Board Election Results Are In!

Submitted by Tracy H. Graham, SCHC Board Chair

I am pleased to announce the results of the Spring Election. Elected officers and Board Members terms are effective April 1, 2022. The newly elected officers are Beth Dederick, President, Tracy Graham, Vice President, and Atanu Das, Secretary/Treasurer. Returning Board members include Michele Sullivan and Danielle Svestka and new Board members include Karin Baron, James Lee, and Katie McGee. The new Board has elected A. Jemi-Alade as Board Chair, effective April 1. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank the outgoing Board Members for their past service: Beth Bidstrup, Paul Brigandi, Jennifer Mahoney, and Bob Skoglund.

The Full Board can be viewed on the SCHC website. It will be updated on or around April 1 with the newly elected Board.

News from OSHA

$3.2M Susan Harwood grant application period open
OSPP Approval of Information Collection Requirements

Mark Your Calendar

April 27, 2022 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: EU Classifications, REACH, and maybe Brexit
NEW April 28, 2022 - SCHC Webinar: How much do you really understand in an SDS? Maybe less than you think!
May 4-12, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: CLP Classification
May 18-19, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: EU CLP Labelling
May 25, 2022 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: How the SCHC Programs Come Together
NEW June 8-9, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: Basic Ecotoxicology
NEW June 15-16, 2022 - CHCS Distance Learning: Advanced Ecotoxicology
NEW June 22, 2022 - SCHC Monthly Member Forum: How the GHS Working Group Works
NEW September 17-22, 2022 - SCHC Annual Meeting - Save the Date

SCHC Member Profile: Log in to find event Discount Codes
2022 SCHC Annual Meeting

We are pleased to announce that the planning for the 2022 SCHC Annual Meeting is underway. After careful consideration and in accordance with current guidelines, we are planning for this to be an in-person event. After two years of meeting virtually, we are looking forward to seeing everyone face-to-face in Arlington this September! Please mark your calendars for September 17th-22nd, 2022.

We have begun populating schc.org with information and will continue to update as our plans solidify. The event will be balanced with professional development and networking, both formal and casual. There will be a poster session and an exhibitor hall. We are seeking sponsors to help support this multi-day event.

We will be updating the event page as they unfold. Hosting this meeting in the Washington, D.C. area gives attendees and their guests plenty to explore and enjoy. Most area attractions have reopened and we encourage everyone to visit the websites of their preferred destinations to view the most current hours of operation and rules for admission before planning their trip.
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Call for SCHC Outstanding Service Award & Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Nominees!

SCHC is accepting nominations for the SCHC Outstanding Service Award and for Outstanding Volunteer Recognition. Learn what qualifies a nominee, what they will receive, and a link to the nominating form by visiting the SCHC.org Awards page. Nomination forms must be submitted by July 31st to be considered.

Safe+Sound Week August 15-21, 2022

On the SCHC Newsworthy page which can be found on the home page of SCHC.org, you can find a link to this year’s Safe+Sound Week information. The nationwide event is run by the U.S. Department of Labor. Safe+Sound Week is held each August to recognize the successes of workplace health and safety programs. It also offers information and ideas on how to keep America’s workers safe. As SCHC is an OSHA Alliance Ambassador it is our honor to promote this event and encourage companies to register. More than 5,300 companies participated last year!

On the Newsworthy Safe+Sound page, you can find links to resources like the Lead with Safety challenge, CPWR’s New Safety Climate—Safety Management Information System (SC-SMIS), Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs (which is now available in Spanish).

It’s also a great time to share information about the SCHC Speaker’s Bureau and SCHC Consultants List to help companies identify and communicate hazards, plan their events, and provide guidance in their workplace.
PHMSA: Useful Tips for Shipping Hazardous Materials Safely

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) shared a quick e-Resource Guide to help walk through the steps of shipping hazardous materials safely in commerce. The information is in line with Title 49 of the Code for Federal Regulation. Title 49 for Transportation governs the domestic transportation of hazardous materials for all forms of transportation to, from, and within the United States.

Get all 7 tips with working links and free resources by clicking here.

Students of the recent SCHC distance learning course “Multi-Modal Hazardous Materials/Dangerous Goods Classification Training” learned these 7 tips and more. Follow schc.org/meetings to see when the program is offered next.
CA Proposition 65 – Listing of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)

California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) issued a notice of listing perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) to the list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer. In November of 2017 PFOAs were listed for causing developmental toxicity. The basis of this decision was shared in a public notice published on March 19, 2021. A complete list of Prop 65 Chemicals list can be found here.

PFOAs have been a manufactured perfluorochemical and a byproduct in producing fluoropolymers. Perfluorochemicals (PFCs) are a group of chemicals used to make fluoropolymer coatings and products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water. In February of 2022 the US Environmental Protection Agency issued drinking water health advisories for PFOA and PFOS.

eChemPortal v3.9 Released

In the beginning of this month, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) released version 3.9 of its eChemPortal program. The eChemPortal allows simultaneous searching of reports and datasets by chemical name and number, by chemical property, and by GHS classification. This maintenance release includes an alignment with updated elements of the OECD Harmonised Templates (OHT) in 2021.

Read the brochure and watch OECD tutorial videos about the eChemPortal.
ECHA News

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) shared several items recently including:

- There is a new proposal to ban “forever chemicals” in firefighting foams throughout the EU. The ECHA concluded that an EU-wide restriction is justified as the risks posed by PFASs are currently not adequately controlled and releases should be minimized. ECHA is presenting an online info session on April 5th, 2022 to answer questions. You can learn more and get registered for this webinar here: “Restriction of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) in firefighting foams.” There will be a live Q&A during the virtual event.

- ECHA together with the OECD will present the webinar “New developments and regulatory applications of the OECD QSAR Toolbox.” This webinar is scheduled for April 28th, 2022 and there will be live Q&A during the event.

- The submission of the Annex XV restriction report on 4,4’-isopropylidenediphenol (bisphenol A, BPA) (EC 201-245-8, CAS 80-05-7) by Germany is postponed to October 7th, 2022.

- There is a proposal to identify a new substance of very high concern (SVHC). N-(Hydroxymethyl)acrylamide (EC 213-103-2, CAS 924-42-5) used as monomer for polymerization. The reasons for proposing the new substance are carcinogenic and mutagenic. There is a public comment period, which will close on April 19th, 2022. To submit a comment for this substance, visit this webpage.

- New intention to identify 1,1’-[ethane-1,2-diylbis(oxy)]bis[2,4,6-tribromobenzene and 2,2’,6,6’-tetrabromo-4,4’-isopropylidenediphenol as SVHC. The two substances have been entered onto the Registry of SVHC Intentions until outcome. The submission reports for both of these substances are expected April 8, 2022.
Resources for HazCom Professionals

Webinars, articles, podcasts, and events help HazCom professionals explore topics and learn from others’ insights. Share the resources you find with the SCHC Member Engagement committee and we may be able to share them in the newsletter and elsewhere.

For example, ChemTrec Learning Academy posted free webinars and webinar recordings available to the public. Below are two of the several offered:

- Recording: Managing Test Summary Requirements through Knowledge & Innovation

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