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Continuing the SCHC Legacy

For many of us, we are happy to bid farewell to 2020, and have new hopes for a less pandemic-centric new year. With news of the vaccines, we are optimistic that SCHC will once again be able to host an in-person meeting and enjoy more successes together.

We also want to thank our four Board Members whose terms are expiring this Spring for their extraordinary contributions to our society: Kirsten Alcock, Atanu Das, Paula Laux, and Panagiotis “Noti” Mikroudis. Current members are asked to vote to fill the empty Board seats by February 26th via SCHC.org. The torch will be passed in the Spring to the four new Board members, and our Society will celebrate its 42nd year with momentum.

[Newsworthy](#) from the OSHA-SCHC Alliance

OSHA Reminder: [2020 Injury & Illness Data Due by March 2, 2021](#)

OSHA COVID Update: [January 4th List of Resources \(including vaccination information\)](#)

[Safe + Sound 2020 Year in Review](#)

[Fall 2020 OSHA Regulatory Agenda](#)

Mark Your Calendar

February 2-3, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Overview of the Biocidal Products Regulations](#)

February 23-25, 2021 - SCHC Distance Learning: [UK REACH Practicalities](#)

February 26, 2021 - [SCHC Ballots Due for Board of Directors](#)

March 1-2, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Basic Toxicology](#)

March 8-9, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Advanced Toxicology](#)

March 17-18, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: [Introduction to Basic SDS Writing](#)

April 20-28, 2021 - CHCS Distance Learning: [CLP Classification](#)



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From the Member
Engagement Desk

From the Member Engagement Desk

Happy 2021, everyone! I am sure we are all happy to be starting a fresh calendar year (mine has goats on it) and moving forward into a hopefully brighter year. I know that where I am now is quite different from where I was in January 2020.

New years are always so interesting to me. We see them as a chance to restart and reset. We make resolutions. We reflect and plan to improve. How well we do with following through on these resolutions is hard to say. I find that the small changes are easier, and shorter goals work better for me than longer goals. Each new day is a chance for a new goal and a day to be a bit better than before, so one of my goals this year is to try to do one positive thing each day. Compliment my coworker's new shirt. Laugh at one of my husband's jokes. Play with my cat even though it's 3:30am and I really want to go back to sleep. Write a more hopeful article for the newsletter and get it to Janelly before 5pm the day it is due (it is currently 3:15pm so I think I'm going to make it.)

2021 may be nothing in December like it is now in January. Hopefully the pandemic will be almost eliminated. We may have an in-person conference or it may have to be virtual again. We may continue to wear masks indoors and socially distance, or maybe we'll just try to leave a little extra room when we chat at a coffee break. Will it look more like December 2019 or December 2020? Or will something completely new throw us all for a loop (who could have seen murder hornets coming??).

The Member Engagement Committee has a lot of work ahead of it. We are reworking the awards process, working on some revamping of the Speaker's Bureau, and also looking on moving into videos to provide more information to our members about the organization and our offerings.

I look forward to seeing what this new year brings us. I hope it will be a brighter year than 2020. All I know is that I'm looking forward to working with my SCHC colleagues to see what new things we can do in 2021.

Chandra Gioiello
Chair, Member Engagement Committee

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2021 SCHC Board of
Director Voting Ballots
Due

New SCHC PDC: UK
REACH Practicalities

2021 SCHC Board of Director Voting Ballots Due

Submitted by Mark Cohen, Nominating Committee Chair

This Spring, the terms of four members of the SCHC Board of Directors will expire.

The Nominating Committee has chosen well-qualified candidates for the positions. All of the candidates' biographies appear on the ballot page on the SCHC website, and you can review them [here](#).

Please complete the ballot, selecting UP TO FOUR (4) candidates for the Board. *Before submitting your vote, please ensure you have checked ONLY four or less of the possible candidates for the Board!* If more than four names are checked for the Board positions, your entire ballot will be rendered invalid and cannot be counted.

The ballot deadline is midnight Friday, February 26, 2021. No ballots will be accepted after that date.

The candidates who are elected will be announced in the March Newsletter and posted on the SCHC website.

Remember, your vote really counts in an organization this size. It is important to elect the best possible people to continue the tradition of excellence and leadership that has led to the growth and success of SCHC.

We look forward to your participation in this important election.

SCHC New Professional Development Course: UK REACH Practicalities

View the [brochure](#) and get registered for this distance learning course.



Regulatory

Protecting Worker Health
and Safety Executive
Order

OSHA after the
Inauguration of the 46th
President

“Protecting Worker Health and Safety” Executive Order

On January 21st, 2021, President Biden signed an [executive order](#) to direct federal regulators to issue stronger safety guidance for workplaces operating during the pandemic. “Ensuring the health and safety of workers is a national priority and a moral imperative... [i]t is the policy of my Administration to protect the health and safety of workers from COVID-19”.



OSHA after the Inauguration of 46th President

Excerpts by Dave Johnson, ISHN Editor-at-Large, [“ISHN.com”](#)

In a recent article [“Biden plans to ramp up OSHA”](#) by Dave Johnson, the Editor-at-large outlined some of the expected changes to occur under the United States newly-sworn in President Biden. *“This much is certain, based on public statements President-elect Joseph Biden made during his campaign, and since his election: The incoming president wants OSHA to issue an emergency temporary standard (ETS) for COVID-19 protections in the workplace, and he wants to double the number of federal OSHA inspectors.”*

COVID-19 will be an immediate concern for the Biden administration. There will be an emphasis of working with essential and non-essential workplaces to distribute the coronavirus vaccine and ensure continued worker safety. In Biden’s [first days as President](#), he has launched a “100 Days Masking Challenge” for all Americans, and signed an Executive Order requiring masks and social distancing rules be adhered to on federal properties. He also signed an Executive Order directing the OMB to develop recommendations to modernize regulatory review.

