



Philadelphia Section AIHA Local Section News



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September, 2007 Networking Social: Tuesday, September 18th- "Speed Networking"

The first meeting of the Philadelphia Section AIHA's 2007-2008 educational program will be a networking social, taking place on Tuesday, September 18th, from 6 to 9 PM, in "The Mansion" at the Villanova Conference Center in Radnor, PA.

Local section members have commented that there is not enough time provided at regular section meetings for networking; that attendees are not sufficiently encouraged to participate or socialize; and that we don't encourage meeting attendees to stand up and introduce themselves at the start of meetings.

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Because networking is a primary benefit of local section membership, we want to make sure to provide ample opportunity for this important activity. Please plan to attend our "speed networking" social, where you will meet other attendees during 3-5 minute sit-downs. Bring your business cards, your curiosity, and a smile. Dinner and beverages will be served.

This event is FREE to the first 50 people to sign up. If you sign up, PLEASE BE SURE that you will be able to attend, as no-shows will affect the structure of the networking opportunity (a stand-by list will be kept for those who register after the limit has been reached).

Come on out and take advantage of this opportunity to meet your local colleagues and Local Section Board members.

To register, send an email to register@philaaiha.com, and be sure to include name and company affiliation.

The Villanova Conference Center

Prepare Yourself To Be Spoiled!

601 County Line Road
Radnor, PA 19087
Phone: 610.523.1776
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From Philadelphia International Airport: The Villanova Conference Center is located 18 miles from Philadelphia International Airport. When leaving the airport, follow signs for I-95 South. Take I-95 South to Rt. 476 North (Plymouth Meeting.) Follow Rt. 476 North to Exit 13 (St. David's/Villanova.) At the bottom of the exit ramp, proceed straight at the traffic light onto King of Prussia Road. Follow King of Prussia Road to the 2nd traffic light and turn right onto Matsonford Road. Follow Matsonford Road approximately half a mile and turn right into the Matsonford Gate entrance to The Villanova Conference Center. (marked by blue signs on the stone gates.)

From the North: Take the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 6 (Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit.) Follow the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Route 476 South towards Philadelphia/Chester, and bear left at the fork. Take 476 South to Exit 13 (St. David's/ Villanova). At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right onto Rt. 30 East (Lancaster Avenue.) At the 1st traffic light turn left onto King of Prussia Road. Follow King of Prussia Road to the 2nd traffic light turn right onto Matsonford Road. Follow Matsonford Road approximately half a mile and turn right into the Matsonford Gate entrance to The Villanova Conference Center. (marked by blue signs on the stone gates.)

From the South: Take I-95 North to Route 476 North. Take Route 476 North to Exit 13 (St. David's/ Villanova.) At the bottom of the exit ramp, proceed straight at the traffic light onto King of Prussia Road. Follow King of Prussia Road to the 2nd traffic light and turn right onto Matsonford Road. Follow Matsonford Road approximately half a mile and turn right into the Matsonford Gate entrance to The Villanova Conference Center. (marked by blue signs on the stone gates.)

From the East (Philadelphia/ 30th Street Station): Take I-76 West to Exit 330 (Gulph Mills.) At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left then turn left again at the stop sign, following signs for Route 320 South. At the traffic light at the intersection for 320 South, turn left. Follow 320 South (South Gulph Road) through two traffic lights, just after you pass the Sunoco Station, turn right before the third traffic light onto Matsonford Road. Proceed on Matsonford Road for half a mile and turn left at the 1st traffic light onto County Line Road. The Conference Center is the second entrance on the right (marked by blue signs on the stone gates)

From the West: Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to I-76 East towards Philadelphia. Take I-76 East to Exit 330 (Gulph Mills.) At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right onto Rt. 320 South. Follow 320 South (South Gulph Road) through two traffic lights, just after you pass the Sunoco Station, turn right before the third traffic light onto Matsonford Road. Proceed on Matsonford Road for half a mile and turn left at the 1st traffic light onto County Line Road. The Conference Center is the second entrance on the right (marked by blue signs on the stone gates.)



President's Message: "Eighty Percent of Success is Showing Up"

Dear Members,

That old Woody Allen quote has a ring of sarcasm to it, but I think it can also be taken in a more positive way. As you probably know, professional groups all over the country have been experiencing a decline in membership and meeting attendance for some time now. There are many reasons for this, and they are not going to change any time soon. The main reason many professionals have cut back on their association group meetings is that they are too busy with their jobs – a valid reason for sure. However, I believe that taking the time to show up at a local section meeting now and then will pay off for you.

When it comes to Philadelphia Section AIHA meetings, I believe that showing up, and of course networking with fellow members, is often reason enough to attend (and I am not implying that the meeting topics are not worth your time). Our Executive Board spends a good deal of time selecting topics that we've learned are most important to you from our surveys. More importantly, we select speakers whom we believe will deliver superior presentations...presenters, by the way, who may have become known to us by making personal contacts at meetings. It's a perpetual cycle.

Another factor that I think might keep many professionals at home or in the office is the Internet. I think it's safe to say that every one of us is getting information every day that in "ancient" times you would have had to obtain via slower, traditional methods. As invaluable as the Internet is for finding information that we need to perform our jobs, I still find that it is personal contacts that are most useful to me. I am often pleasantly surprised at how quickly I get my tougher questions answered by calling on a friend or a contact. Another plus is that conversation often leads to totally new approaches to problems that would not have come up in a Web search. Also, in return, I usually find that I can provide those same contacts with some useful information as well.

So, please consider all of this when your meeting notices arrive. Oh, and by the way, just showing up at the September meeting is sort of like eighty percent of what you need for success, because it's a social gathering. Come on out and expand your base of contacts, and have some fun at the same time.

We look forward to seeing you on September 18 and at meetings to come.

Sincerely,

Mark Klempner, President, Philadelphia Section AIHA



2007 AIHCE Wrap-Up

According to information from AIHA National, the AIHCE held in Philadelphia this year was a resounding success! Attendees commented positively on the conference facility, the nearby hotels and restaurants, and the many educational and sightseeing opportunities available.

Many thanks to the local volunteers who worked in conjunction with National AIHA staff to make this conference a truly great event.

Many local section members, local students and “alumni” attended the cocktail reception sponsored by the Philadelphia Section AIHA at the Union League. Many thanks to the local section board members who planned and coordinated this event for us.

Philadelphia Section AIHA: 2007-2008 Dues

This year, National AIHA will be offering local section members the opportunity to pay their local section dues on their National AIHA dues bill for the first time.

National’s dues notices will be mailed out in October; at the same time, the Philadelphia Section will email dues notices, for those who are not National members or who wish to pay their local section dues separately.

As we did last year, dues may be paid via check or PayPal (without the \$1 service charge assessed last year).

Keep an eye on your mailboxes (USPS and email) for your dues mailing next month.



The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is "the essential source" for information on Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety issues.

Founded in 1939, AIHA is an organization of more than 12,000 professional members dedicated to the anticipation, recognition, evaluation, and control of environmental factors arising in or from the workplace that may result in injury, illness, impairment, or affect the well-being of workers and members of the community. Established in 1947, the Philadelphia Section AIHA serves the area's health and safety professionals, providing a forum in which to learn and exchange ideas.



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