Dear Member:

The Section’s 43rd annual meeting was held January 17-19, 2018 at the Bay Club Hotel and Marina, 2131 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA. Attendance was great - the hotel staff again “flipped” the room to accommodate more seating. Also deflectors installed on the heat/air conditioning units resulted in increased air flow in the room. Everyone present stated the meeting was a resounding success.

President Bob Lieckfield conducted the business meeting Wednesday afternoon January 17, 2018 in the Commodore Room – the minutes are attached for your perusal.

President Lieckfield opened the technical meeting Thursday morning January 18, 2018, welcoming attendees and speakers, then introduced the Program Chairman Frank Renshaw, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA. Frank gave a brief overview of the conference program he developed, themed “Incorporating OHS Into The Design or Workplaces and Processes”. Frank presided over the entire program, keeping speakers on schedule. Frank engaged many excellent speakers and that meant we were fortunate to have a day and a half of excellent presentations. No need for me to write about the presenters because Frank provided the attached in-depth summary of the presentations which can also be found on the YPSW website. The meeting concluded with a sumptuous banquet. The food was outstanding as usual, the excellent wine poured freely, the camaraderie perfect – just perfect for our “Pie Auction” which raised an astounding $3,400 – the proceeds were split in half - $1,700 donated to the Steve Davis Leadership Fund at AIHA and like amount to the Memorial Fund for Doug Davis at the University of Wyoming. What a perfect way to conclude another memorable annual meeting. Many thanks to Chris Laszcz-Davis for generously paying for the banquet wine again this year. Our meetings get better each year!

A gentle reminder, you are responsible for calculating your own CM point values and list them on your worksheets, as ABIH discontinued review of CM requests for Category 4 Education Events effective 2011. Additional information can be found at http://www.abih.org/documents/TerminationofCMPointsReviews.pdf.

CHANGE OF YPSW OFFICERS

Presenting your 2018 Executive Committee – installed January 19:

President: Frank Renshaw
President-Elect Barbara Dawson
Past-President Bob Lieckfield
Secretary-Treasurer Anna Davis

Directors
Denise Daggett
Frank Hearl
Tom Slavin

Sincere thanks to Larry Gibbs, who served a three-year term as President-Elect, President and Past-President. An engraved crystal memento was presented to Larry. Larry, I might still call you for advice.
The recipient of the 2018 YPSW George and Florence Clayton Award, Eula Bingham, was very appreciative of the Section’s acknowledgement of her many years of notable achievements in the field of industrial hygiene and dedicated service to YPSW. President Lieckfield made the presentation and Eula’s very gracious acceptance speech was greeted with a round of applause. When received, photos taken of the award will be posted on our website along with a short bio on Eula. I mailed the award to Eula.

WEBSITE

Frank Hearl, our “web master” maintains our website www.ypswaiha.org. Frank brings the site up to date by posting data as it is supplied to him – check out the 2018 meeting data Frank Renshaw provided him for posting and I will send him this letter when it is printed and ready for mailing to the membership. Our “resident photographer” Bill Krebs took multiple photos and graciously provides them to Frank for posting. The site is specifically for our YPSW members. Thanks, Frank for keeping the website up to date and providing this valuable service to the YPSW membership.

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness to report that in 2017 we lost three icons and pioneers of industrial hygiene:

- In the last newsletter I quoted an article published in September 2017 Synergist issue on the July 22, 2017 death of Howard E. Ayer.
- John A. Pendergrass passed away December 7, 2017 – his obituary is attached for your perusal.
- Howard L. Kusnetz passed away December 21, 2017 – his obituary is attached for your perusal.

These three gentlemen were very active in YPSW, their leadership, sage advice and camaraderie will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences to the families of these gentlemen. Sympathy cards were signed by members at the annual meeting and mailed to their respective families.