Johnson also writes *“[t]he coming months, and perhaps years, will see tension between activists who want an aggressive “policing” OSHA and moderates who see benefits in a less adversarial, more collaborative approach that values outreach to all stakeholders, partnerships, and expert advisory boards and task forces. There is across-the-board agreement in one area: the agency needs to modernize.... [and] the agency needs to do much internal reconstruction”*. He outlines a long view of what internal renovations could achieve and the challenges of change, many of which have been speed bumps for OSHA throughout its 50-year history.

REGULATORY

Model WHS Act Cross-Comparison Table

CA Prop 65: BPA and Proposed Rulemaking for Short-form Warnings

Model WHS Act Cross-Comparison Table

Safe Work Australia has implemented model Work Health and Safety (WHS) laws across much of Australia, Tasmania and the Commonwealth. There are minor variations in some jurisdictions, and Safe Work Australia has created a [cross-comparison table](#) that summarizes the similarities and differences between the model WHS Act and the WHS Acts of the jurisdictions that have adopted the model WHS Act. The table can be downloaded by using the link above.

Businesses that operate in more than one jurisdiction can use the comparison table to identify how the relevant WHS Acts differ in harmonized jurisdictions.

Most jurisdictions have implemented the model WHS Act. Western Australia has implemented the model WHS Act but it will not commence operation until regulations are finalized. The model WHS Act has not been implemented in Victoria.

The table will be updated periodically in consultation with jurisdictions, for example, to reflect any amendments to the model WHS Act or jurisdiction WHS Acts.

CA PROP 65: Bisphenol A (BPA) and Proposed Rulemaking for Short-form Warnings

California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) released a [notice](#) regarding the reinstating the listing of Bisphenol A (BPA) as known to the State of California to cause reproductive toxicity. The notice is adding developmental endpoint to the existing reproductive toxicity (female endpoint) listing of bisphenol A (BPA) (CAS RN 80-05-7) on the Proposition 65 list of chemicals. Bisphenol A was originally added in May of 2015.

OEHHA also issued a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Amendments to Article 6, Clear and Reasonable Warnings Short-form Warnings](#). The written public comment period for this notice is January 8, 2021 - March 8, 2021. Article 6 of Title 27 was adopted in 2016 and operative in 2018, and included provisions for short-form warnings, however there has been widespread use of the short-form warnings that do not adhere to the intents and purposes of Proposition 65. Various inquiries requesting clarification drove the OEHHA to amend Article 6. Several sections will be impacted.

REGULATORY

Amendment of Canada's Hazardous Products Regulations to 7th edition and Hazardous Products Act

ECHA Updates - Transfer of UK Registration and Candidate List Update

Amendment of Canada's Hazardous Products Regulations to 7th edition and Hazardous Products Act

Canada Gazette released information about changes upcoming to the GHS 7th edition and Hazardous Products Act. The changes are extensive and can be found by visiting the links below.

Regulations Amending the Hazardous Products Regulations (GHS, Seventh Revised Edition): [Regulations Amending the Hazardous Products Regulations \(GHS, Seventh Revised Edition\)](#)

Order Amending Schedule 2 to the Hazardous Products Act: [Order Amending Schedule 2 to the Hazardous Products Act](#)

[Pdf](#)

ECHA Updates - Transfer of UK Registration and Candidate List Update

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) shared several updates:

[Transfer of UK registration to the EU to be completed by the end of March 2021](#) Some highlights:

Of the 2,140 REACH registrants in the UK, 80% started or completed their transfer of their registrations to the EU by the end of the transition period on December 31, 2020.

At least 2,900 UK registrations are now void and will be revoked as their transfer to the EU was not initiated by the end of 2020.

268 substances that were only registered with UK-based companies were not transferred and the corresponding registrations will be revoked.

[Candidate List updated for two chemicals that are toxic for reproduction.](#) Both substances are used in products, such as inks and toners, or produce plastics and rubber tires. Substances:

1. Bis(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethyl)ether
2. Dioctyltin dilaurate, stannane, dioctyl-, bis(coco acyloxy) derivs., and any other stannane, dioctyl-, bis(fatty acyloxy) derivs. wherein C12 is the predominant carbon number of the fatty acyloxy moiety

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Member Perks

Belonging to SCHC gives you access to resources like the Directory of the Members and benefits from collaborations, like the OSHA-SCHC Alliance. One of our Member Perks that benefits members and helps grow our industry is our [Hazcom Job Board](#). Employers and job seekers alike can find new connections when they log on to their SCHC Member profile and upload job listings or search for new career opportunities.

SCHC works well because of all the pieces that go together. Like puzzle pieces, our organization grows from our perks and active participation from our leadership, contributors and members. Let us know what are some of your favorite Member perks or what we might be missing. Email your thoughts to memberengagement@schc.org.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Please send all newsworthy newsletter topics to the Member Engagement Committee by email to Member_engagement@schc.org.