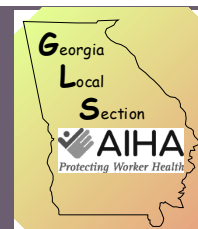


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Happy 2009 GLS Members

The AIHA-GLS is looking forward to a healthy, safe, and productive new year and we hope to see many more of you in future meetings and other events. We are planning to hold our meetings on the last Monday of the first month of each quarter in 2009, so you can mark your calendars well in advance (that's January 26, April 27, July 27, and October 26, though we may adjust that last date if we hold a joint fall meeting again with ASSE).

In addition, on February 24, the GLS will be cosponsoring a short course on hearing protective devices and hearing conservation programs. This very popular course will be taught by Elliott Berger of Aearo Technologies and audiologist Laurie Wells and will be held at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

Watch for a letter and brochure to come in the mail about that event.

Ideas for 2009 meetings include taking advantage of the distance learning opportunities such as telewebs that are provided by national AIHA. This can give us the opportunity to hear from outside experts at reduced cost, in conjunction with our regular meetings.

We also are pleased to be part of the Georgia Youth Alliance with OSHA, GTRI, and others, which includes sponsorship of activities such as the Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA) Expo. This year's expo "World of Safety," held in April, will be at the Georgia International Convention Center near the airport. Watch for more news on that as well.

Also, your executive board will

be working on revisions to our GLS by-laws to bring them up to date.

Please let us know if you are interested in serving on the 2009-10 Executive Board. Elections will be held in April and new "blood" is needed and wanted. Please contact Barb Epstien (barb@epstienenv.com) if you are interested.

Finally, don't forget that in addition to accumulating ABIH certification maintenance points, attending local section meetings can provide you a 15 percent discount on all AIHA publications for a period of two weeks following each meeting. We'll post the special order forms on the [GLS Web site](#).

—Barb Epstien, MPH, CIH
President-Elect, GLS

It's That Time Again: Georgia Local Section Dues R Due

It's that time of year again. Time to renew your Georgia Local Section dues for 2009. You can renew online by logging in with your e-mail address and password at our GLS Web site:

Alternately, you can pay your dues at our Winter meeting, Monday, 26 January at the Georgia

Tech Global Learning Center on Fifth Street. If paying by mail, please mail your \$20 check (made payable to GLS AIHA) to:

Kristen Butler, GLS Treasurer
Georgia Tech Research Institute
430 10th St. NW
Atlanta, GA 30332-0837

Thank you for your continued support! Please be an active member and submit any ideas or suggestions for improving the Local Section to any of the Executive Committee members. We would love your feedback on how to better meet your membership needs!



Note a new location for the Winter Meeting. This meeting will be at the [Georgia Tech Global Learning Center on 5th Street](#). See page 7 of this newsletter for additional information.

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Tidbits

Personal Protective Rule

OSHA finalized the personal protective equipment rule on December 12. This rule was a clarification to ensure that employers know they are required to provide PPE to every employee. If an employer does not provide the equipment to every employee they can be cited for the violation on a per-employee basis. The clarification also involved training provided to each employee.

Changes to Georgia Emergency Rule for Combustible Dust

On 28 October 2008, Georgia's Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's office issued a notice of emergency rulemaking regarding Chapter 120-3-24-0.12, Loss Prevention Due to Combustible Dust Explosions and Fire. The emergency rules may be found at <http://www.gainsurance.org/safetymfg/Home.aspx>.

These rules will expire 25 February 2009 and are still a work in progress.



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ABIH CM Points

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Tips for Dealing with the Media

In our roles as occupational and environmental health and safety professionals, we may be asked for input from the media, either a full interview, or a quote, or other variations on that theme. Here are some helpful tips from AIHA's public relations staff.

- do your homework
- know the audience
- understand the context
- an interview is *not* a PR opportunity
- develop core messages
- don't talk too much
- watch the jargon, acronyms
- don't lose your cool
- be proactive if you need to
- remember: you are never off the record
- the reporter is not your friend
- respect deadlines and be sure to

follow up

- don't ask to see the story before it runs – it's the reporter's choice to offer you the chance to review, not yours
- evaluate the results – critique it – did you get your core message across? Did you fall into any traps? What might you do differently next time?

Revised OSHA Field Operations Manual Issued

A revised Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Field Operations Manual now provides OSHA Compliance Officers with a single source of updated information and guidance to more effectively protect employees from occupational injuries, illnesses, and fatalities.

The Field Operations Manual is

the guiding document for OSHA's Compliance Officers, whose mission is to assure the safety and health of America's working men and women. The manual assists Compliance Officers in scheduling and conducting inspections, enforcing regulations, and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health. The manual also

guides Compliance Officers on how to inform employers about cooperative programs—such as On-Site Consultation, Strategic Partnerships, and the Voluntary Protection Program—to help them eliminate potential or existing hazards from the workplace.

The document may be downloaded from the this link.



