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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mary Gene Ryan, CSAOHN President

We started last year by *Creating – Now and into the Future*. Yes, CSAOHN had *disruptions* which led us to our annual conference



For those of you who could attend, you now have new tools for your toolbox. You were able to share in “Armed Force to Work Force” at Balboa Naval Medical Center. You enriched your expertise in all facets of Occupational Environmental Nursing during the SeaWorld Dinner Seminar and at *For the Health of It* Conference. Now share what you learned and gained with members of your chapter or other colleagues who could not attend - - *For the Health of It!* Also, remember to practice health and live healthy by eating right, exercising, getting adequate rest and taking time for you!

So what are you doing now to continue to **create** our legacy? Have you or will you

- Volunteer for a chapter or State board position?
- Offer your expertise as a local or State speaker?
- Write an article for your newsletter, a chapter for the CSAOHN guidelines, or an

- article for the AAOHN journal?
- Bring a new colleague to a meeting?
- Get them to join?
- Open a door for opportunity?
- Get certified or are you working on certification?
- Share your story or expertise?

If not yet – CSAOHN and your local chapter still have opportunities and tomorrow is not too late! Yes, you can! We need you! Seek to make something you truly care about exist. It will be remembered. This year make a commitment to be an active part of your chapter or CSAOHN. We are continuing to strive to “Create “. Join us. Your expertise is needed!

My plan is to visit your Chapter this year if you did not see me there last year. Let me know how CSAOHN can assist you. Come share in CSAOHN's acceptance of the AAOHN Chapter Education Award for Best Multi-Day Activity Night at the AAOHN Symposium in Orlando Florida. Most importantly though plan now to attend CSAOHN's next annual conference October 17-23, 2009 in Sacramento. Check out our web site at www.csaohn.org.

Contact me directly at osh@maci.us if you have any questions or need further information or to schedule a meeting. See you in Oct ☺!



Cal/OSHA advisory board meetings and agenda can be found at http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/DoshReg/advisory_committee.html Highlights of the Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee Meeting: March 5, 2009

The Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee met as scheduled on March 5th. Vicky Heza, Deputy Chief of DOSH, chaired the meeting.

Heat Illness

DOSH will increase inspection and outreach activity in 2009 (2300 inspections and 866 violations in 2008). They will also increase staff during the hot months. DOSH is preparing a guidance document for its staff that will establish bright lines for determining things like a trigger temperature for employer action and distances to shade and water. This document should be finalized by the end of March.

Hexavalent Chromium (Chrome VI)

Cal/OSHA is working with Fed/OSHA to develop inspection guidelines so that multi-state employers will face the same procedures and requirements nationwide. Portland cement is excluded from the Chrome VI standard because of a lawsuit and settlement and will be handled by citing other standards like hygiene and silica.

Revised Fed/OSHA Field Operations Manual (FOM)

As soon as the FOM is vetted by the Feds Cal/OSHA will begin a side-by-side comparison with their Policy and Procedures Manual (P&P).

Legislation

AB 838: This bill requires Standards Board to produce a Heat Illness standard in 2009.

AB 990: This bill would require aerial tramways to publicly post maintenance records and report all injuries to DOSH.

AB 1312: This bill would require amusement parks and golf courses to install Automated External Defibrillators (AED).

SB 478: This bill would require agricultural operations to have access to a competent person for mechanical lifts.

Research and Health Standards

Airborne Contaminants/Aerosol Transmissible Diseases – at Standards Board. Final version not out as of May 8, 2009.

http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/airborne_contaminants09.html



CSAOHN BYLAWS

by Mary Hale CHAOHN BOD

A substantive change is being proposed for the CSAOHN bylaws. CSAOHN Board of Directors has proposed to change the number of votes of the annual House of Delegates needed to make bylaws changes from a 99% to a simple majority (i.e., over 50%). The rationale is that a 99% vote is almost impossible to achieve on any issue, a majority vote would facilitate any substantive changes.

Additionally there are a number of editorial changes, which do not require a vote, which have been made to clean up the language. Please click on Bylaws at www.csaohn.org to access the bylaws with the proposed changes.

Rationales: Article V, Section 1, A: The number of members of the Nominations Committee can be reduced to 2 as there is not a significant workload and not enough volunteers for the positions.