2018 DUES PAYMENT

Please pay your 2018 dues promptly. Your cooperation will enable me to prepare the 2018-2019 membership book for mailing in late May/early June along with information pertinent to the 2019 meeting. Please check your current listing in the 2017-2018 membership book (and updates in subsequent newsletters) and make necessary changes on the dues form. If you are a lifetime member and/or paid your dues in advance I still need your completed form for file and verification of membership book information – if you are in either of these categories, you can send this information via email or snail mail. (If you do provide current information, I will use data in the last membership book.) Please print all your information legibly – sometimes it is impossible to decipher some handwriting. Also, please complete additional info requested on the dues form – your credentials, CIH, CSP, PE, PhD, etc., and indicate on the form if you are an AIHA member/AIHA Fellow. If you are not a Fellow and feel you are qualified, download the forms from the AIHA website and send the completed forms to Past President Bob Lieckfield for review by the YPSW Executive Committee and submission to AIHA.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Welcome to new member Stephen Derman, 22266 N. De Anza Circle, Cupertino, CA 95014; Email: s_derman@comcast.net; Phone: (408) 330-7508; Fax: (408) 727-8277, LM

Membership Book Changes:
Evelyn W. Campbell – Delete -resigned her membership – said she no longer knows many of the members
Eric J. Esswein – Address: 11523 Hannah Dr, Conifer, CO 80433; Email: eric.esswein@outlook.com; Phone (303) 876-7095; Cell (720) 693-1656
Donald J. Hart - Delete -resigned his membership – he has retired
Max Kiefer - Phone (303) 396-5223; Email: maxkiefer32@gmail.com
Howard L Kusnetz – Delete - deceased
Nancy Malzahn – add Email: nmalzahn@hotmail.com
John A. Pendergrass – Delete - deceased

NEWS YOU CAN USE

- If you picked up a “Trip Advisor” card at the hotel I hope you completed the information and emailed it to Trip Advisor. “Our” hotel was ranked 40 among 200 in San Diego last year – so help them get higher in the hotel grouping by sending in your comments.
- Two of our members, Eric Esswein and Max Kiefer retired from NIOSH. See their current information under Membership Book Changes. Eric said he was teaching skiing this winter in CO and Max said he was getting used to not going to the office. We wish them a “Happy Retirement”.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Messages from members who could not attend the 2018 meeting are included as an attachment.
- In addition to the sympathy cards mentioned before, cards for YPSW members who could not attend for various reasons were circulated at the meeting with members writing notes in each one. Get well cards were sent to Florence Kusnetz who fell and sustained a leg fracture and Tom Selders who also had an accident and fractured his ankle. All cards were mailed after the meeting.
- Sincere thanks to Chris Laszcz-Davis, The Environmental Quality Organization, LLC for her generosity in buying the banquet wine.
- Following the meeting thank you letters were sent to each speaker; the required Roster of new Section Officers was submitted to AIHA; the required report was sent to the IRS.

If you took pictures at the meeting and/or the tour, and wish to share them with the membership, please send them to Frank Hearl at fheart@me.com to post on the website.

My deep appreciation to attendees for their acknowledgement and thanks in my handling of the logistics and administrative details of the meeting…and having the hospitality suite well stocked. My personal thanks to all of you who volunteered and manned the hospitality suite while I was still in the meeting room finishing up my duties there. A special thank you to Kathy Phalen who volunteered to drive yours truly and the hospitality suite supplies to and from the meeting.

Thanks to all YPSW members for keeping the faith and making YPSW a continuing success. Member input and cooperation keeps YPSW alive and flourishing. Please send me information about your travels, accolades, health or any other subject that would be of interest to fellow members – all news/comments, etc., always welcomed for publication. Since we only meet once a year, it is nice to receive information periodically that can be disseminate to members in the newsletters published throughout the year.

Have a wonderful, enjoyable and safe Spring and Summer. I look forward to seeing you at the Bay Club Hotel and Marina in San Diego for our 2019 meeting, so please mark your calendars – remember our meeting is ALWAYS the week of the MLK holiday so next year (January 23-25, 2019).

Anna V. Davis
Secretary-Treasurer

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