kraft Foods, Celanese Corp., Georgia Lead Works, U.S. Rubber Co. (which later evolved into Uniroyal... Uniroyal Goodrich... Michelin), and McNeel Marble (which made grave monuments and operated between 1892 and 1960). Among our longest-standing members include Georgia Tech, General Motors, Ford Motors, MSA, and Liberty Mutual. We appreciate the continued support!

New Web-Based Membership Management System for GLS

 Wild Apricot is the name of our new web-based membership management system. Although we originally planned to use

Memberclicks, I discovered, evaluated, and with the approval of the GLS Executive Committee, implemented a less expensive system that is now online. You will soon be receiving instructions

by email on how to use this new system. It will be fully operational for our May Vendor's Day event.

- Stan Salisbury
GLS Web Site Administrator

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Georgia and OSHA State Plan Activities

Georgia House of Representatives Bill 719 proposes to “create a Division of Occupational Safety and Health in order to “more efficiently regulate safety and health in the workplace.” This bill was introduced by Ronald Forster (R-Ringgold), Michael Coan R-Lawrenceville), and Karla Drenner (D-Avondale Estates) in 2007. The proposed Division would reside within the Georgia Department of Labor (GADOL), and its obvious purpose would be to “enforce the occupational safety and health regulations of the State of Georgia.”

If the bill passes the both houses of the Georgia legislature and is signed by the Governor (which is highly unlikely to happen this legislative year) – there are several steps involved in becoming a fully independent OSHA State Plan including funding the Division and establishing structural elements of the effective occupational safety and health program, applying for and receiving for certification of the program’s structural completeness, entering into an operational status agreement (that allows for enforcement of regulations), and receiving final approval.

More information on establishing OSHA State Plans can be found at: <http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/osp/faq.html#establishingyourown>

Currently, HB 719 is still in subcommittee of the Industrial Relations Committee. According to recent reports, this bill is not likely to be considered this year and will have to be re-introduced next legislative year.

Also, Georgia Department of Labor has not expended efforts to date to draft a State Plan proposal for submittal to USDOL for consideration and approval. According to a source in GADOL, HB 719 has to become HR (House Resolution) 719, then be voted on and approved, before action can be taken by GADOL. Thus, GADOL has taken no action to date.

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Cumbustible Dust

OSHA has posted new resources related to combustible dust on its [web site](#) to help employers understand its associated hazards and ways to prevent those hazards. These resources include a Safety and Health Information Bulletin, fact sheet, poster and the reissued Combustible Dust National Emphasis Program.

The Georgia Insurance Commissioner announces [emergency rules and regulations](#) "Loss Prevention Due to Combustible Dust Explosions and Fire."

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