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Newsletter

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January 2021 Annual Meeting Information

Change to Virtual for 2021

The YPSW Executive Committee (EC) has decided to conduct our 2021 Annual Meeting as a virtual meeting over two days with two hours of presentations each day. Given the uncertainty of traveling and group meetings the EC felt that attempting to have a physical meeting would not be in the best interest of our members and the safest option for the YPSW. The decision to have a virtual meeting was difficult as the fellowship of the YPSW Annual meeting is very important to YPSW members.

Determining our course of action was carefully deliberated over a three-month period that included a YPSW member preference poll with the options of (1) one-day 4-hour virtual meeting, (2) two day 2-hour per day virtual meeting, or (3) no meeting. The YPSW member vote was 19 members voting for a single 4-hour meeting, 24 voting for 2 day 2-hour meetings, and 12 voting to cancel our annual meeting completely. Since the majority of votes indicated a desire to have a virtual meeting, the EC decided against cancelling the annual meeting entirely.

Annual Program “Resiliency through Change”

2020 has been one heck of a rollercoaster year of fear, adaptation, and change. It is hard to imagine anyone anywhere not having been challenged in their respective and our collective approach to work, play, and simply trying to live/survive life. As industrial hygienists, health scientists, and risk managers, our resiliency at home carries into our professional lives (and vice versa) as we analyze options, make decisions, and advance new (and old) strategies for healthier workplaces and a healthier world. Fred Boelter, President-Elect and Program Chair, has put together a fantastic online program entitled “Resiliency through Change”, a gathering of top tier speakers for an engaged top tier audience. This year’s program is available live to YPSW members as well as non-members.

Our 2021 “virtual annual meeting” will be held on Thursday, January 21 and Friday, January 22, 2021 via Zoom meeting platform. We look forward to having you register for the program on our website at [http://ypswaiha.org/](http://ypswaiha.org)

The business meeting will be held on Thursday and will include the usual discussion items – approval of 2020 Business Meeting Minutes, YPSW State of Affair review (President Tom Slavin), introduction of our new slate of candidates, and elections.

The installation of Board members, Clayton Award, and passing of the gavel will be at the end of the meeting on Friday.

We will continue our tradition of having a “Hospitality Suite” with virtual Zoom Social Hour at the end of both Thursday and Friday sessions.

A draft of the meeting agenda is attached.

The meeting fee will be \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members. When payment is received a link will be sent to the participant. We are currently investigating electronic payment such as PayPal, Zelle, or Venmo, to eliminate the need to send checks through the mail. Of course, paying by check will still be an option.

Meeting Registration materials will be sent, via email, by October 30th.



New Members

We are pleased to announce our two new members – Don Weekes, CIH, CSP, FAIHA and Kirk Phillips. Don is from Ottawa, Ontario Canada and recently retired. Kirk is from Washington, DC and is a managing principal at LJB, LLC and his newly formed company Total Exposure Health. Please join the Executive Committee in welcoming our two new members.

Membership Book

The YPSW Membership Book is going paperless this year in support of the environment and a means of controlling YPSW operating costs, especially in light of our decision not to have a face-to-face meeting. The bulk of YPSW operating funds come from our annual meeting.

We have had difficulty getting in touch with members Samantha Chua, Willie Gruenwald, and Ted Johnson. If you have different contact information, from that listed in the YPSW membership book, please forward to Bob Lieckfield.

The YPSW Roster will be emailed as a PDF file by November 1st.

Condolences

Our YPSW family grieves the loss of Sandra Glenn (Bob Glenn's wife), Steve Heidel (Donna Heidel's husband), Rosetta Slavin (Tom Slavin's wife), and Eula Bingham. YPSW made memorial contributions for each.

- Sandra Glenn -- \$200 to Hospice of Chesapeake
- Steve Heidel -- \$200 to American Heart Assoc.
- Rosetta Slavin -- \$200 to George M. Pullman Foundation
- Eula Bingham -- \$500 to University of Cincinnati Barkley, Bell, and Bingham Fund.

