

# **YPSW 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**January 22-24, 2025**

## **Getting Back to our Public Health Roots: Harnessing our History in Order to Improve Our Future**

The Yuma Pacific Southwest Section is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Formed in 1975 by pioneers of the modern industrial hygiene profession—George Clayton, Frank Patty, Lester and Lewis Cralley, Ralph Allan, James Sterner, Herbert Walworth—YPSW has since included virtually all leaders in the IH profession from the private, academic, and government sectors. We take pride in the section's unique membership and the legacy of opportunities we provide to our members and the profession. Our heritage and our esteemed membership roster over the past 50 years are sources of great pride.

Throughout our history, the membership of the YPSW Section has comprised many of the founders, developers, and leaders of the modern IH profession, including OSHA Directors, AIHA Presidents, Directors of Health and Safety for major corporations, and numerous others who have significantly advanced the science and art of industrial hygiene.

Below is the membership roster as of April 1976.

- Leonard Breen, Occupational Health Section, State of California, San Diego, CA
- Seymour Calvert, PhD, President, Air Pollution Technology, San Diego, CA
- George and Florence Clayton, President, Clayton and Associates, Fallbrook, CA
- Lester and Gertrude Cralley, PhD, Fallbrook, CA
- Lewis and Eva Cralley, PhD, Fallbrook, CA
- David Elgas, President, American Technical Lab, San Diego, CA
- Carl Jensen, Escondido, CA
- Frank and Ruth Patty, Yuma, AZ
- James and Patricia Sterner, MD, Laguna Hills, CA
- Herbert Walworth, Lake San Marcos, CA

The first YPSW meeting was held at La Costa Hotel and Spa, Carlsbad, CA on March 4, 1976. The meeting was publicized in The Blade Tribune, Fallbrook Enterprise, and The Evening Tribune (San Diego). The Banquet speaker was Evan Campbell, the incoming AIHA President (1976).

Jennifer Sahmel, 2025 Program Chair, has developed a wonderful anniversary program focusing on our 50 years of promoting and advancing the field of industrial hygiene – “Getting Back to Our Public Health Roots: Harnessing our History in Order to Improve Our Future.” A complete description of our 2025 program is provided below.

We invite you to join your friends and colleagues at our Annual Banquet (Thursday evening) for what promises to be a memorable and joyous evening celebrating the history of the YPSW.

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### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

4:00-5:00 PM, **Business Meeting**  
*Dan Anna, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA YPSW President*

5:00-7:00 PM, **Evening Social**

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

8:00-8:10 AM, **Welcome**  
*Dan Anna, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, YPSW President*

8:10-8:20 AM, Announcements and **Board of Directors Vote**  
*Bob Lieckfield, Jr., CIH, FAIHA, YPSW Secretary-Treasurer*

#### Morning Session

8:20-8:25 AM, **Program and Session Introduction**  
*Jennifer Sahmel, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, Program Chair and YPSW President-Elect*

8:25-9:25 AM, **The Evolution of Occupational Safety and Health from Its Origins in Public Health**  
*Frank Hearl, PE, Hearl Environmental Consulting LLC*

9:25-10:25 AM, **A Historical Perspective on Waterborne Illness and Public Health: Implications for the Future of OEHS**, *Megan Canright, MPH, CIH, Forensic Analytical Consulting Services, Inc.*

10:25-10:45 AM, **Break**

10:45-11:45 AM, **From Total Worker Health™ to Total Community Health**  
*Deborah Nelson, PhD, CIH, FAIHA, AIHA Total Worker Health™ Advisory Group*

12:00 to 1:00 PM, **Hosted Lunch**

#### Afternoon Tour

1:30-4:00 PM, **North and South San Diego Bay Boat Tour (2 hours)**  
**Tour Cost: \$60/person including transportation to and from the Best Western Island Palms**  
*A wonderful opportunity to see the entirety of the North and South San Diego Bay on board a Flagship Cruise ship while enjoying the social comradery with our YPSW colleagues. The 2-hour narrated tour includes more than 55 sites along the North and South route. The ship provides 360-degree viewing, indoor and outdoor seating, and snacks and beverages for purchase. Flagship Tours is a family-owned business has been serving and entertaining San Diego since 1915.*

#### Evening

5:00-7:00 PM, **Evening Social**

7:15-9:30 PM, **YPSW ANNUAL BANQUET (Reservation Required)**

**OUR ANNUAL BANQUET IS MOVING TO THURSDAY EVENING!!**

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**YPSW ANNUAL BANQUET (Reservation Required)**  
**Thursday January 23, 2025**  
**7:15 to 9:30 PM**  
**Best Western Island Palms Sunset Room**

This year the YPSW section proudly celebrates its 50-year milestone as the premier section for industrial hygiene and occupational safety and health practitioners. To honor this significant legacy, we will hold a special banquet program led by YPSW President, Dan Anna, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Yuma Pacific Southwest section. During this event, we will hear from longstanding members about the influence of AIHA-YPSW on the profession and their career.

