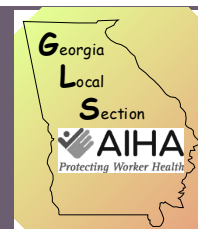


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GLS President's Column – March 2010

I hope that the new year has gotten off to a good start for everyone. Our first meeting of the year, on January 25, was jam-packed with part 1 of Dennis Driscoll's acclaimed Noise Control Engineering webcast, a lively, interactive presentation on ergonomics, wellness, and fitness by Yafet Bekele of the DeKalb Department of Watershed Management, and a practical and informative session on making your résumé stand out by Jessica Lowry, career counselor with Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health.

Planning is well underway for our Spring Vendors' Day meeting, which will be at the GTRI Conference Center on April 26. It promises to be another excellent meeting including possibly some new vendors, OSHA and AIHA updates from Cindy Coe (our Local Section AIHA Board Coordinator and Regional Administrator for OSHA Region IV), part 2 of the Noise Control Engineering webinar, and much

more. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are also lining up a summer ½-day meeting on Ethics, which will be held on Monday, July 26. As you probably are aware, there is a new ABIH requirement for CIHs that once per 5-year certification cycle at least 0.33 CM points accrued within Category 4 (Attendance at Educational Programs) must be in ethics. This summer program will meet that requirement.

In these tough economic times, nearly every organization has had to figure out ways to do more with less. That said, however, GLS is very grateful to be the recipient of generous hospitality afforded by GTRI, Delta Airlines, and GA Power, all of whom have provided us high-tech meeting space at no charge. We thank these organizations for their continued support. This, along with the energetic and creative leadership of our Local Section Board and our loyal membership, has allowed us to maintain a very

stable budget. As a result, we can plan to continue to enhance our already popular programs to make your participation even more enjoyable and rewarding. A recent example was being able to offer Mike Harris' award-winning PDC on welding health and safety last fall at a price less than a third of what you would pay to attend the PDC at AIHce. That this was a well-received event was confirmed by the record number of attendees and positive feedback.


I encourage you all to become more active in our profession at the local and/or national level. Staying connected, current, and credible are essential to our personal and professional successes, especially in these dynamic and challenging times. AIHA offers members many opportunities to hone our valued skills, both technical and organizational, and to grow and to give back, both personally and professionally. This ultimately

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Barb Epstien, Newest AIHA Fellow!

The Georgia Local Section sends its Congratulations to our own **Barb Epstien**! The AIHA Board of Directors has approved her nomination as a Fellow of AIHA. The American Industrial Hygiene Association, the AIHA Awards Committee, and the AIHA Board of Directors all agreed that she was deserving of this high recognition.

Only five percent of the AIHA membership can qualify for the Fellow Award, which is given to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of industrial hygiene. Only full members in good standing for at least 15 years are eligible. Way to go, Barb! We're proud that your accomplishments were recognized by your peers as outstanding contributions to the Association and to the profession.



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GLS AIHA's Support of CEFGA a Success

This year, GLS AIHA introduced its newest member "GeRTI" to the public at the 2010 CareerExpo and SkillsUSA State Championships. "GeRTI" is a new member of the "Dangerous Decibels Mannequin" family that was built by GLS and outfitted with a sound level meter. She was developed following the model presented in the "Jolene Cookbook" in order to educate the public about the dangers of listening to music on iPods or other personal stereo systems too loudly. Students passing through the World of Safety and Health had the opportunity to stick their ear buds in GeRTI's ear to see just how loud their music was as they listened to GLS-AIHA

volunteers explain the significance of noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus. Levels were often above 90 decibels and even frequently exceeded 115 dBA. "GeRTI" will be attending the next GLS meeting and is available for GLS members to use during training sessions.

