

AIHA

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Local Section Council

Composed of:

- Local Section Officers
 - Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Past Chair
- Local Section Regional Representatives
- Local Section Presidents

LSRR Roles and Responsibilities

- Communicate directly with LS leadership assigned in their region via email and/or conference calls.
- Solicits feedback from LS leaders/members and communicates this feedback to LSC Officers, AIHA Board Liaisons, and AIHA Staff.
- Disseminate pertinent local section related information between LS and the LSC (this includes but is not limited to AIHA national information and resources)
- Assist LS with strategic planning and regional activities, if requested.
- Participate in LS meetings and/or events, if requested.
- Responsible for providing summaries of LS activities in their region via established metrics set by LSC Officers.

LSRR Responsibilities (current)

- Term is 3 years (no term limits)
- Participate in LSC officer/LSRR conference calls/meetings.
- Attend Leadership
- First point of contact with LS
- LSRR is supposed to go through LSC Officers or keep them in the loop with communications with AIHA staff or BoD
- Is supposed to reside in the region
- Communicates information to the LS from the LSC Officers/BoD

LSRR Responsibilities (current)

- Regional Conference Calls are strongly encouraged to increase dialogue between LSs.
- LSRR are expected to visit each of their local sections at least once in their term.
- Solicit input from LSs and present it to the LSC officers/BoD
- Track Metrics
- Assure rosters are sent in, IRS filings are done, and LS officers are national AIHA members

LSRR Responsibilities (Future?)

- Ambassador focused
- Eliminate the enforcer role
- Key in initial contact each year with LSs
- Conduit of 4-way communication
 - LS to LS
 - LS to LSC
 - LS to BoD
 - LS to Staff

AIHA Board Liaisons



Lito Ignacio, CIH, CSP, MPH, REHS,FAIHA (2019)

- Mid-Atlantic Region
- Mid-West Region
- Northeast Region
- South Region



Bradley S. King, PhD, MPH, CIH (2020)

- Central Region
- Northwest Region
- Pacific Region
- South-Central Region

AIHA Board Liaison Roles and Responsibilities

- Responsible for bringing up any pertinent local section issues or resolutions before the AIHA Board.
- Participate on LSC and LSRR quarterly conference calls and will attend the LSC Business Meeting at AIHce.

Benefits of Aligning with AIHA

AIHA & LS Partnership – a synergistic relationship

LS Benefits (short list)

- Name recognition
- Recruitment
- Structure
- Resources *

AIHA Benefits

- Outreach
- Value of size
- Feedback from members

Local Section Resources

AIHA Resources to Local Sections

- AIHA Banner Stands
- Connect with ABIH
- Dues Renewal Program
- Electronic Balloting
- Liability Insurance
- Posting Local Section Events
- Outreach Opportunities
- Publication Discounts
- National Member Mailing Lists
- Speaker Resources
- State Legislative Action Center
- Distinguished Lecturer Program

Listing of all AIHA Resources can be found here:

<https://www.aiha.org/get-involved/LocalSections/Pages/Local-Section-Resources.aspx>

Collection of Local Section Dues

- AIHA will collect local section dues from national members during AIHA's annual renewal cycle.
- AIHA will transfer 100% of the funds back to the local section on a monthly basis via an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)

AIHA Offers Electronic Balloting

- Ease administrative burdens by using AIHA's online survey system for any balloting needs, including upcoming officer elections, selecting dates/topics for upcoming local section meetings, or voting to amend changes to bylaws.
- The ballot can be sent out by a local section officer (via email link) or the online system can send out the ballot – the system can also send reminders to those who haven't responded.

Insurance

General Liability Insurance/ Certificate of Insurance

- General liability insurance protects against slips, falls or other accidents that may occur at a local section meeting.

Director and Officer Insurance

- In the event, that you're sued for performing your duties, as they relate to the local section, the insurance will provide financial protection to you.

Note: your current local section officer roster should be on file with National

Publication Discounts

- Save on AIHA member and non-member publication rates
- 10 - 15% savings when orders are placed at, and up to two weeks following, a local section meeting.
- Simply contact AIHA and ask for order forms and the publications catalog.
- Visit the [AIHA Marketplace](#) to learn more about the vast array of publications, featured products, and best sellers!

Posting Upcoming Local Section Events

- Advertise your local section event within the AIHA/OEHS Community
 - AIHA website (anytime)
 - Community section of the Synergist (3 months notice)

To post your upcoming event on the AIHA website, go to <https://www.aiha.org/get-involved/LocalSections/Pages/Add-Local-Section-Event.aspx>

Speaker Resources



Mark Ames, Director of Government Affairs, AIHA

- Want to know what's happening in Washington with occupational safety and health? Will the administration address OH &S issues? Contact Mark at mames@aiha.org
- Also, check out the State Legislative Action Center: <http://cqrcengage.com/caiha/home?0>

Regional OSHA Representative

- As part of the AIHA-OSHA alliance, have a regional OSHA representative present at your next local section meeting.

Speaker Resources



AIHA Local Section Regional Representative

- Want to know what's happening within AIHA or other local section regions? Invite an LSRR to your upcoming meeting.

AIHA Local Section Council Chair/Vice Chair/Board Coordinators/ AIHA Board of Directors

- Check to see if any of the AIHA Board or your LSC Chair or Vice Chair can attend. Invite him or her to come/present at your upcoming meeting.

Volunteer Groups

- Invite a member of a volunteer group to share insight on the work being conducted by the committee.

<https://www.aiha.org/membercenter/Pages/Volunteer-Directory.aspx>

Local Section Scholarships via AIHF

The IH and OEHS profession needs a pipeline of highly trained and skilled professionals.

The American Industrial Hygiene Foundation's (AIHF) purpose is to provide scholarships to insure this critical need is being met.

To continue to do this the Foundation needs the support of AIHA's Local Sections.

What Can Your Section Do?

- ✓ Make a donation to AIHA's Local Section Endowed Scholarship.
- ✓ Set-up a Local Section Scholarship for a particular year in the section's name.*

*The minimum scholarship contribution is \$1,000. To award a scholarship for 2018, funds must be received by 12/31/2017.

AIHA Mentoring Program: Mentors Needed

- Developed to assist students and early to mid-career professionals with career development and professional guidance.
- Matches primarily based upon geographic location followed by professional interests and personal interests/hobbies.
- Matches are for one year.
- Mentors are eligible for CM points
- To serve as a mentor email tl@aiha.org.

Survey Of AIHA Membership

Some of the Questions

- a) Approximately how many local section events do you attend in a year?
- b) Are you a current member of an AIHA Local Section?
- c) Do you attend AIHA local section events?
- d) What events or activities would you like to see conducted by local sections?
- e) Why are you not a member of a local section?
- f) Why do you not attend local section events? (check all that apply)

Results

- Almost 700 responses.
- ~25% do not belong to local sections (LS).
- Do not attend LS meeting because;
 - Lack of awareness
 - Low or no engagement
 - Low or no perceived value
 - Timing
 - Location
 - Cost

Pathforward

1. Continue to process the data.
2. Provide LS specific data to LS's
3. Create a white paper with interpretations and recommendations for improving LS performances