

September, 2008



Philadelphia Section AIHA Local Section News



September, 2008 Networking Social: Tuesday, September 16th "Speed Networking"



Based on the great response received after this event last year, the first meeting of the Philadelphia Section AIHA's 2008-2009 term will again be a networking social, taking place on Tuesday, September 16th, from 6 to 9 PM, in "The Mansion" at the Villanova Conference Center in Radnor, PA.

In the past, 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.

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 officers and board members.

To register, send an email to register@philaaaha.com, and be sure to include name and company affiliation. This email address **MUST** be used to pre-register.

Thanks to our event sponsor, RCI Safe Solutions
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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

The Philadelphia Section AIHA has a long tradition of offering cutting-edge educational programs, networking opportunities and industrial hygiene tools and resources to its members. As the 2008-2009 Local Section President, I am honored to be a part of the Philadelphia industrial hygiene community.

Over the past two years, we've had the opportunity to share our successes with local sections from around the country. In return, we've also seen the best of what others do. Our challenge this year is to build on our successes and incorporate the best technology, meeting content and educational programs to provide the services you have come to expect as a member of the Philadelphia Section AIHA.

The creative minds, skills and enthusiasm of our local section members are what drive our successes. Please continue to share your talents with your local industrial hygiene peers. With your active participation, we will continue to grow and meet our goals of providing the very best to our local section members.

We have an exciting line-up for our 2008-2009 term. Please refer to the Philadelphia Section website at <http://www.philaaaha.com/Meetings.htm>, or the next page of this newsletter, to review our tentative listing of educational programs for the upcoming term. See you there!

Ryan Graff

President, Philadelphia Section AIHA



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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TENTATIVE 2008-2009 Educational Program

- September 16, 2008: **Speed Networking** : Villanova Conference Center (Radnor, PA)
- October 16, 2008 (1/2 Day PDC): **Creating a Strong & Sustainable Safety Culture**: joint meeting with the Philadelphia Chapter ASSE: location to be announced
- November (date/location to be announced): **Combustible Dust**
- December 5, 2008: **Northeast Regional Industrial Hygiene Conference**: New Brunswick, NJ (sponsored by the Metro NY Section AIHA)
- January: no meeting planned
- February (date/location to be announced): **GHS/REACH**
- March (date/location to be announced): **Business 101 for the Industrial Hygienist** (Part 1)
- April (date/location to be announced): **Business 101 for the Industrial Hygienist** (Part 2)
- May 30 - June 4, 2009: **AIHce 2009: Discoveries Beyond Borders** (Toronto)
- June (date/location to be announced): Joint meeting with Delaware Section AIHA

Philadelphia Section AIHA: 2008-2009 Dues

Last year, National AIHA began a program allowing members to pay their local section dues via their National AIHA dues bill. There was an excellent response to this program, and it will be continued this year.

In the past, the Philadelphia Section has collected dues on a “term” basis (September through June), rather than on a calendar year (January-December) basis. In order that our dues period coincides with National’s, we are changing our dues collection to a calendar year basis.

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.

We are committed to providing benefits to those local professionals who are paying members of the Local Section. In the coming term, we are planning special benefits for paid local section members, such as discounted event pricing; advance notice of meetings/early or preferred pre-registration; and the opportunity to participate in a special event for section members only.

As we have done in past years, dues may be paid via check or credit card (via PayPal).

We thank you for your continued support of the Philadelphia Section AIHA.



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