



Delaware Local Section

American Industrial Hygiene Association

Meeting Minutes March 10, 2015

LOCATION

Christiana Hilton, Newark, Delaware

AGENDA

4:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
5:30 PM Social Hour
6:00 PM Officer Turnover
6:15 PM Sponsor Presentation-Pennoni Associates
6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Meeting Presentation- Aaron Trippler, Director of Government Affairs, AIHA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Aaron Chen, President
Geoff Silverberg, Past President
Don Wolski, Secretary
Joe Miller, President Elect
Norm Henry, Treasurer
Janice Connell, Program Director

Absent:

Sharon Sperber Rosen, Outreach
Dick Wolf, Communications

MINUTES

Aaron Chen led his final meeting as President. Officers were turned over as follows:

President-Joe Miller
President Elect-Don Wolski
Secretary-Janice Connell
Treasurer-Norm Henry
Program Director-Sharon Sperber Rosen
Communications-Dick Wolf
Past President-Aaron Chen
Outreach-~~didn't~~ catch the name of the person who volunteered

Section Business (Aaron Chen):

1. Officers were turned over and a discussion of responsibilities occurred. Separate turnover meetings will be conducted off line if need be. Need an Outreach Director. (Volunteer found during the dinner meeting)



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2. The Annual Action Plan and Business Plan were reviewed and determined to need upgrading prior to submission to National. Aaron will send copies to the Executive Committee for upgrading prior to submission.

The Business Plan is what we want to accomplish and the Action Plan is how it will be done. Discussion on upgrades

- a. Last year's goal to restart/re-energize the section was accomplished .For 2015, need to continue to grow:
 - b. Through liaisons/joint meetings with Phila. Section, Delaware Section ASSE, Delaware Nursing Assoc.
 - c. Utilizing Tom Case as Regional Representative, AIHA to communicate with other sections and leverage improvements and processes.
 - d. Getting involved with the North East Conference in December. For the first year consider being invitees to understand how this is put together with full section sponsorship in 2016.
3. The website was improved and additional enhancements should be implemented for 2015
 4. High School and community outreach was successful (Salem County Science Fair, and Delaware State Engineering Fair). Continue this going forward.
 5. Need to include Barbara Dawson's Honorarium and scholarship donation as accomplishments in 2014.
 6. Recognition for members-recommendation for Fellows to continue.
 7. Look into gifts for speakers, giveaways for members – **need to assign responsibility**

Programs (Janice Connell):

1. Spreadsheet is utilized for scheduled programs including Delaware ASSE programs. Sponsors and contact information is included. Separate tab potential sponsors and for ASSE meetings.
2. Need to provide Blue Rocks with final count for tickets. Currently have 50 reserved. Based on response may decrease number of tickets we are committed to 25, the minimum required.
3. Seminar for Oct. Nov-joint with Delaware ASSE. Determine optimum schedule. Suggestion included continental breakfast, 4 speakers, 1 or 2 2 hour PDCs, and lunch. Or lunch and afternoon seminar.
4. Consider another questionnaire or evaluation form after the meeting. Maybe not giving receipt without completing evaluation.
5. Continue to obtain sponsors for upcoming meetings including Blue Rocks Social.
6. Program tracking spreadsheet has been modified to track types of attendees and evaluation information.
7. Need to revise the meeting announcing to say if you don't respond regarding menu selection, it will be done for you.
8. Sponsorship form changed to reflect change in type of sponsorship to Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Finance (Norm Henry):

1. Gee and Norm working on submission of the tax exempt status form to the IRS.
2. There is \$1967.42 in the section checking account and \$3978.37 in savings account.
3. Need to continue pursuing sponsors to subsidize meetings. Continue to evaluate charges to members and nonmembers accordingly.



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Communications (Don Wolski, Joe Miller for Dick Wolf)

1. Discussion was had regarding the value and appropriateness of disclosing email addresses on communications as well as the potential to use SharePoint for emails, programs other communications etc. **Don will work with Joe and Thursa.**

DINNER MEETING MINUTES

Number of Attendees: 22 confirm? Members/nonmembers/student

Sponsor: Silver, Pennoni Associates, Alan Lloyd

Speaker: Aaron Trippler, Director of Government Affairs AIHA

Delaware Section ASSE invited

Announcements:

Officer turnover

Recognition of ASSE attendees

Presentation: The Washington Buzz

Presentation on politics and budget in Washington and its impact on occupational safety and health. Discussion regarding OSHA's program initiatives such as VPP, OSHA reform, PEL update, safe patient handling. No occupational safety and health bills were introduced. Oversight hearings included focus on why the regulatory agencies are doing what they are doing. Since regulations haven't been passed, the agencies are issuing "guidelines" on safety and health topics that eventually become more regulatory in nature. States are stepping in and enacting specific regulations when Federal agencies are not able to or unable to in a timely fashion.

There is overall consensus that more needs to be done regarding emergency response and preparedness.

Industry says S&H regulations cost too much to comply with but since enactment of OSHA, few if any have gone out of business due to financial burden of S&H regs. Labor says regulations aren't tough enough but improvements have been made.

There is no one champion for Occupational Safety and Health in Congress any more; they have all left/retired.

The good news is that the Safety and Health Professionals (that is us!!) are making a difference.