

## 2009 MIHS Student Night

by Sharkey Mingela, CIH - MIHS Board



This year The Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society (MIHS) celebrates another service milestone to the areas industrial hygiene community. 2009 marks the twenty fifth year The MIHS has been recognizing excellence in scholarship of graduate industrial hygiene students from The University of Michigan and Wayne State University. On February 18, 2009 approximately 45 students, faculty, friends and MIHS members met at Genitti's Hole in the Wall restaurant to recognize the best students from each of the two universities.

Preceding the awards presentation, Donald Hart, PhD, CIH, the current Past President of The American Industrial Hygiene Association and long time member of MIHS, made an excellent and very interesting presentation on Industrial Hygiene Careers for the young professional. Dr. Hart described how he got started in the industrial hygiene profession and what role playing softball had in this career choice. He continued by providing guidance and a success plan for future leaders in the occupational and environmental health and safety profession.

Receiving the award for The University of Michigan was Mr. Michael Boley. Mr. Boley came to the University of Michigan from The United States Coast Guard and upon completion of his degree will return to the Coast Guard to assume greater and broader occupational and environmental health responsibilities. In addition to demonstrating excellent scholarship, Mr. Boley will be providing a lecture at the next MIHS-AIHA Certification Review Course. Making the presentation of the award was Dr. Ted Zellers, Professor, University of Michigan.

Receiving the award for Wayne State University was Ms. Abbie Batog. Ms. Batog was an industrial hygiene and toxicology major at Wayne State and is currently working in the Ann Arbor area for the NSF as a toxicologist. In addition to being an excellent

scholar, Ms. Batog was active in the WSU student industrial hygiene organization. Presenting the award was Dr. Bill Watt, Professor, Wayne State University.

The Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society presented each of the award recipients an MIHS coffee mug, Cross pen with the MIHS logo, and a certificate redeemable for a \$500 discount for the MIHS-AIHA sponsored Certification Review Course held at The University of Michigan.

The MIHS wishes Mr. Boley and Ms. Batog good luck in their professional careers and all future endeavors.

*Thank you to Dr. Bill Watt for the pictures.*



Dr. Don Hart's presentation



Student Night Attendees

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University of Michigan Professor, Dr. Ted Zellers (middle), and Dr. Sharkey Mingela (far right) representing MIHS, congratulate Mr. Michael Boley (left) with the U of M Best Student Award.



Wayne State University Professors, Dr. Sharkey Mingela (middle) and Dr. Bill Watt (far right), congratulate Ms. Abbie Batog (left) with the WSU Best Student Award.



Left to Right: Dr. Sharkey Mingela, MIHS, WSU Best Student Awardee Abbie Batog, U of M Best Student Awardee Michael Boley, and Dr. Don Hart.



Left to Right: Wayne State University Professor, Dr. Bill Watt and WSU Best Student Awardee Abbie Batog

## MIHS HOSTS AIHA TELEWEBS in 2009

By Laura B. Randall, CIH - MIHS Secretary/Newsletter/Website



There has been a huge positive response to the email polls I sent out to the membership, asking if MIHS should purchase and host AIHA Telewebs. Many responses favored this effort to provide local CIH CM points, due to reduced budgets. Therefore, MIHS has decided to purchase and host as many TeleWebs as possible.

In January, MIHS hosted a TeleWeb on the Toxicology of Engineered and Incidental Nanoparticles. This was held in the Distance Learning Room at the Wayne State University, Eugene Applebaum building, located at 259 Mack Ave (corner John R Street) in Detroit, Michigan. There were 28 attendees.

In February, MIHS hosted a TeleWeb on Mold Sampling, Analysis, and Interpretation. This was held in the Training Center at the Argus-Hazco Facility, located at 46400 Continental Drive, in Chesterfield, Michigan. There were 17 attendees.

On March 26, 2009, MIHS hosted the TeleWeb on Update on Control Banding: Fundamentals, Issues, Applications, and Strategies for Implementation. This was held again at the Wayne State University, Eugene Applebaum building, located at 259 Mack Ave (corner John R Street) in Detroit, Michigan. There were 8 attendees.

On April 28, 2009, MIHS plans to host the TeleWeb on Hazard Recognition: Essential Techniques for the Field Employee. Here is a link to the AIHA website for more details: <http://www.aiha.org/Content/CE/DL/Hazard+Recognition+Essential+Techniques+for+the+Field+Employee.htm>. Please sign-up on the MIHS website. There is an announcement, with links to registration and a flyer, on the Home page.

The TeleWeb is a live video conference that is 2.5 hours long. You would receive 0.5 CM points after you successfully complete the exam at the end of the TeleWeb, and mail it to AIHA with a processing fee of \$35. (Checks are made out to AIHA.)

MIHS is going GREEN! There will be no handouts at upcoming TeleWebs. Prior to the date of the TeleWeb, I will email to you a link to the PDF file for the TeleWeb handout materials, which also contains the exam. If you would like these materials, please print them, and bring with you to the TeleWeb. (Note: Sometimes I do not receive the link from AIHA until the day before the TeleWeb, so please check your email frequently.) Or, you can download the materials to your laptop ahead of time, and bring your laptop to the TeleWeb.

