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MIHS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This is my last newsletter because my term as President of MIHS ended at the Annual Business Meeting on March 26. This year we tried something new. Instead of the usual technical lecture, we invited Past-Presidents to reflect back on their careers and describe a time or situation that was most significant in their work life.

Although my term as President of MIHS was very challenging and sometimes very frustrating, it was also a very enjoyable experience. Becoming MIHS President was a goal I set out to accomplish and most importantly, I got a lot of satisfaction from knowing that I made a few steps toward reaching the distant objective of "doing my part".

I plan to assist MIHS as much as I can to reach its goals.

What motivates me to be active and to try to do my part is the concept I have that MIHS is more than a professional organization; it is also a very important special interest group for our profession. For most people, the phrase "special interest group" conjures up negative feelings, but not for me. I see special interest groups as more vital than most people are ever willing to believe. I believe that special interest groups are the fibers that hold the world together and make it tick.

Most anything around you has a special interest group associated with it. Look around you right now. Every type of appliance in your house, every type of construction material in your house, every machine in your office, has a special interest group supporting it. Look out the nearest window. Every species of wildlife, every variety of plant, the forest, the wetlands, has a special interest group to love and care for it. Every leisure activity you can participate in, or obscure sport you can think of, has a special interest group associated with it.

The manufacturer of the ink on this newsletter you're reading was probably a member of the International Paint and Printing Ink Council (IPPPIC). Even if the manufacturer wasn't a member, I would bet my 401K the printing ink was somehow improved or enhanced by the IPPPIC. Think about it. Is the ink smearing? Does it have a pretty color? Maybe it was a little less expensive for the printer. Maybe the ink was healthier for the printer to use because of IPPPIC.

I haven't studied this, but I believe if something does not have a special interest group caring for it, it would not exist. In the same way a church with no clergy or parishioners simply does not exist. I feel that anything without a special interest group will be devalued and undergo a natural selective process and eventually die out like a dinosaur.

I am not proposing the industrial hygiene or MIHS is on the verge of seeing the same fate as the tyrannosaurus rex or the Branch Dividians. The industrial hygiene profession and MIHS are very much alive; however, the more active our members are, the better and the more influential the profession is. And, remember that our line of work is a noble one. We work to protect the health and safety of the worker. In doing so, we help secure the continual support and well being of the workers' families. By protecting the workers and their families, we protect our nation's workforce and economic well being. The more we work together, the better job we can do, the better our world will be.

It has been an honor to serve you as President of MIHS. Be active and stay active.

Tom Kakos

MIHS STUDENT NIGHT

by Laura B. Randall, CIH, MIHS Board

The MIHS Student Night meeting was held on February 19, 2002 at the Italian Epicure in Novi, Michigan. One of MIHS's objectives is to support a Best Student Award annually for students enrolled in local university industrial hygiene programs. A faculty member from each respective university recognized the following students at the dinner meeting (in alphabetical order):

- David Agius, Oakland University
- Shanna Schmiesing, University of Michigan



Tom Kakos looks on as David Agius receives an award from Sharkey Mingela. (Photograph provided by Sharkey Mingela.)

MIHS presented each award recipient with a black leather briefcase with an MIHS nameplate.

Students were selected from their respective universities for this recognition. Please join MIHS in congratulating these students!



MIHS Board Meeting:
1st row left to right: Tom Kakos, Pat Brogan, Roger Wabeke, 2nd row left to right: John Rioux, Bob Cleghorn, Sharkey Mingela, Deb Moilanen



Some of the Student Night attendees.



Bill Cleary and Tom Kakos.

Past President's Breakfast Meeting

by Tim Kearney, MIHS President-Elect

On Tuesday, March 26th, 2002 approximately twenty members of the Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society attended its Annual Past President's Breakfast and Business Meeting at the Laurel Park Holiday Inn in Livonia, Michigan. Nearly nine past presidents attended to hear brief presentations from several speakers regarding a historical perspective on the contributions of the Industrial Hygiene profession to the modern workplace.

The speakers included Mr. Roger L. Wabeke, MIHS Past-President 1979-80; Mr. Doug Dely of Mania Interactive and Dr. Henry Lick, MIHS Past-President 1987-88 and currently President of the American Industrial Hygiene Association. The speakers provided perspectives on Industrial Hygiene from the Past, Opportunities to communicate in the Present and look into what challenges and opportunities lie ahead for Industrial Hygiene.

