PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I first joined MIHS in 1999, I joined the MIHS Board in 2010 and served as MIHS Secretary from 2012 through 2017. In 2018 I was elected President Elect and spent that time planning the MIHS events; a PDC on the new silica Rules, the MIHS mini conference, the Past Presidents Breakfast, and Student Night. Each of these events allowed me to find volunteer speakers on recent and relevant topics and meet the many attendees sharing a continued interest in worker health and safety.

During the coming months I plan to complete the effort our MIHS Past-President, Andy Crause, had initiated which is to manage the current MIHS cash reserves; to endow more scholarships, to keep our dues low, and to continue to evaluate investment options. I would also like to continue with a tentative Board meeting schedule of the last Tuesday of the month, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Some meetings will be in-person, and some will be strictly conference calls, but all will be available via conference call (WebEx), and all MIHS members are welcome to attend. The schedule and call-in information will be posted on the Events calendar on the MIHS website.

The task I feel will be my focus this year is contingency. I would like to see more involvement within our Board and MIHS members. I would like to see Board Member job tasks shadowed by other Board Members in order to allow for easier transitions when members join or leave the Board. One important task will be finding a candidate to learn the prestigious MIHS Best Paper Award selection process. I also want to ensure all MIHS documents are cataloged and secured so information is accessible and retained. There is a wealth of irreplaceable history and knowledge within our documents and our Members.

We have one brand new Board member this year, Dave Fogle. The MIHS website provides contact information for each our Board Members along with an Events Calendar and job postings. Feel free to contact me, or our other Officers and Board Members. We welcome feedback on event topics and can offer small assignments for Members who made not be on the Board.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Summer 2019
Technical Forum on a topic and date to be determined
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Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review
Ann Arbor, Michigan
September 23 through 27, 2019
U of M MIHS Comp Review

October 2019
MIHS Fall Mini Conference
Agenda and date to be determined
mihsweb

56th Warren Cook Discussional
Ann Arbor, Michigan
November 7 and 8, 2019
Warren Cook
The Past Presidents' Breakfast was held at the Vista Tech Center, Schoolcraft College on February 28, 2019. Rob Moon, CIH, CHMM, Director EH&S at Wayne State University presented a case study of the Legionella outbreak at Wayne State during the summer of 2018. The presentation was followed by the annual business meeting, which included an additional surprise—the presentation of a Golden Impinger Award to Bill Kilgore (see article on Page 4).

After the annual meeting, the newly elected officers and board members began their terms of office.
MIHS STUDENT NIGHT A SUCCESS!

On March 26, 2019, the Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society (MIHS) held its annual Student Awards night at Stella’s Trackside Inn in Plymouth, Michigan. This year’s honor for the best University of Michigan student was presented to Ms. Claudia Meyer. As with last year’s program, U of M students made brief presentations on the past summer’s internships. Mr. Dylan Gooch summarized his experience during Summer 2018 at Sentry Insurance, and Mr. Steve Vanderlaske talked about his internship with NASA. AIHA President Cindy Ostrowski presented information on AIHA’s outreach efforts to lure students and young professionals into IH careers.

In addition, it was announced that Ms. Natalie Mullan will be receiving the MIHS Merit Scholarship offered through the American Industrial Hygiene Foundation. The formal presentations to all scholarship recipients will be made at the AIHce.

Student Night is an annual MIHS rite of Spring. Please plan to join us next year.
At this year’s MIHS Annual Business Meeting, MIHS Past President and current MIHS Board member Bill Kilgore was recognized for his dedicated service to the field of industrial hygiene. Bill received MIHS’s Golden Impinger Award, which is MIHS’s highest award of recognition of its membership.

MIHS greatly appreciates the tremendous efforts that Bill has put forth over his entire career, but particularly, during the past several years, since his retirement from GM. Bill has been involved in all aspects of the organization, and regardless of how busy he might be, is always willing to volunteer for more. Bill embodies the spirit of what the Golden Impinger award stands for.

The criteria for consideration for a Golden Impinger are rigorous. For example the candidate must have:

- worked full time as an industrial hygienist for 20 or more years;
- made consistent and significant contribution as an industrial hygiene leader, teacher, researcher, mentor, or innovator;
- contributed to improving and increasing the visibility of industrial hygiene in Michigan and elsewhere;
- demonstrated leadership and cooperation in the professional and non-professional communities
- been recognized and respected by his/her peers and related professional organizations, and not previously received an MIHS Golden Impinger

On behalf of the MIHS membership our sincere thanks and congratulations to Bill for his dedicated service and advancement of industrial hygiene practice in Michigan.
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