If you plan on submitting the exam to AIHA for points, remember to sign the sign-in sheet onsite at the TeleWeb. AIHA cross-references the sign-in sheet with the exams when they receive them. You will not receive CIH CM points if you submit an exam and do not sign-in onsite.

MIHS is now charging a lower rate for its members, since MIHS is no longer providing handouts. The cost is now \$20/person for MIHS members to attend the TeleWeb, instead of \$25/person. MIHS student-members can attend at a reduced rate of \$5/person. Non-MIHS members can attend at \$40/person, with no obligation to join MIHS, although membership is encouraged.

The TeleWebs are a relatively inexpensive way to obtain CIH CM points: \$20 to attend + \$35 for the AIHA exam processing fee = \$55 for ½ CIH CM point. Pretty reasonable.

If you would like to offer your facility to MIHS for hosting a TeleWeb, please contact me, and I would be happy to discuss it. Basically, the TeleWebs are set up in two portions: (1) the visual portion, through a computer and projection system, and (2) the audio portion, which is separate, which come through a conference call line, not through the computer speakers. The basic items that would be needed are:

- a conference room large enough to accommodate the attendees
- a computer
- a computer-projection system
- a conference call line with speaker system, so the attendees can hear the audio portion of the TeleWeb.

As an extra incentive, there will be no charge to attend the TeleWeb for the main contact person at the site who provides the hosting. (However, all of the previous hosts have not taken me up on this offer. They have all paid, anyway.)

The Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Wayne State University, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences Program and Argus-Hazco, for graciously providing (free of charge) their facilities, technology, parking, and staff so that MIHS could host this event. THANK YOU!

## ~ In Memoriam ~

### Robert Ajemian

It is with great sadness that we report the recent death of Robert "Bob" Ajemian.

Bob was a long time member of MIHS. He began his career as an industrial hygiene chemist for the Detroit Bureau of Industrial Hygiene. Later he moved to Great Lakes Steel, a Division of National Steel, located in Ecorse, Michigan as the steel mill's industrial hygienist. Bob completed his career as the industrial hygiene and environmental coordinator of the Motor Vehicle Manufacturer's Association where he worked closely with all of the automobile manufacturer's industrial hygienists.

He was a Life Member of MIHS, and MIHS President from 1975 - 1976.

The MIHS membership expresses our condolences to Bob's family.



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## MIHS Mini-Conference 2009

**October 15, 2009**

**Times:**

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Course from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch included.

**Location:**

Michigan State University's Management Education Center

811 West Square Lake Road

Troy, MI 48098

Ampitheater 102

Phone 248-879-2456

Map Link: <http://www.mectroy.com/planmeeting/directions/default.htm>

**Draft Agenda:**

Time	Presentation	Speaker
8:00 – 8:15	MIHS President Address	Terry Fisk, CIH – MIHS President
8:15 – 10:15	Technical Presentation on Mold	John Neville, Ph.D. - Senior Mycologist, Technical Director, Laboratory Services, Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.
10:15 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 11:00	AIHA Update	Cindy Ostrowski, CIH AIHA Local Section Coordinator
11:00 – 12:00	MIOSHA Update	Doug Kalinowski, CIH MIOSHA Director
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 4:00	Ethics and Case Studies	Lynn O'Donnell, CIH Executive Director of ABIH  Don Lawless - Partner Barnes & Thornburg LLP

**CIH CM Ethics Requirement:**

Get a jump start on your ethics requirement. The ABIH Ethics requirement is 2-hours per 5-year cycle.

Please see the following excerpt from the February 2009 ABIH newsletter:

"Beginning in 2010, new applicants and CIHs/CAIHs due to recertify will be required to document that they have completed at least two hours of coursework in ethics. The coursework can be provided via classroom or distance learning. For applicants, this will count as part of the current IH coursework requirement. CIHs/CAIHs can include the ethics course as part of the requirement to show a minimum of 10 CM points per cycle in IH rubrics."

Here is a link to the ABIH newsletter, bottom of page 2:

<http://www.abih.org/general/documents/2009FebruaryNewsletter.pdf>

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#### Fee:

Sessions are FREE for students (\$25.00 for Lunch)  
\$75/person - MIHS/WMIHS Member: pre-registered  
\$100/person - Non-MIHS/WMIHS Member: pre-registered  
\$125/person - Walk-in at door, not pre-registered...  
if space allows.

#### Registration:

The registration page on the MIHS website will be set up shortly.

