As the summer is coming to an end and the kids are getting ready to go back school, I have always been excited to know the MIHS Fall Conference is around the corner. The MIHS Officers and Board members try very hard to put together an exciting agenda. I know that this year will be another one as the agenda is coming together. Recently, we had the Student Night at The Courthouse Grille in Northville, which is always a great night. This year we tried something different and had the students do presentations, which were awesome. We enjoyed the passion and excitement that they brought to the table during their presentations. Professor Zellers and his staff have done a great job, and you can see future leaders in the industry.

I would also like to say thank you to the MIHS officers and executive board for letting me attend the AIHA’s Leadership Workshop in Washington, D.C. The two days were full of excitement as I learned about the following topics, “State of Affairs Briefing”, “What You Need to Know as an AIHA Volunteer Leader”, “Leading in an Age of Change”, and “Energizing Your People”. It was an honor to represent MIHS at the leader’s conference. In the coming months, I am trying hard to put together a technical conference and fun joint activity with another association in the industry before 2017 comes to end.

Please see below for a list of upcoming activities

September 25-29, 2017 – UM-MIHS Fall IH Comp-Review Course, Ann Arbor
October 3, 2017 – MIHS Fall Conference, Troy
January 2018 – TBD... Seeking topics for a MIHS Sponsored Technical Forum
February 2018 – MIHS Election for Officers and Board Members
March 6 or 7, 2018 – MIHS Past President’s Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting

I encourage you to keep up with us and our events by visiting our website at www.mihsweb.org. I would like you hear from you if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Please give me a call at (586) 615-9687.
On March 28, 2017 the Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society (MIHS) held its annual Student Awards night at the Court House Grille in Plymouth, Michigan.

This year, the best student award for the University of Michigan was presented to Mr. Michael Manning. Presenting the award to Mr. Manning was Dr. Ted Zellers. In addition to the presentation of the award to Mr. Manning, three Master’s students and one PhD. Student (Lauren Kokx, Allyson O’Connell, Mary-Catherine Goddard, and Ben Roberts) each gave presentations on their respective internships/ research. A few notes on Michael Manning’s accomplishments:

- Michael was UMIHSA President for 2016-2017. And has been doing a great job with an ever-expanding agenda of activities to coordinate, and an unusually large cohort of 1st and 2nd year students
- He also served as Admissions Ambassador and Development Ambassador for the UM School of Public Health, reaching out to prospective students and alumni and serving on various panels and committees related to recruitment and alumni relations.
- Michael did his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan, receiving his BS degree and in Bio-molecular Science.

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• As an undergrad, senior year, he worked as an intern at Ecoworks in Detroit on a program called Healthy Homes which focused on efforts to reduce asthma in urban populations.
• He also worked for about 1.5 years with Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance on policy development/analysis
• He was also an active member of the Circle K International community service organization.
• In the IH MPH Program he earned a GPA of 3.7 out of 4.0.
• He did his internship this summer with General Motors in Arlington TX and, in fact, accepted an offer from GM to work at their Warren Technical Center upon graduation.
• He attended the AIHce 2016 in Baltimore, MD and the AIHA Leadership Conference - Falls Church, VA

MIHS and the faculty of the University of Michigan congratulate Mr. Manning and wish him the best of luck in future endeavors and studies.

L to R: Ben Roberts, Mary-Catherine Goddard, Allyson O’Connell, Lauren Kokx, and Ted Zellers

L to R:  Aaron Jacob, Michael Manning, and Ted Zellers
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MIHS BEST PAPER AWARD PRESENTED AT AIHCE

In keeping with a long-standing tradition, the MIHS Best Paper award was presented at the AIHce in Seattle, Washington. Ms. Cynthia Ostrowski, AIHA President Elect (and MIHS member/Past President/former Board Member) presented the award at the Mark of Excellence Breakfast on June 7, 2017. This year’s award recipients were K.K. Brown, P.B. Shaw, K.R. Mead, R.J. Kovein, R.T. Voorhees & A.R. Brandes. Their award-winning paper was entitled Development of the Chemical Exposure Monitor with Indoor Positioning (CEMWIP) for Workplace VOC Surveys.

The MIHS Best Paper Award was established by MIHS in 1957 as recognition of outstanding publication in the American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal. In 1989, the MIHS Board of Directors voted to also recognize the authors of the best paper in applied industrial hygiene from the Applied Occupational and Environmental Hygiene Journal. Both journals combined in 2004 to form the current Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene. MIHS continues to present a best paper award each year to the authors of the outstanding article selected from this journal.

If you would like to become part of the team that reviews papers and eventually decides on which paper receives the award each year, contact Jim D’Arcy at jimdarcyih@gmail.com.

MEET TWO OF YOUR NEW MIHS BOARD MEMBERS

Chinonye Akunne is a Safety Representative with General Motors. She received her Master’s in Public Health in Environmental Health Science from Eastern Kentucky University. She also completed her undergraduate studies at EKU. In partnership with her sister, she owns personal care company, ILERA Apothecary. She is passionate about education and volunteers her time with educational platform Motor City STEAM, a program that aims to increase student literacy in science, technology, engineering and mathematics with an art integration. She also loves to attend music festivals and concerts, paint, explore cities and the outdoors while catching up with her family and friends.

Brad Burcz has a bachelor’s degree in Biology from Oakland University and a masters degree in Occupational and Environmental Health Science from Wayne State University. Brad is a board certified industrial hygienist and board certified safety professional. He started his occupational health and safety career in the automotive industry, where he worked for 5 years before coming to work for his current employer, DTE Energy in 2015. In his free time, he loves to cook, make music and work his backyard and garden.

L to R: AIHA CEO Larry Sloan, Kevin Dunn (accepting on behalf of the authors), and AIHA President-Elect Cynthia Ostrowski
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 3

The MIHS Fall Mini-Conference is set for October 3, and while the agenda has been completely firmed up, we are pleased to announce that AIHA CEO Larry Sloan will be speaking at this year’s Mini Conference. Many thanks to MIHS Past President Bill Kilgore for his dogged determination in making the arrangements to have Larry come to speak with us. This presents a very unique opportunity for all of our membership, and we look forward to seeing all of you at this event.

In addition to Larry Sloan’s presentation, other planned agenda items include a MIOSHA update, additional information on the goings-on at AIHA, information on the goings-on within the MIHS Board (and how you can get involved), and much more! As with the past several years, there will be a handful of vendors onsite. As always, lunch will be included.

TELL US A STORY!

We are always on the lookout for content and items of interest to our members. If you have a story to tell that you feel would be of interest to the group and you would like to see it in the MIHS Newsletter, let us know.

- A “Tale from the Front” about something you have done in the field.
- A write-up on a seminar or conference you’ve attended
- A write-up on a new gadget or “app” you have discovered that might be of interest to others
- Pretty much anything industrial hygiene-related.

Send your article to apcrause@aol.com.
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