



## Volunteer Group Mission Statement

Our mission is to create a forum that brings together occupational & environmental health and safety (OEHS) professionals with conservation and collection care professionals to effectively address the risk management needs of cultural heritage worksites.

## Scope of WorkVolunteer Group

The institutions benefitting from the work of this forum include, but are not limited to, museums, art galleries, archives, historical houses, national parks, local nature centers, botanical gardens, university teaching collections, private industry or governmental agency historical holdings, conservation laboratories, and private conservation studios. This Working Group will strive to enhance the productive partnership between AIHA, the American Institute for Conservation (AIC), and the OSHA On-site Consultation Program.

## Goals and Objectives

1. Raise awareness by participating in mutual conferences and promote allied networking between AIHA Local Sections and regional Conservation Guilds/Associations.
2. Develop OEHS core curriculum for museum studies programs and provide museum occupational learning opportunities for public health undergraduate and graduate students.
3. Contribute OEHS resources to cultural heritage emergency preparedness and response networks.
4. Provide cultural heritage professionals with evidence-based best practice guidelines and occupational risk management tools for work tasks and public exhibit space.
5. Promote OSHA Small Business and On-site Consultation Services to employers of non-government-funded small museums and other cultural institutions.

## Current Projects

1. Developing interdisciplinary teaching collaborations and training modules for museum studies/conservation programs on pilot project campuses.
2. Introducing AIHA Student Local Sections to new career or research opportunities via practicums and internships with campus museums, galleries and teaching collections.

### Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 2023  
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (MT)  
Maryvale B Room  
Phoenix Sheraton

### Monthly Meeting (Virtual)

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month  
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. (ET)

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<https://aiha.info/museumworkinggroup>

3. Collaborating with AIHA Incident Preparedness and Response Working Group in writing an AIHA White Paper on OEHS emergency planning interface with cultural heritage response teams.
4. Working with OSHA On-Site Consultation Program to promote its OEHS services to assist museum and cultural heritage facility employers identify and control hazards.
5. Working with the American Institute for Conservation Health & Safety Network to connect regional conservation organizations with AIHA Local Sections.
6. Collaborating with AIHA Respiratory Protection Committee and AIC Health & Safety
7. Assist Smithsonian National Collections Program in developing Collections Based Hazards Flipbook
8. Special Issue for Collections: A Journal for Museum & Archives Professionals

## Products Produced by the Group

1. Reopening: Guidance for Museums and Collecting Institutions
2. Reopening: Guidance for Laboratories collaboration with AIHA Laboratory Health & Safety Committee
3. Museum Risk Management - Collection Fire Safety and Historic Structure Asbestos-Lead Surveys, Part 1 (AIHce EXP 2020 OnDemand)
4. Museum Risk Management - Collection Hazard Identification and Exposure Assessment, Part 2 (AIHce EXP 2020 OnDemand)
5. Health and Safety for Museum Professionals (available at AIHA Marketplace)

## Achievements/Honors/Awards

- Outstanding Volunteer Group.
- AIHA 2020 Outstanding Project Team Award (with AIHA IPRWG).

## Group Dynamics

Our members range from students to career-long professionals, with a varied mix of OEHS practitioners, conservators, and collection managers. We are a friendly and active group, with engaging monthly Zoom meetings. You can choose the level of involvement that fits your availability by:

- Joining a project team: learn from each other and produce real-world tools to protect workers,
- Participating in monthly meetings and suggesting other areas of concern to explore,

**JOIN NOW**