

# SCHC Monthly Newsletter

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## Thank You to All Who Joined Us in Las Vegas!

We are grateful to all who made the trek to Las Vegas for the SCHC 2019 Spring Meeting. It was fantastic to see many familiar faces and meet many new members and Hazcom professionals. It was a pleasure to spend time with the speakers and attendants during the Professional Development Courses and General Meeting, the Reception and Poster session, and at the Networking Events.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Meeting in Arlington! With so many changes happening in our industry this year, we are excited to have this upcoming event to hear industry leaders share their knowledge.



*Ann Thompson, Past SCHC President, and current SCHC President Jennifer Mahoney welcome attendees and speakers*

Want to relive some of the meeting's highlights?  
Check out SCHC's Twitter feed  
<https://twitter.com/HazComSociety>

## Mark Your Calendars

**September 21-25, 2019** - SCHC Fall Meeting in Arlington, Virginia.



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Newly Elected Leadership

## **SCHC Leadership Elected by Membership**

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*Contributed by Mark Cohen, Chair, Nominating Committee*

The all-volunteer leadership for the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication has been determined and are positioned to assume their new roles at close of the second day of the upcoming Spring 2019 meeting scheduled for March 16 – 20, 2019 at the Tropicana Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada.

This Spring, the terms of four members of the Board of Directors expire. The Nominating Committee consisting of Ann Brockhaus, Mark Cohen, Jon Hellerstein, Suzanne Matuszewski and Luc Séguin identified qualified members interested in assuming these leadership roles. The Nominating Committee, working closely with SCHC Administrator Lori Chaplin, presented an outstanding slate of qualified candidates for membership consideration. The election results were finalized at the end of February.

Elected to Board of Directors positions (2019 – 2021) are:

Kirsten Alcock  
Beth Bidstrup  
Atanu Das  
Paula Laux

These four newly elected Directors join returning Directors (2017 – 2019) Paul Brigandi, Ari Lewis, Robert Skoglund, Michele Sullivan, and Danielle Svestka who is the newly elected Chair of the Board for 2019-2020.

SCHC's Officer lineup remains the same for the next year:

Beth Dederick as Secretary Treasurer  
Julia Diebol as Vice President  
Jennifer Mahoney as President  
Ann Thompson as Past President

Please join me in congratulating these leaders and in thanking them for their service. Special recognition and thanks go to those candidates who, while not elected to serve at this time, stepped up and demonstrated their willingness to serve.

Calling all interested leaders...service, through leadership, is the shared responsibility of our membership. SCHC is fortunate to have highly qualified and committed members, representing many aspects of the Hazard Communication industry, serving our membership at all levels.

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## SCHC

Newly Elected Leadership

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SCHC History—Chapter 2

### **SCHC Leadership Elected by Membership** *(continued)*

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We need YOU.....committee participation and committee leadership are the heart of the SCHC. This is where our leaders start their journey. Members who are in good standing are qualified and invited to run for Board positions. Board service is required for those seeking Officer positions. You are invited to join the leadership in serving the mission and members of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication.

### **Growth and Growing Pains – Chapter 2 of the SCHC Story**

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*Contributed by Sharen Breyer, Chair, SCHC Heritage Committee*

As part of our series celebrating SCHC’s 40-year history, this chapter covers the politics and solutions that manufacturers and regulatory agencies struggled with after an industry-changing report was released in 1965.

The American Conference on Chemical Labeling, or ACCL, was formed in 1979 specifically to discuss and address label-related issues in the chemical industry, and there was A LOT to discuss.

The U.S. Public Health Service had issued a report in 1965 finding that a new chemical entered the U.S. workplace every 20 minutes, and there was growing evidence of strong links between cancer and the workplace. OSHA began addressing those concerns quickly after it was established by publishing standards covering known carcinogens like asbestos, lead and coke oven emissions. These actions were welcomed by the labor unions and occupational medicine practitioners. In 1976, OSHA established a joint coordinating committee with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for private-public sector voluntary standards activities that would affect safety and health in the workplace, and an ANSI committee on chemical labeling was formed in 1979. Things were moving quickly!



