Local Section Regional Rep (LSRR) Report for YPSW AIHA Annual Meeting

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Brief Outline for Today’s Report

• LSRR Role

• Impressions from 6 years as Pacific Region LSRR

• Transition

• Plans for the year
LSRR Role

• Sixth anniversary of inception – March 2016
• Facilitate communication amongst local sections within an AIHA-defined regional area (visits, conf. calls)
• Provide coaching to local section officers on effective leadership
• Gather & track metrics of each local section with respect to size, number of meetings, officers, etc.
• Pacific Region: 9 Local Sections and 2 Student Sections (University of Arizona & UCLA IH Student Association)
Pacific Region Section Activities

• Professional Development Courses / Technical Symposia
  ✓ EHS Symposium for Healthcare
  ✓ Laboratory Health & Safety Symposium
  ✓ PDC covering emerging issues (Zika virus, silica std.) / other topics

• Half-day Forums
  ✓ Recognition, Evaluation & Control of Legionella
  ✓ PCBs in the Built Environment

• Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Meetings

• Field Trips
  ✓ Alcoholic beverage manufacturing
  ✓ Other workplaces (manuf. & ships)

• Outreach
  ✓ To Younger People (e.g., Expanding Your Horizons)
  ✓ Scholarships
  ✓ Developing World Outreach Initiative (DWOI)
Collaboration With Other Groups

- ASSE Local Chapters
- Health Physics Society Chapters
- ASHRAE
- California Industrial Hygiene Council
- California Centers for Occupational and Environmental Health
Challenges / Opportunities

- Competition with other activities
- Recruitment of members & volunteers*
- Management of change
- Assisting sections with identifying and implementing new ways to serve their members

*Participation by members IS a volunteer activity!
Stephen’s Section Sentiments

• Provide accessible educational (cost effective local events) and other resources in support of members’ current roles and future goals

• Provide opportunities for volunteers engaged by:
  • Who they will meet (e.g., formal / informal mentors)
  • What they will learn
  • How they can help

• Support students thru: AIHF & other scholarships, monetary awards, student LS sponsorship, reduced dues, other forms of outreach

• Support AIHA organizational priorities through collaboration with national AIHA & other organizations (ASHRAE, ASSE, HPS, etc.)
Passing on the LSRR Baton
Why the heck did I volunteer?

- New chapter
- Time
- Interest
- Personal & professional commitment
A Little Background

- UCLA then UTHSC SPH
- Consulting with FP & HH
- Industry, Consulting, Corporate, & Academia
- SDAIHA
- CIHC
- YPSW
Denise’s 2017 Plan

- March: Leadership Workshop
- Communicate
  - Circulate
  - Initiate
  - Listen
- Meet/Greet/Speak
Thank you!