

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new "fiscal" year is upon us. The Past President's Breakfast (PPB) and Annual Business Meeting (ABM), which signals the end of the previous year and the beginning of the next, was held on March 3. At the conclusion of the ABM, the newly-elected Executive Committee and Board members began their terms. The event was live, but not in-person, as we have all grown used to in the past year.

One of the best parts of the PPB meeting is the Breakfast and conversation. There is no way to virtually eat breakfast while conversing with a group of people. Typically, the attendees of the PPB consist almost entirely of past presidents, so it was good to see that about 40 people were online this year. Hopefully, we will have an in-person turnout just like that next year.

In a typical year, the Student Night dinner would be the next event on the schedule. That event is typically in late March or early April, and there again, the best part of that event is the dinner and conversation. We decided that a live event would be out of the question, and that a virtual event would just not work.

As you can see in the Calendar of Events, below, there are a number of upcoming events this Spring and Fall, but all are planned as virtual events for now. The benefit of a virtual event is that anyone can attend from anywhere, so

international conferences such as the AIHce, IOHA, and PSX are within reach.

Looking forward to the rest of the year for MIHS, our next regularly-scheduled event will be the Fall Mini Conference, and hopefully, it will be a live event this year. That hope is based on the progress of our fight with COVID-19. [Page 2](#) includes links to the county health departments in south-east Michigan, and a link to sign up for vaccinations at Ford Field in Detroit. Ford Field is now a vaccination site that is open to all of Michigan, by appointment.

The work of the MIHS continues, even though the event schedule is light for now. In addition to planning for the Fall Mini Conference, we have a few long-term goals for the year, which include (1) lining up proctors for the Fall MIHS/U of M Comprehensive Review Course, and (2) identifying members to read articles for next year's Best Paper award (see [Page 3](#)). We are also looking to invest additional savings, looking at updating the MIHS logo, and considering migrating our website to the AIHA platform. As always, we will be looking for candidates to fill out the ballot for next winter.

Most of all, we are looking forward to not having to talk about COVID-19 all year!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AIHA University: Risk Assessment *Introductory* Course (virtual)
April 6 and 8, 2021
[AIHA University](#)

AIHA University: Risk Assessment *Intermediate* Course (virtual)
April 12 and 15, 2021
[AIHA University](#)

AIHce EXP 2021
Virtual
May 24-26, 2021
[AIHce](#)

IOHA
Virtual (or in Korea)
September 11-15, 2021
[IOHA](#)

PSX 2021 (formerly the Product Stewardship Conference, and before that, the AIHA Fall Conference)
Virtual
September 28-30, 2021
[PSX](#)

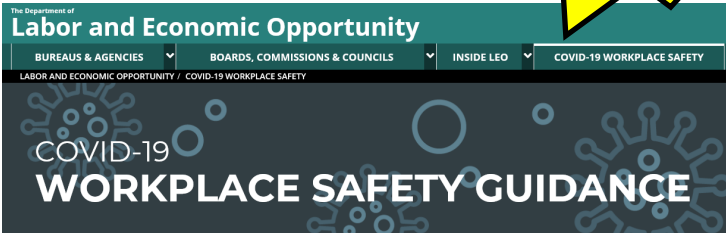
Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review
Virtual (likely)
Fall 2021 (dates not yet confirmed)
[U of M CHR](#)

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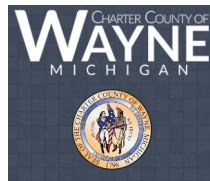
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COVID RESOURCES

New!!!! Click on the graphic to sign up for vaccine at Ford Field. Open to all of MI.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™



Click on the graphic of your choice above to be taken to the COVID-19 resource website for that entity.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

There are a couple of different ways to get involved with MIHS that (1) do not require a long-term commitment, (2) are very much needed, (3) will result in CM points (potentially MANY CM points), and (4) would be greatly appreciated.

MIHS/U of M CHR

The first way to get involved is to become a proctor for the Comprehensive Review Course (CHR) that is co-sponsored by MIHS and U of M, and is held twice each year. In the days before COVID-19, the course was a week-long event held in Ann Arbor. As a co-sponsor of the course, MIHS is obliged to proctor the course, and Bill Kilgore and Eric Allen have carried the lion's share of the load on behalf of MIHS for the past several years. One of our members had to physically attend the course, which was held over 6 straight days. When COVID hit, the course went virtual (not by choice), and it seems that virtual may be the way to go. Rather than a long, grueling week of drinking from a fire hose for 5 1/2 straight days, the online course structure now allows the attendees to log in for just 4 hours each week online, for 10 weeks, from wherever they are (noon to 2:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday). Also, the sessions are being recorded, so if you miss one, you can catch up. The reviews have been positive, and attendance was up (compared to pre-COVID times) for the Fall 2020 class as well as the Spring 2021 class. The Spring class is winding down as we speak. It seems that the CHR will continue as an online course for the foreseeable future.

Should the course remain online, someone from MIHS must monitor the chat, and serve as a proctor. This is where you come in as a volunteer. You can volunteer to proctor as many of the 2-hour online sessions as you like (one volunteer needed per session), and for each 2-hour session, a CIH can accrue 2 hours of contact time toward his/her CM points, at no expense! Free points for just listening in and monitoring the chat! And you might even learn something! Please contact [Bill Kilgore](#) if you have any interest in proctoring any sessions of the Fall 2021 course, which will likely begin in late September and run through mid-December. The Spring 2022 course would likely run from late February through mid April.

MIHS Best Paper Award

The second way to earn some points and help out would be to read the articles in one or more issues of the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health (JOEH). For the past several decades, MIHS has sponsored an award for the best paper of the year that was published in the JOEHS. Each year, volunteers—typically MIHS Board members—divvy up the monthly Journals and read each of the articles in that issue. There is a scoring system that allows the reader to rate each article. At the end of the year, the best papers from the year are redistributed among the volunteers, and we try to reach a consensus on which one of the best articles was the best of the best for the year. That award is given to the authors at the AIHce. This is also a very rewarding experience, and the time spent reviewing the articles may be counted toward the contact hours required to maintain your CM points for the year. Free points for reading and learning! Please contact [Matt Macomber](#) if you have any interest in getting involved with article reviews.



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TREASURY REPORT

MIHS Treasurer Adam Calisti delivered the annual treasury report for the period January 2020 to January 2021 at the Annual MIHS Business Meeting held on March 3, following the Past-President's Breakfast presentation. The income does not include profits from the CHR, which will put MIHS into well over the break even mark for the year.

Income 2020	\$6,544.81
Expenses 2020	<u>\$12,484.22</u>
Net Income	-\$5,939.41

<u>Cash Reserves</u>	
Savings Account	\$50,752.78
CD	\$5,706.90
Edward Jones Account	<u>\$56,736.47</u>
Total Reserves	\$113,196.03

PHOTOS FROM PAST EVENTS



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Each year the activities of the MIHS have been supported by our Organizational Members. The MIHS appreciates the support and generosity of our Organizational Member.

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