Article X, Sections 1 and 2: The number of voting member to change the bylaws can be changed from 99% to a simple majority in order to facilitate the ability of the body to make any bylaws changes.

Insert in Section 3, Directors

“a defined region of members at large” in order to elect a director to represent a number of otherwise unrepresented members over a large area.

ATTENTION “MEMBERS-AT-LARGE”

CSAOHN realizes that we have a good number of members-at large. Therefore, we want you to know CSAOHN is your chapter and would like to be sure we serve you in the best way possible. Please contact Catherine Ayers (Board of Director for Members –at – Large) with any ideas or suggestions on ways we might serve you better. She can be reached at catherine_ayers@agilent.com

CSAOHN Board Positions 2010-2011 openings

President Elect
Secretary
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We need your expertise 😊 !!!

Contact Carol Murdock to nominate yourself or other members for ballot at CAROLMURDOCK@EARTHLINK.NET

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With today's tough economy, they have been getting a lot of resumes from people who have been laid off and/or are unemployed – many for the first time ever.

To help them find work, Propel Search group has decided to post resumes of unemployed OHNs and EHS professionals for free on our website.

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They should send their resume as a Word Document to resume@propelsearchgroup.com .

Propel Search Group will direct companies looking for candidates to check out our website first with no recruiter-fee attached. It can be viewed at www.propelsearchgroup.com .

It's up to all of us to help jump-start this economy, and this is one small way we can utilize the tools we have to help get people working.

Of course, we're still in the business of recruiting and placing candidates. If our client companies cannot find who they are looking for on our website, we will conduct a customized search by direct recruiting. On another note, if you know of any hiring manager that is looking for qualified OHNs or EHS professionals, please tell them to check out our website early and often. We will be adding new resumes as we receive them.

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AAOHN Awards

On April 21, 2009, CSAOHN President Mary Gene Ryan accepted the AAOHN Best Multi Day Education Award and SCAOHN President Gail King accepted the Chapter Communications award. Each consisted of a plaque and \$300.00.



California Harbor AOHN was recognized for Silver Membership Recognition and California Inland AOHN for Bronze Membership Recognition.

AAOHN Symposium and Expo CSAOHN Dessert Night

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Remember to Save the Date!!!





California State Association
Occupational Health Nurses -
Conference - October 16-17, 2009
Sacramento

SAVE THE DATE

*Join us at the Embassy Suites, Riverfront Promenade
100 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California*

October 16 & 17, Pre-conference Oct 15th

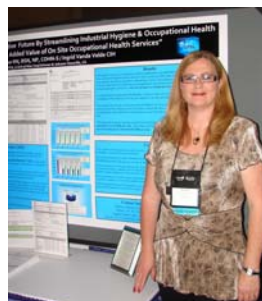
A wide array of topics concerning California Health
Issues, Nursing, Environmental, Workers Compensation &
Fitness!

Hotel Information: 916-326-5001; Conference Information 408-553-4243 or www.csaohn.org

2009 AAOHN Business Meeting



Elaine Icenhour Presenting Poster Session



CSAOHN Member Awards

Sara Jenks and **Joyce Simonowitz** will be honored again this year with honorary presentation titles in the Annual Conference. Look for those titles included in the 2009 Conference program.

The **Medique Unique Leader Award** is sponsored by Medique Products, a long time supporter of Occupational Health Nurses and Physicians and their career activities. Learn more about Medique and their state chapter award program at www.mediqueproducts.com/award.html. It has a \$200.00 cash award.

The **Edwards Medical – Dave Matthews Scholarship** is an educational/professional improvement award sponsored by Edwards Medical Supply in honor of Dave Matthews and Edwards' activities on behalf of Occupational Health Nurses. Edwards

Medical is the leading national provider of products and services to Occupational Health professionals.

They are a Gold Patron Member of CSAOHN. Visit them at www.edwardsmedical.com or www.myedwards.com. They provide a \$200.00 cash award.

APPLY NOW!!!

Applicants can apply for multiple awards, or be nominated by a colleague for multiple awards. Only one award can be conferred to an individual recipient. The application is available via the CSAOHN web site, www.csaohn.org under the membership/awards button. Applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year, but must be received before **Aug 1, 2009** to be eligible for the 2009 award cycle. Contact Dawn Stone dawnstonenp@yahoo.com for further information.



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