The CareerExpo and SkillsUSA State Championships were an excellent venue for "GeRTI" to be introduced to the world, with 6,499 attendees for the event filling the 150,000 square foot space on the Georgia International Convention Center's main exhibition hall. The 2010 CareerExpo and SkillsUSA State Championships were organized by CEFGA—the Construction Education

Foundation of Georgia, and TEFGA—the Transportation Education Foundation of Georgia. GLS-AIHA volunteers also helped judged the SkillsUSA "Occupational Health & Safety" contest during the Expo. For more information, visit [CEFGA's Web site](#) or contact Scott Shelar at 678-889-4445.

You can also catch a glimpse of the CareerExpo shown in the photo below.



President-Elect Jenny Houlroyd discussing noise with high school students at CEFGA 2010.



Elections

Cast Your Vote!

You should have received an email with a link to the GLS ballot for the 2010–11 board. Please take the time to vote!! Voting closes on **Friday, 9 April 2010**.

Election results will be announced at the April meeting.

ABIH CM Points

The American Board of Industrial Hygiene has awarded certification maintenance (CM) points for the Summer (27 July 27 2009), Fall (26 October 2009) and Winter (25 January 2010) Georgia Local Section Meetings.

The approval numbers and CM points are:

July: 09-2625 for 0.5 CM

October: 09-3293 for 1.09 CM

January: 10-701 for 1.0 CM

**NOTE: All of this information is available on the [GLS Web site](#) under the "Members Section."*

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OSHA Updates

OSHA Proposes MSD Column for OSHA 300 Log

OSHA is proposing to revise its Occupational Injury and Illness Recording and Reporting (Recordkeeping) regulation to restore a column to the OSHA 300 Log that employers would use to record work-related musculoskeletal disorders (MSD). The 2001 Recordkeeping final regulation included an MSD column, but the requirement was deleted before the regulation became effective. This proposed rule would require employers to place a check mark in the MSD column, instead of the column they currently mark, if a case is an MSD that meets the

Recordkeeping regulation's general recording requirements. Comments are due March 15, 2010. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-2010.htm>. [Read the news release.](#)

OSHA Withdraws Rulemaking on Fit-testing Protocols

OSHA states that, after thoroughly reviewing the comments and other information available in the record for the proposed rulemaking, OSHA concludes that the revised PortaCount[supreg] quantitative fit-testing protocols are not sufficiently accurate or reliable to include among the quantitative fit tests listed in Part II of Appendix A of

its Respiratory Protection Standard. Therefore, OSHA is withdrawing the proposed rule without prejudice, and is inviting resubmission of the revised protocols after developers of the protocols address the issues described in [this notice](#). The proposed rulemaking is withdrawn as of January 27, 2010.



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ABIH CM Updates

ABIH has addressed some recent questions and changes regarding CM points, including questions regarding test requirements:

Are Tests Required to Claim CM Points?

There has been some confusion about whether tests are required in order to award and claim CM points for some courses.

Awarding CM Points: ABIH awards CM points to courses based solely on subject matter and contact time. We do not require a test in order to award CM points. However, if a test is part of a course, test time is factored into the CM point values.

Claiming CM Points: If ABIH approved a course that included a test, the Diplomate must complete the test in order to claim the CM points. If the test is not completed, the Diplomate may not claim the CM points.

Management Courses — Yes, No or Maybe ?

Effective 1 January 2010, ABIH no longer awards CM points for general management courses. However, two points are worth noting:

1. General management courses taken prior to 1 January 2010 are eligible for CM points, and if awarded, can be claimed on the CM Worksheet up to

five points per 5-year cycle.

2. Many courses integrate EH&S aspects into generic management topics. These courses may be eligible for CM points in the point areas of IH, Safety, Ethics, or Fundamentals. For example, a course on Business Metrics would not qualify for CM points while a course on EHS Metrics Applied to Business does qualify.

If you ever have a question about whether any course will be eligible for CM points, you are always welcome to contact ABIH at abih@abih.org or (517) 321-2638.



