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February 2019
ASSP Meeting
February 20, 2019

ASSP February Meeting:

Topic: Ethics for Health and Safety Professionals: Making the Right Choices

Date/Time: February 20th, 2019 from 7:30AM-9:30AM

Place: American Red Cross – 601 Golden Circle Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92705

Speaker: Mark Katchen CIH

Schedule:

7:15AM -7:30 Check-in

7:45AM -9:30AM Presentation

December 19th Lunch Meeting wrap-up

Our December 2018 meeting featured Denise Daggett MS CIH, AIHA Local Section Regional Representative, who updated us on AIHA resources, then lead a lively interactive discussion of the pioneering work of occupational physician Dr. Carey P. McCord, who in 1919 founded the Industrial Health Conservancy Laboratories in Detroit, Michigan. He studied work-related illness in a wide variety of workplaces and circumstance that took him into strange and often humorous situations in a wide range of industrial environments.

As we welcome our new board of Director's for 2019 we say Goodbye and Thank you for your dedication and service to the OCIAHA board from 2018 and wish them well.

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Happenings -

Mark your Calendar

This course is designed for HR & Safety Professionals who need a broad overview of the WC system and how it functions.

Class will be held one night a week (Mondays) beginning 1/28 and run through 5/22. **Last day to register is 1/22.**

For further information contact the CSUB Extended University at (661) 654-2441

Course Name: BA 8090 - Introduction to Workers' Compensation Law

Taught by Bakersfield Chapter Past President, Joel Sherman

Course Description at <https://extended.csub.edu/programs/certificate-program-workers-compensation/course-description>

March 14th - Arizona Health and Safety Summit
<https://az.assp.org/events/2019summit1/>

March 29th - Bakersfield Annual ASSP Symposium 8- 5
<https://bakersfield.assp.org/events/2019-bakersfield-assp-symposium/>

May 20 - 22 AIHce Minneapolis MN
<https://www.aihce2019.org/Pages/default.aspx>

April 3rd - SCAIHA Local Section Meeting.
Time and Place TBA.

President's Column

Dear Orange County AIHA members and friends,

I'm thrilled to be the new OCAIHA president and believe we have an exciting year ahead of us! As some of you may remember, I was president twenty-some years ago and, yes, the section has gone through some significant changes. Its mission of providing opportunities for our members to connect with each other, as well as connect with the industrial hygiene profession, remains the same. However, a number of things have changed over the years that present challenges for the section and for our members:

Many of us are now responsible for the "E", the "H" and the "S" worlds and no longer have the luxury of focusing solely on IH, thus professional development time must be shared amongst the disciplines

Our companies are doing more with less, often requiring longer days at work just to keep up

The advancement of technologies that foster virtual participation are accessible to everyone and add convenience

Due to these and likely many other factors, membership numbers, as well as membership participation in events, have declined to un-presented levels. This is not a challenge unique to OCAIHA, rather it appears to be trend across such organizations. In response, we have ideas for changes that will continue to provide meaningful technical information, but in different ways. We will strengthen our partnership with Orange County ASSP and participate in joint meetings that offer our members access to a broader array of topics. We will look at not only the lunch meetings with ASSP, but also possible breakfast meetings, webinar viewing meetings, and maybe even a fun "night out" event to remind ourselves of the value of networking and discussions with peers.

While it seems we can no longer live without our digital devices, there is still huge value in building those personal connections with others that share your challenges, but also who share your passion for making the workplace a healthier place. Please attend an event, recruit a colleague, and/or give us your ideas on how to make the OCAIHA work better for YOU!

All the best for a happy and healthy 2019...and see you soon!!!

Teresa