YPSW also provided a eulogy for Eula Bingham that was published in the AIHA Synergist.

On October 3, 2020, YPSW lost another of our IH leaders and dear friend, Bob Wheeler. Bob was a long-time YPSW member being honored with the Clayton Award in 2013 and served as YPSW President in 2011. Read more about Bob's incredible life at <https://hastingsfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/3515/Robert-William-Wheeler/obituary.html#tribute-start>. YPSW will make a memorial donation in Bob's name.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The transition from our beloved, long time secretary/treasurer, Anna Davis to Bob Lieckfield is complete. Anna is still providing invaluable assistance and counsel as things come up. Anna reports that "so far" Bob has not messed up too badly. As of September 30, we have \$5,753 in checking and \$14,026 in savings. We expect to break even on the 2021 Virtual Meeting with AIHA donating the use of their Zoom meeting account.

We are adding an electronic payment option for the annual dues also.

Executive Committee Nominated Slate of Officers for 2021

President-elect: Ben Heckman
Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Lieckfield
Director (3-year term): Dan Anna
Director (1-year term replacing Ben Heckman): Colin Young

Past President: Tom Slavin
President: Fred Boelter
Director: Bob Nocco
Ex Officio Member: Anna Davis

Thanks to Barbara Dawson and Frank Hearl for their service to YPSW. Frank Hearl will continue to be the YPSW webmaster.



Miscellaneous

The YPSW web site has been updated with the presentations from the YPSW 2020 meeting, photographs, and current officers. This newsletter and the agenda will be added. See updates at: <http://ypswaiha.org/>.

Executive Committee held conference calls in May, July, and September with the primary discussion on our 2021 annual meeting, as well as, routine YPSW section matters.

We are all sad that we will not be able to get together for our annual meeting. Since the founding of YPSW and our first meeting in 1976, with the exception of 1983, we have had an annual meeting for the last 45 years. YPSW will navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic and hopefully be back together in 2022.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or additions, please send a note to Bob Lieckfield at ypswsectreas@gmail.com.



2021 Annual Program

“Resiliency through Change”

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Business Meeting moved to Thursday.

Thursday January 21, 2021

1:00 pm Pacific to 3:00 pm Pacific (4:00 pm Eastern to 6:00 pm Eastern)

- Welcome: Tom Slavin – YPSW President
- Keynote: Dr. John Howard - “The Future of Work, Hazards, and Risks”
- AIHA initiatives: J. Lindsay Cook, AIHA President
- AIHA pivot: Lawrence Sloan, AIHA CEO - “Healthier Workplaces, A Healthier World”
- AIHA politics: Mark Ames, Director - Government Relations Q&A

3:00 pm Pacific to 3:30 pm Pacific (6:00 pm Eastern to 6:30 pm Eastern)

- Business meeting
 1. Approval of 2020 Business Meeting Minutes
 2. YPSW State of Affair review (Tom)
 3. New slate of candidates will be introduced and elections held
 4. Review of the meeting agenda will be presented

3:30 pm Pacific to 4:30 pm Pacific (6:30 pm Eastern to 7:30 pm Eastern)

- Social Zoom

Friday January 22, 2021

1:00 pm Pacific to 3:00 pm Pacific (4:00 pm Eastern to 6:00 pm Eastern)

- Welcome: Fred Boelter – YPSW President-elect
- Kirk Phillips – “The Totals: Workplace, Environment, Lifestyle, Exposure, Risk, Health”
- Lauralynn McKernan, ScD – “Working Safely with TWH Strategies”
- Dr. Sara Luckhaupt – “COVID-19 with 2020 hindsight and 2021 vision”
- Glenn Barbi – “Clarity in ethical decision-making”
- Q&A

3:00 pm Pacific to 3:30 pm Pacific (6:00 Eastern to 6:30 Eastern)

- Presentation of Clayton Award
- Installation of new officers
- Passing of the gavel
- Meeting adjourned

3:30 pm Pacific to 4:30 pm Pacific (6:30 pm Eastern to 7:30 pm Eastern)

- Social Zoom