The first speaker, Mr. Roger L. Wabeke MIHS Past-President for 1979-80, reviewed an illustrative case study reminding all present of the value provided by professional Industrial Hygienist's recognition of workplace factors and stresses which impact the safety and productivity of employees in the workplace. Mr. Doug Dely of Mania Interactive provided a guided tour of the new MIHSWeb.ORG website for the Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society. His presentation described several positive impacts the websites can have on increasing communication and participation in an organization's activities. Finally, Dr. Henry Lick, MIHS Past-President 1987-88 and currently President of the American Industrial Hygiene Association presented his vision of the current challenges to our profession as well as a "Future Vision" of where Industrial Hygiene should be positioned to continue to deliver the valued services of recognition, evaluation and control's development within the workplace of the future.



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What's In A Website???

by Tim Kearney, MIHS President-Elect

As the Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society (MIHS) is now releasing its website,

WWW.MIHSWEB.ORG, I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage each member to acquaint themselves with the features of this valuable resource. Some of the most notable features of the MIHS website are:

Event Calendar - A list of the upcoming meetings and events of interest to MIHS members will be maintained here. Members will be able to click on the "Register" link to send email reservation to the programs committee chairperson to confirm their attendance at these important functions. Future web site enhancements may allow members to request download of the history of their attendance at local section functions. This information would be of assistance to members maintaining documentation for the continuance of their professional certifications.

MIHS Newsletters - An archive of the Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society quarterly newsletters will be available for downloading in adobe acrobat PDF format.

Directory of Officers and Board Members - Information regarding the current board members and the President, Past-President, President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary is readily available from this section of our website. The phone number, facsimile number, and email link is provided for both the MIHS and the Western Michigan Industrial Hygiene Associations. Also available from this section is a list of the past MIHS officers.

Local Section By-Laws - The bylaws for our section is easily reviewable by both members and professionals interested in our organization's operating guidelines.

Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society "Best Paper Awards" for both the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Journal and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Applied

Member Listing - Non-members will be able to verify or review the list of the names and company affiliations of our members.

Members Area - Members will have secure access, using a user name and password, to complete membership data for all current MIHS members. Member's name, address, phone and fax number, email link and MIHS membership type and status of AIHA membership will be provided for each member. Members can request changes or corrections to this information using email links found on each directory page. Future web site developments will allow members to actually correct their data online.

Membership Enrollment - This section of the website provide information on becoming a member of MIHS. Interested individuals can complete the form online and print it on their local printers. The form and payment can then be sent to the MIHS official postal box for consideration by the board. Future website enhancements may allow online registration and credit card payment of dues for prospective members.

Membership Bulletin Board - Future enhancements to our site will include a bulletin board or "Chat" page. This section of the site will allow broadcast messages to be responded to by members. Exchange of members' comments, suggestions and concerns will be greatly increased by this feature.

Membership Feedback - An email link is provided from all of our webpages. Our members are encouraged to comment or respond to any information posted on the site.

Future Enhancements to our site may include online dues payment using a secured credit card web page. In the future a dynamic database of membership data may allow members to alter their membership data online, eliminating the delays associated with email submissions of membership changes.

MIHS TREASURER'S REPORT

by Pat Brogan, Ph.D, CIH, Treasurer

CASH FLOW REPORT - 04/01/01 through 03/31/02

Category Description	04/01/01 - 03/31/02
INFLOWS	
Comp Review	3,130.00
Comp Review Spr. 2001	0.00
Company Dues	300.00
IncM Mini Conf	3,900.00
Income Meetings	6,912.25
Interest Income	934.87
Membership Dues	2,725.00
Refund	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS	17,932.12
OUTFLOWS	
Awards:	
Best Paper (AIHA and ACGIH)	291.25
Best Students	<u>192.76</u>
TOTAL Awards	484.01
Bank Transaction	48.10
Conversions	85.00
Donation	1,500.00
Incorporation Fees	10.00
Leadership Conference	485.00
Meeting Expense	8,198.75
Meeting Refund	195.00
Mini Conference Expense	2,848.10
Office Expense:	
Postage	208.42
Safety Council Fee	630.00
Office Expense-Other	<u>61.43</u>
TOTAL Office Expense	899.85
Printing:	
Ballot	565.92
Meeting Notice	543.24
Newsletter	2,346.38
Printing-Other	<u>2,411.25</u>
TOTAL Printing	5,866.79
Website	3,509.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	24,129.60
OVERALL TOTAL	<u>-6,197.48</u>

BALANCE SHEET - As of 03/31/02

Account	03/31/02 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
MIHS	8,480.00
PETTY CASH	60.32
SAVINGS	<u>23,787.88</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	32,328.20
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>32,328.20</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY <u>32,328.20</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>32,328.20</u>

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