The YPSW was established in March 1975 by Frank Patty, Lester Cralley, George Clayton, Florence Clayton, Lewis Cralley, and Herbert Walworth. The sought recognition from AIHA as a Local Section covering the northern part of San Diego County, CA and Yuma County, AZ. These two regions were chosen simply because they were home to the YPSW founders. On June 1, 1975, YPSW was recognized as the 36th AIHA Local Section.

Ruth Patty served as the first YPSW President, with President-Elect Herbert Walworth, Secretary Florence Clayton, Treasurer Gertrude Cralley and Directors Frank Patty, George Clayton, and Lester Cralley.

At our banquet on Thursday evening, January 23rd, we will celebrate our long term YPSW members. We hope these distinguished YPSW members in attendance will share their memories of the rich history of the YPSW.

1987	Barbara Cahrssen • Alice Farrar
1988	Emil Christofano
1989	Richard Fulwiler • Sean Mahar
1990	Anne Baptiste • Ted Johnson • Jaswant Singh
1992	Florence Kusnetz
1993	Henry Muranko • Mary Ann Muranko
1994	Zack Mansdorf • Stevan Pierce
1995	John Henshaw • Chris Laszcz-Davis
1996	Lisa Barnes • Thomas Selders
1997	Charles Blake • Carol Fulwiler
1998	Herschel Hobson • Frank Parker • Vernon Rose • Mary Singh • Robert Soule
1999	Jeff Burton
2000	Robert Phalen
2002	Hamid Arabzadeh

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8:00-8:10 AM, **Welcome**

*Dan Anna, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, YPSW President*

8:05-8:10 AM, **Announcements**

*Bob Lieckfield, Jr., CIH, FAIHA, YPSW Secretary-Treasurer*

#### Morning Session

8:10-8:15 AM, **Session Introduction**

*Jennifer Sahmel, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, Program Chair and YPSW President-Elect*

8:15-9:15 AM, **The Integration of Microbiological Health into Occupational Health, Then and Now**  
*Corey Boles, PhD, Insight Exposure and Risk Sciences, Inc.*

9:15-10:15 AM, **Eradicating Prejudice Against People with Mental Health and Substance Use Challenges,**

*Seth Kahan, Huntsman Mental Health Institute*

10:15-10:30 AM, **Break**

10:30 to 10:45 AM, **Clayton Award Presentation**

*Dan Anna, PhD, CIH, CSP, AIHA YPSW President*

10:45-11:45 AM, **Supreme Court Cases—Trending Toward or Away from Our Public Health Goals?**

*John Howard, MD, Director, NIOSH*

11:45-Noon, **Renewal of AIHA-NIOSH Agreement – Signing ceremony** *John Howard/Nicole Greeson*

Noon-1:15 PM, **Hosted Lunch**

#### Afternoon Session

1:15-2:15 PM, **Looking Ahead: The Impact of Occupational Exposure and Health on the Human Microbiome,**

*Matthew Nonnenmann, PhD, CIH, Nebraska Medical Center, University of Nebraska*

2:15-3:15 PM, **Child Labor in the U.S. – Are we moving forward or backward?**

*Rich Hirsh, MPH, CIH, FAIHA, AIHA Teen Health and Safety Committee Volunteer*

3:15-3:30 PM, **Break**

3:30-4:00 PM, **IH Program Updates: IH Grand Challenges, OHTA**

*Deborah Nelson PhD, CIH and Chris Laszcz-Davis, MS, CIH, COH, FAIHA, FAIC*

4:00-4:30 PM, **AIHA and Government Relations Update**

*Larry Sloan, MBA, FASAE, CAE, AIHA CEO*

*Nicole Greeson, CIH, Duke University, AIHA President*

4:30-4:45 PM, **Meeting Wrap-up, Installation of New Officers, and Passing of the Gavel**

*Dan Anna, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, YPSW President*

4:45-5:00 PM, **Session Close/Solicitation of Topics of Interest for 2026 meeting**

*Jennifer Sahmel, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA, Program Chair and incoming YPSW President*

#### Evening

5:00-7:00 PM, **Evening Social**