However, this flurry of regulatory activity also generated quite a backlash from business and industry, and several attempts were made to weaken or repeal these activities and cut the budgets of the federal agencies involved. Many members of Congress were certain that this “over-regulation” of the chemical industry would stifle industrial growth, hamper innovation and cut profitability. *(continued on page 4)*



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SCHC History—Chapter 2  
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## Chapter 2 of the SCHC Story *(continued)*

Despite the backlash, OSHA pressed on and published the 1983 **Hazard Communication Standard** that required employers to implement an information and training program to educate and protect workers from the effects of hazardous chemicals in the workplace.

This rapidly developing new regulatory landscape made the fledgling ACCL a welcome and popular forum for industry professionals. Adding to the appeal was that the ACCL had been founded as an independent organization without any specific ties to the chemical industry in general, or company in particular.



*Photo credit: Special thanks to my friend, fellow chemist and former colleague Dan Butkus, who found these containers in his late father's garage last fall]*

Membership in the ACCL was open to any and all interested and/or involved in this new field of chemical hazard communication, and the group grew rapidly. But that growth began to be problematic, as many of the ACCL members were NOT members of the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA), so the existing arrangement for CMA staff support for the labeling group was becoming uncomfortably strained. It was clear that it was time to explore the option of a complete separation from the CMA.

On March 5, 1982, the ACCL became officially incorporated in the District of Columbia with Charles J. O'Connor and A. Thayer Talcott as the incorporators. Washington D.C. attorney and ACCL member John E. Gillick, Esq. facilitated the incorporation. By-Laws were drawn up and adopted, a Board of Directors was elected, and the American Conference on Chemical Labeling, with G. Robert Sido as Chairman and James J. Trexel as President became a free-standing and self-supporting organization and began to chart its own course.

**Next Installment: Continued Growth and a New Name**



## REGULATORY UPDATES

TSCA Milestone & List of  
40 Chemicals

CA Prop 65 Coffee  
Exemption

### **EPA Announces TSCA Milestone & Identifies 40 Chemicals to Prioritize for Risk Evaluation**

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On March 20th, 2019, the US Environmental Protection Agency made progress in its implementation of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical safety for the 21st Century Act by publishing a list of 40 chemicals to begin the prioritization process. This list is an expected start to the new process of reviewing chemicals under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

EPA reiterated that initiating a chemical does not mean that the risk level has been determined for human health or the environment. Their action plan is to designate 20 chemicals as “high-priority” for subsequent risk evaluation and 20 chemicals as “low-priority”.

Read the full [EPA press release about the milestone](#) or view the [list of 40 chemicals](#).

### **California Proposition 65 Amends Coffee Warning**

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California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is in the process of amending Cal Prop 65 to exempt the carcinogenic-risk labeling associated with chemicals inherent to the roasting/brewing coffee. While a coffee bean naturally contains more than 300 compounds and 1,000 more are created in the roasting process, the primary cancer risk was focused on acrylamide.

After extensive research, the OEHHA has determined that roasting coffee or brewing coffee does not pose a significant risk of cancer and is [requesting comments from the public by April 2nd, 2019 via their website about the modified language for CA Prop 65 § 25704](#).





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During the SCHC Spring Meeting, attendees had the option to attend [AIHA Registry Prep](#). For some, completing this comprehensive Registry program has opened new doors and provided access to new resources.

The American Industrial Hygiene Association has named 12 new IH/OEHS professionals with Fellows designations and these individuals will be honored at the upcoming American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition. Find the [list of 2019 AIHA Fellows here](#).



### CDC National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals 2019

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The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has posted its National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals and Updated Tables, which has been disseminated in two volumes. The first is chemicals measured in the general U.S. population and the second is for persistent organic pollutants and pesticides.

You can read about this Report and how the CDC collects its data by visiting [this webpage](#).



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SCHC Anniversary T-shirt

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**SCHC 40th Anniversary T-shirt in Las Vegas**

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The 40th Anniversary T-Shirt was a hit in Las Vegas with nearly 50 shirts purchased. They will next be available at the Fall Meeting in Arlington, Virginia.



**A Special Thanks to the Volunteers in Las Vegas**

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We'd like to share our appreciation for the hardworking volunteers who helped to organize the event, dedicate their time at the event, serve as ambassadors for SCHC, and overall make this event dynamic and welcoming. It was a tremendous effort and we know we couldn't do it without you!



*Lori Chaplin (standing) with volunteers at Registration.*

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*Networking Event Hosts did a great job, like getting this group to Emeril's!*

**OUTREACH AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER**

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