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THE EXPOSURE

Winter 2020



President's Message - Don Archibald

Wishing you and your family the very best this holiday season and in the coming year! The tail end of the year has always been an opportunity to be thankful for the blessings we have been given, even if they have come in unexpected forms. This year we have all had to adjust... but I can honestly say that the IH community has stepped up to the challenge. When the national news touts American Airline's safety precautions which include having industrial hygienists help clean their airplanes, you know we have made it! All kidding aside, the IH community has become an integral part of providing the nation with EH&S advice for keeping homes, schools, and workplaces safe. AIHA has published more than 13 guidance documents and 17 free presentations and webinars on their COVID-19 Resource webpage, https://www.aiha.org/public-resources/consumer-resources/coronavirus_outbreak_resources/aiha-covid-19-pandemic-efforts/free-covid-19-public-resources More RMS members than I can name have contributed to these efforts. Kudos to you all!

I am also thankful for all the contributions throughout this year from our great RMS Board and Fall Technical Conference (FTC) members. We held 2 excellent, well attended Professional Development Courses: Worker Health and Returning to Work organized by Walter Aksent, and Applying and Utilizing IH

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participants. I really appreciate everyone's efforts including our sponsors and vendors. Special thanks to the Center for Health, Work and the Environment (CHWE), who made the virtual education event possible.

A couple of closing thoughts. Welcome to Kasey Braun next year's president. RMS is in very capable hands. RMS is renewing its eLearning subscription with AIHA so you can continue to learn and grow in the new year. Our Holiday Party, at which we announce the 2020 RMS IH of the Year, will be virtual this year, on Tuesday January 5th at 5pm. Watch your email for an invite soon.

Once again, thank you for all for making our local community safer, smarter, and more vibrant!

Don Archibald



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Member's Corner

Welcome New Members

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Member's Corner

Instead of a Member's Corner profile this quarter, we wanted to give an update on Safety For Nonprofits, Inc. (S4NP), a start-up that is establishing a system for delivering pro bono professional workplace safety and health services to the charitable nonprofit sector (e.g., Habitat for Humanity). Many of you heard about S4NP at the FTC. Following the FTC, at the November meeting, the RMS Board of Directors approved setting up a short-term committee to determine the feasibility of S4NP activities in Colorado. Jack Geissert, the president of S4NP, and Deborah Nelson, who serves on the boards of both RMS and S4NP, will be hosting a call in January 2021 for RMS members and others who have expressed interest. Please contact Deborah at deborah.nelson.cih@outlook.com or 720-587-7500, or Don Archibald at donald.archibald@nist.gov if you are interested in working with this committee.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Membership - Alejandra Ramirez-Cardenas

Remember to [vote](#) for the open AIHA RMS board positions; you can read more about the candidates [here](#). The deadline to vote is **Monday December 21**. Additionally, RMS members should have received an email reminder (on ~October 15) to renew their membership. If you did not receive a renewal reminder, please contact membership@aiha-rms.org. The RMS will be renewing its eLearning Subscription which is available to all RMS members and is an excellent source of continuing education points (more than 20 points available each year) for your professional credentialing and development.

Fall Technical Conference - Kasey Braun

Thank you to those of you who attended the 2020 virtual FTC. We had 90 registrants and given that we hosted a virtual event and did not have venue, food or other in-person costs, we raised \$8,400 to be used to host future educational events and provide scholarships. We all hope to be back together in person for the 2021 FTC, but stay tuned for other educational events in the meantime. Lastly, we would like to thank our conference co-host, The Center for Health, Work and Environment and our wonderful sponsors:

- Lockheed Martin – Gold Sponsor
- Hellman & Associates, Inc. – Gold Sponsor
- DS Environmental Consulting – Silver Sponsor
- ALS Environmental – Bronze Sponsor
- Chemistry & Industrial Hygiene – Bronze Sponsor
- ATC Group Services LLC – Bronze Sponsor
- Earth Services & Abatement – Social Hour Sponsor

Legislative - Kristen Hill

For our regular readers, you have likely observed that the legislative update is one of the most substantial sections of our newsletter. We plan to shorten these updates and are seeking your input on what information is useful in the legislative updates, specifically:

- what topics or areas of legislative updates are you most interested in?
- is there a specific format that would be best for you to review updates (list of top 5 updates, headline of updates only, etc.)?
- if you receive updates from AIHA national, what legislative information is lacking in those updates that

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Please send feedback on legislative updates to legislative@aiha-rms.org - additionally, please contact this same email address if you would like to help lead a legislative committee.

***Note:** several of our committees do not have specific updates this quarter. Our outreach, programs, and education committees have certainly been limited in their ability to conduct their missions due to COVID-19. We are hopeful that later in 2021 we will be able to resume more of our regular activities in these areas!



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