The Wisdom Gift
Thought Leaders Passing on Sage Advice to Future Industrial Hygienists
The Committee

- Terry Thedell
- Tom Slavin
- YPSW Executive Committee
- Anna Davis
- Nicole Browning
Evolution

Motivation

Concept

Reflection

Call to Action

YPSW Program
Del Malzahn Effect
- Retained to refute conclusions
- Data did not support conclusions
- Interpret scientific facts for their own purposes

“Industrial Hygienists” straying from science troubled me!
- Michigan Local Section looking for a speaker!

Bob’s “IH and the Scientific Method”
Definition of Industrial Hygiene

Industrial hygiene is both a science and an art encompassing recognition and evaluation of those factors which cause illness or discomfort among workers or community.

George Clayton, “the Industrial Environment — its Evaluation & Control,” 1973
Motivation

IH Principles/Scientific Method
Adherence to the Definition

- Represent ourselves as scientists/engineers/investigators
- Promote the *science and art* of our profession
- Incorporate scientific principles in our assignments

“His works are distinguished by fantastic speculation rather than by scientific method.”

Quoted from a discussion on use of the scientific method
The Instigator – Terry Thedell

- Why do some practitioners misrepresent scientific data?
  - Hubris or Advocacy or Training
- What can we do to keep science in IH profession?
  - Customary that the Newest Generation seek the counsel of Elders

The elders have to speak up!

Wisdom Gift
Reflection

- **Wisdom Gifts**
  - Growing Up – Mom and Dad
    - Be Honest, Do your best, Work hard
  - Education – Dr. Brewer (EMU), Ralph Turner (MSU)
    - Passion for Learning, Curiosity

- **Bob Soule provided a gift – a job and a chance**

- **Professional – Jas Singh, Bob Uhler**
  - Accomplish anything – attitude and perseverance
  - Leader shows presence but never intimidating
  - Prepare like your life depended on it – Details matter
  - Passionate and Enjoy your work
Let’s Have The YPSW Speak!!!!!!

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The Problem?

Who do We know that has and is willing to voice their opinions?
Terry Thedell – Wisdom Gift
Barbara Dawson – Revisiting Blind Hog’s Acorn
Del Malzahn – Education – Back to Basics
Bob Soule – Education – Teaching the Right Things/Right Way
Lynn O’Donnell – Professional Standards – Certification
David Zalk – Expanding Reach of the IH Profession
John Howard – IH Research Priorities
John Henshaw – Improving H&S through Compliance
Shannon Gaffney – Case Study Presenting Scientific Balance
Michael Rosenow – Getting IH Message Out
Carter Ficklen – Leadership Plan Moving Forward
Process
- Historical perspective (past and current)
- Lessons learned
- Recommendations for the path forward
- Audience participation
- Compile speaker and audience thoughts on each topic

Project Goals
- Publish the YPSW Wisdom Gift
  - AIHA Synergist
  - BHAG – Publish a book of findings
Our Goal
Your Greatest Professional Gift

Your Participation!