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Georgia State Defense Force

As an industrial hygiene professional you carry out your daily duties of protecting the safety and health of employees or clients. Have you ever considered giving back to your state or community by using your expertise to help others in the event of a crisis or disaster? Perhaps you should consider service in the Georgia State Defense Force whose mission is: *When ordered by the Adjutant General, provide an organized, trained, disciplined, rapid response volunteer force to assist state and local government agencies, and civil*

relief organizations in impending or actual emergencies to assure the welfare and safety of the citizens of Georgia.


The Georgia State Defense Force (GSDF) is part of the Georgia Department of Defense, like the Georgia Army National Guard or the Georgia Air National Guard. However, unlike those agencies the GSDF cannot be federalized and sent out of the country. The emphasis here is on "volunteer." Although a "military" organization, the GSDF serves at the direction of the Governor through the Adjutant General.

Our colleague, Gerald Burklow, Global Manager of EHS for Cisco (Scientific Atlanta) in Lawrenceville is also 1st LT Burklow, HazMat Platoon Leader, 911th Support Command within GSDF and operates out of Atlanta. He asks that you consider giving back to your state by using your skills through service in the GSDF. Check out the GSDF Web site at: <http://www.gasdf.com/index.htm>. If you wish to ask questions, please give him a call at 770-236-3263 or write him at burklog@cisco.com.

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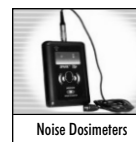
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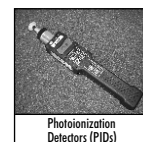
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The first training course on 30 January 2009 is already FULL!

The next one will be 2 March 2009 at the GTRI Conference Center, 250 14th Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318; the class runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Reserve your spot by sending an e-mail request for a registration form to Carol York at carol.york@gtri.gatech.edu

Space is limited, so reserve your place today! (Additional dates will be added.)

ABIH and BCSP points applied for.

Save the Date!

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When: October 26-28, 2009

Where: Sheraton Atlanta Hotel
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President's Message

Dear Georgia Local Section Members,

We are already halfway through January 2009 but I want to reflect back on 2008. Thanks to the hard work of the GLS Executive Board and Stan Salisbury in 2008, your local section accomplished the following:

- Launched Wild Apricot membership management software program,
- Held 5 local section meetings, including a successful joint meeting with our Georgia Chapter of ASSE colleagues,
- Voted to fund a scholarship with the AIHA Foundation, and
- Initiated a combined dues

payment option with National AIHA.

Why am I writing this President Column in 2009? We are realigning our executive board terms with our bylaws! Barb Epstien takes over the helm as President in April 2009. Barb has already taken an active leadership role in planning the upcoming Winter meeting and serving as major contributor to this newsletter. We look forward to continuing to provide low-cost professional conferences and programs to GLS members, and we ask for your active participation in the GLS in 2009. It was been honor to serve your GLS President.

—Peter J. Kowalski, MPH, CIH

Job Opening

ATSDR is seeking two Environmental Health Scientist - Closing date: January 21, 2009.

The vacancy announcement for the position of Environmental Health Scientist, GS-601-11/12 (with promotion potential to GS 13) ATSDR/DHAC/EISAB opened these positions under announcement numbers HHS-CDC-MP-CW09-EE231305 and HHS-CDC-DE-CW09-EE233117 and will they close Wednesday, January 21st.

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Topic	Presenter
Unwanted Sound and Engineering Controls: A Primer	Patricia Brogan, PhD, CIH, Golder Associates
Silica Control Program for Construction Safety Managers	Lisa Capicik, Brasfield and Gorrie, LLC and Hilarie Schubert Warren, GTRI
OSHA and AIHA Board Updates	Cindy Coe, USDOL-OSHA Region IV, Regional Administrator; AIHA Board Coordinator
Health and Safety Youth Outreach and the Promotion of OSHA-related Training for Metro Atlanta Teens	Jenny Houlroyd, GTRI and Michelle Dunham, GTRI
Georgia State Defense Force: The IH Professional and Voluntary State/Community Service	Gerald Burklow, 1LT, Georgia State Defense Force Cisco, Global EHS Manager.
Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA) Update	Jenny Houlroyd, GTRI and Michelle Dunham, GTRI
Are You Prepared to Ride the Waves? A Guide to Pandemic Influenza Workplace Continuity Planning	Hilarie Schubert Warren, GTRI and Michelle Dunham, GTRI

The Winter meeting will be Monday, 26 January 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (check-in and registration at 8:30 a.m.) at the **Georgia Tech Global Learning Center, 84 5th Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30308**; (404) 385-6203 (NOTE: this is a **different** location than previous meetings held at Georgia Tech!). Parking on-site is \$10. Additional information and directions may be found on the **GLS Web site** (click on "Events").

Current Intelligence Bulletin: Asbestos Fibers and Other Elongated Mineral Particles

State of the Science and Roadmap for Research

This month NIOSH released a revised draft Current Intelligence Bulletin: Asbestos Fibers and Other Elongated Mineral Particles: State of the Science and Roadmap for Research. After considering stakeholder comments on its June 2008 draft, NIOSH developed a new draft CIB which is being currently reviewed by the National Academies. The document can be found on NIOSH Web site.

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