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strengthens our position in the business world and within the many diverse organizations we represent. I can also personally attest to the tremendous gratification that comes with volunteering; it is a lot of fun and well worth the time! So please consider running for a local section leadership position, joining a technical committee, participating in outreach programs, and many more. Oh, and on the more pragmatic side, don't forget that your national membership also provides some added benefits including discounts on publications, conferences, and others.

I sincerely thank the entire GLS Board for a most rewarding and enjoyable year as president. What a dedicated group, passionate about our profession, and willing to help out whenever needed! It has been an honor to serve our membership. GLS will be in extremely capable hands in 2010–11 with Jenny Houlroyd as president. Jenny continues to be instrumental in furthering youth outreach programs, planning meetings, and maintaining a strong tie with our roots in public health.

Warmest regards to all,

—*Barb Epstien, MPH, CIH*
President, GLS

Take Part in Research Survey About the Changes OSHA is Proposing to the Hazard Communication Standard.

Greetings,

I am a graduate student in the Department of Industrial Engineering at Auburn University. I would like to invite you to participate in our research study to evaluate the effect of the use of performance based qualifiers in GHS precautionary statements communication. You may participate if you are age 18 and

older and by education, training, or work experience would have a high awareness of hazard communication.

As a participant, you will be asked to respond to an electronic survey. It should take one hour to complete the entire process.

If you would like to participate in this research study, please click on this link.

If you would like to know more information about this study, an information letter can be obtained by sending an e-mail to boelhej@auburn.edu. If you decide to participate after reading the letter, you may use the link above to connect to the survey.

If you have any questions not addressed in this note or the information letter, you may contact Eric at (504) 606-9460 or his academic advisor, Dr. Jerry Davis, at (334) 844-1411.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Agenda for Spring Meeting of the GLS, 26 April 2010



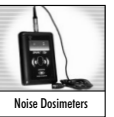

Topic	Presenter
EPA's Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule: What's it all about?	Vicki Hanrahan Ainslie Senior Research Scientist, Georgia Tech Research Institute
Wood Smoke Exposure and Pulmonary Function of Forest Fire-fighter Working at Prescribed Burns at a Southeastern US Forest	Femi Adetona PhD Candidate, University of Georgia's College of Public Health
Vendor Presentations	Vendors
Installation of 2010-11 GLS Board	
OSHA and AIHA Update	Cindy Coe, CIH USDOL-OSHA Regional Administrator, Region IV
Noise Control Engineering Webcast Module 3	Webcast Instructor: Dennis Driscoll, Associates in Accoustics
Noise Control Engineering Webcast Module 4	Webcast Instructor: Dennis Driscoll, Associates in Accoustics

The Spring meeting will be **Monday, 26 April 2010** from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (check-in and registration at 8:30 a.m.) at the **Georgia Tech Research Institute Conference Center, 250 14th Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30318**. Parking on-site is *free*. Additional information and directions may be found on the [GLS Web site](#) (click on "Events").




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NIOSH Seeks Comments on Asbestos CIB

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is asking for comments on the draft Current Intelligence Bulletin (CIB) *Asbestos Fibers and Other Elongate Mineral Particles: State of the Science and Roadmap for Research Version 4*, NIOSH Docket Number NIOSH 099-C.

The purpose of the Roadmap is to outline major areas of controversy and to recommend a research framework that can serve as a guide for the development of specific research programs within and across disciplines. The goals of the research

are to provide answers to current scientific questions, reduce scientific uncertainties, and provide a sound scientific foundation for future policy development.

NIOSH is seeking comments on the scope and presentation of scientific information used to support the development of a research framework for asbestos fibers. NIOSH continues to be interested in research results that can help answer the questions set forth in the

Roadmap, as well as information on existing workplace exposure data, health effects, and control technologies.

Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 16, 2010.

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The next one in Atlanta will be Monday, 10 May 2010 at the GTRI Conference Center, 250 14th Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30318; the class runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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