Another email will be broadcasted when registration will be open.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 8, 2009

#### ABIH Certification Maintenance

0.5 points per 0.5 day = 1.0 total will be applied for

#### Handouts:

There will be no handouts at the meeting. A link to a PDF file will be available on the website, so you can print your own handouts and bring with you if you wish.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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## MIHS Booth at the Michigan Safety Conference



The Michigan & Western Michigan Industrial Hygiene Societies once again co-sponsored an exhibitor booth at the 2009 Michigan Safety Conference, April 7-8, 2009, at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

This was a great opportunity to promote industrial hygiene, grow MIHS/WMIHS, and meet many fellow health & safety professionals around our State.

The Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society extends its gratitude to the following MIHS members for helping man the MIHS Booth at the 2009 Michigan Safety Conference in Grand Rapids. This was another successful year at the MSC.

Peggy Brady  
Bob Chapman  
Bill Cleary  
Tom Kakos  
Sharkey Mingela  
Tracy Parsons  
Pier-George Zandoni  
Greg Zigulis

## Mark Your Calendars

### MIHS To Host AIHA TeleWeb - Hazard Recognition: Essential Techniques for the Field Employee April 28, 2009 (Tuesday)

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WSU OEHS - Detroit

0.5 CIH CM points available

<http://www.aiha.org/Content/CE/DL/Hazard+Recognition+Essential+Techniques+for+the+Field+Employee.htm>

### AIHce 2009 - Toronto, Ontario May 30 - June 4, 2009

<http://www.aiha.org/aihce09/pdc/default.htm>

Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review Course

Co-sponsored by U of M, MIHS and AIHA

September 21, 2009 - September 25, 2009

Ann Arbor, MI

<http://www.aiha.org/Content/CE/road/CIHReview.htm>

### MIHS Mini-Conference October 15, 2009

MSU Management Education Center - Troy, MI

1.0 CIH CM points will be applied for

See MIHS website for a flyer, agenda and registration details.

<http://www.mihswb.org/>

### PCIH

#### October 3-6, 2009

Vancouver, Canada

<http://www.aiha.org/pci09/default.htm>

Registration opens July 2009

**MIHS Website Event Calendar:** These, and more, are all listed at:

[http://www.mihswb.org/public\\_calendar.htm](http://www.mihswb.org/public_calendar.htm)

## MIHS Election Results 2009-2010

By Dr. Jim D'Arcy, CIH - MIHS Tellers Committee Chairperson & Past-President



As in the past few years, the 2009-2010 MIHS Election was conducted electronically via VoteNet in the month of March. The voting turnout was as follows:

- Qualified Electors: 120
- Total Voters: 89
- Percentage Voting: 74

The results reported after the close of voting on March 20th are as follows:

The Officers (1-year terms):

- President-Elect: Laura Randall
- Secretary: Carrie Brown
- Treasurer: Aaron Jacob

The Board of Directors (2-year terms):

- Peggy Brady
- Andrew Crause
- Rich McLonis
- Graham Parr

As the Teller's committee chair, I certify that the results reported here are those reported by the VoteNet website, and that the results are to the best of my knowledge true and accurate.

Dr. James B. D'Arcy, CIH

Office	Candidate	Votes	Percentage of Voters*
President Elect	Laura Randall	87	98
	Write-In Candidate	0	0
Secretary	Carrie Z. Brown	84	94
	Write-In Candidate	0	0
Treasurer	Aaron Jacob	85	96
	Write-In Candidate	0	0
Board of Directors	Peggy Brady	56	63
	Andrew Crause	66	74
	Del Malzahn	39	44
	Rich McLonis	59	66
	Graham Parr	55	62
	Ravi Vangipuram	31	35
	Write-In Candidate	0	0

\* The expected mean value for percentage of voters for Board of Directors with six candidates running for four positions is 67.

Note: Since Carrie was elected Secretary, there was one more year left on her 2-year Board Member position. At the Past-Presidents' Breakfast Board Meeting, the MIHS Board selected Del Malzahn to replace her remaining 1-year on the board.

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## Methods

The list of eligible voters, including their e-mail addresses, was received from the Secretary Laura Randall. A unique username and password was assigned for each qualified elector using a modified Excel spreadsheet originally developed last year by Graham Parr.

Biographies of the MIHS candidates were collected and a combined effort by Laura Randall, Graham Parr, and Carrie Brown provided the Vote Net setup used for voting. I reviewed the voting site and its biographies. At this point I changed the administrative password to a unique name only known by me. I uploaded the information for the qualified electors and activated the site to accept votes through March 20th. At this point only the voting status of qualified electors was available (did they vote yet, or not).

I conducted a successful "test vote" using my personal voter information and then e-mailed each of the qualified electors with instructions and their personal user ID & password. Five days before the expiration of voting, I e-mailed each qualified elector who had not yet voted with a personal reminder of the need to vote. This appeared to be successful as I received 21 thank you responses for reminding them to vote. This may be partially responsible for the higher voter turnout over last year, which was already at a higher-than-normal rate (74% vs 64%)

Five electors were added during the course of the election to give the total qualified electors of 120. The website closed the election at 11:59 on 3/20/09. I was informed of two voting problems during the course of the election. One was successfully overcome, and I am not aware of the outcome of the other problem.

## Matching Grants to Universities

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