

**THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES SECTION
OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Atlantic Provinces AIHA Meeting held March 26, 2008

Location: Westin Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Time: 1600 hrs

Attendees: **Karen Butterworth (past President)**
 Milton Cooke (Treasurer)
 Jason McInnis (president elect)
 Kim Gordon
 Marlene Grigg
 Bob Reid
 Deborah Smith
 David Muise
 Jackie Ellis
 Pamela Sears
 Clive MacGregor (secretary)

Regrets: **Tina Murphy (President)**

- 1.0 Call to order.** 12 members out of 60 were present and quorum requirements were met. Agenda was accepted and meeting was called to order by Karen Butterworth.
- 2.0 Review of minutes** (minutes accepted, unanimous)
- 3.0 AIHA AOS Officers**
Jason McInnis the National Director Health & Safety, Boilermakers International was introduced as the new president elect.
- 4.0 Financial Reports**
Milton presented financial statements for December 31, 2007 showing gross income of \$16,350 with an excess of revenue over expenses of \$5,828. This income added to existing equity (cash) provided a total equity of \$12,367 at December 31, 2007. Most income was generated by technical sessions 85%, membership 7% and telewebs/miscellaneous 8%. Telewebs almost broke even while technical sessions provided the lions share of section income.

5.0 CBROH Activities

Marlene Grigg reported that 2 persons were writing the ROH in Halifax this spring. A major concern at CRBOH was the decrease in Industrial Hygienists and ROH with more persons opting for CRSP or CHSC. ROH process is seen as cumbersome and CRBOH is looking at how to make it less cumbersome and increase ROH profile.

6.0 Membership

Membership was 61 persons in 2008 down from 67 in 2007 but AIHA APS was always in the 60 to 70 range for membership for the last three years. Membership statistics showed that 64% were from Nova Scotia, 18% from New Brunswick, 11% from Newfoundland and Labrador and 2% from Prince Edward Island. The gender mix was 66% male and 34% female. 50% were consultants, 15% manufacturers, 14% government, 5% education, 5% health care, and 4% utilities. Professions were 44% occupational hygiene, 27% safety specialist, 10% environmental specialist, 8% sales, and 4% engineers.

Discussion was held on raising membership fees since they had not been adjusted in many years and \$20/member was low. After discussion and in light of funds in the bank this suggestion was shelved.

7.0 Canadian Council of Occupational Hygiene

Clive MacGregor reported that there would be two webinars coming up this year and that new blood was needed to help CCOH move forward. Jason McInnis volunteered to sit as an alternate member for AIHA APS in future CCOH meetings (teleconference calls).

8.0 Fall Technical Session

Some suggested topics included Dr Peter Sandeman for a talk on Hazard Communication, risk equals hazard plus outrage, or Wind Energy Hazards or Ultrafine Particle Exposure.

9.0 New Business

CCOHS provides discounts to organizations who will partner with them to help them get their message out. Clive will investigate this further.

10.0 Adjournment