

# SCHC Monthly Newsletter

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## 2019 Marks SCHC's 40th Anniversary!!!

We are thrilled to be celebrating 40 years of growing our network, serving the Hazard Communication field, and contributing to improving safety measures and standards that impact the world. Each day, what we do together makes a difference in workplaces, in homes, in communities, and for the environment.



Our collective contributions over these past four decades have created a distinguished legacy for our organization, and we're honored to continue the organization's mission and grow our Membership for future progress.

Share your **#ProudMemberSCHC** story by submitting a highlight of how SCHC has made a difference for you to the Outreach Committee at [socialmedia@SCHC.org](mailto:socialmedia@SCHC.org) and we'll feature it during SCHC's 40th Anniversary celebrations!

## Mark Your Calendars

**January 31, 2019 - T-shirt Contest Entries DUE!** See page 9 for details or visit [www.SCHC.org/tshirtcontest](http://www.SCHC.org/tshirtcontest)

**February 22, 2019 - Deadline for [SCHC 2019 Board Elections](#)**

**February 26, 2019 - Register for [The Role of Consumer Safety Regulations in North America](#) webinar** discussing the latest rules impacting consumer safety regulations in Canada, the United States and Mexico. Jeremy Long, a regulatory scientist at Knoell USA, will be presenting.

**March 16 –20, 2019 - Join us at the 2019 SCHC Spring Meeting.** The event will be held at the Tropicana Resort on the famous Las Vegas strip. **[EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!](#)**



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Letter from the President

## Letter from the President

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Dear Reader -

We're very excited to announce that our [2019 SCHC Spring Meeting](#) is only a few months away. We invite you to join us Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Las Vegas at the Tropicana Resort for an in-depth experience where you can interact with leaders in the industry and network with colleagues from around the world.

### Things to Know Before You Go:

**Open Registration** has begun and you can [register online](#) at [www.SCHC.org](http://www.SCHC.org).

2019 Member Rate\*: \$330

Non-Member Rate\*: \$380

**Early-Bird Registration** will save you money! For the first time we are offering an Early-Bird discount available through February 9, 2019.

2019 Member Early-Bird Rate: \$280

Non-Member Rate: \$330

***That's a \$50 savings per registrant!***

**Tropicana Resort Special Room Rates** are available until February 22, 2019 but **WILL LIKELY SELL OUT EARLY.** [Reserve your room now.](#)

**Poster Session and Reception** will be March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to present a poster, review the [Call for Abstracts](#) on [SCHC.org](http://SCHC.org)

**[Professional Development Courses](#)** (PDC) fill up fast, so visit [SCHC.org](http://SCHC.org) to reserve your spot early. It is a first-come, first-serve opportunity. SCHC Members receive a deep discount on PDC courses, and there is still time to renew/begin your membership or receive a free webinar or even a VISA gift card through the SCHC Refer-a-Friend program.



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Letter from the President  
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### **Letter from the President (continued)**

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**AIHA Registry** will offer the Registered Professional, SDS and Label Authoring exam in Las Vegas. Visit the [event page](#) for information.

**SCHC Board Meeting** on March 18, 2019 from 1 pm – 5 pm. All are invited. RSVP your spot by emailing [schc.lori@verizon.net](mailto:schc.lori@verizon.net) with your interest.

**Call for Dinner Hosts.** If you'd like to volunteer as a dinner host for one of the SCHC social networking events, [contact](#) the SCHC Membership Committee.

### **Early-Bird Meeting Registration and payment DEADLINE: February 9, 2019**

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas for what promises to be one of the most informative and comprehensive hazard communication events in 2019. We encourage everyone to make this investment to grow your professional development and gain invaluable networking connections that come from attending the general meeting, professional development courses, board and committee meetings, poster session and reception, alongside multiple networking opportunities.

If you haven't already, now is the perfect time to renew or begin your SCHC Membership. Not only will you save on this event, this is also an extraordinary time to join the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication to expand your influence on the future of Hazard Communications for your own goals and those of your customers. Our industry is ever-changing on the global forefront and our combined efforts can make a difference.

### **See you in Vegas!**

Best regards,

Jennifer L. Mahoney, President  
Society for Chemical Hazard Communication

\* Our apologies for any confusion - SCHC's website has been updated with corrected rates for 2019.



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BOD Elections

## 2019 Board of Directors Election

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This Spring, the terms of four current Board of Directors members will expire. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Mark S. Cohen, has assembled a selection of well-qualified candidates. This year's candidates are:

Kirsten Alcock is a Manager of the Product safety Group at Dell Tech Laboratories. She is a current Board member and is seeking re-election.

Beth L. Bidstrup, MHS, CIH, is a Director of H2 Compliance, Inc. She is a current Board member, is part of the Program and Outreach committees, and is seeking re-election.

Atanu Das, CHMM, SDSRP, is the owner of MSDSWriter, LLC. He is currently serving as a Board Member Chair, board liaison to the web committee, and is seeking re-election.

Paula Laux is a Senior Regulatory Specialist with the Regulatory Assurances and Data Insight team at UL's Product Supply Chain. She serves on SCHC's Program Committee. If elected, this would be Paula's first term on the Board.

Douglas Strock is a VP at Global Language Translations and Consulting, Inc. If elected, this would be Douglas's first term on the Board.

[Their full bios are available on SCHC.org as is the electronic voting ballot.](#) SCHC Members are invited to vote for UP TO FOUR (4) candidates.

**The deadline to vote is February 22, 2019.** No ballots will be accepted after that time.

The candidates who are elected will be announced at the 2019 Spring meeting in Las Vegas.





## REGULATORY UPDATES

### EPA Inspector General's New Strategic Plan

## A Closer Look at EPA Inspector General's New Strategic Plan

The EPA Strategic Plan was a drastic departure from the prior strategic plan. The EPA strategic plan for 2019 to 2023 is in stark contrast to the prior strategic plan and could be characterized as a repudiation of the prior administration's vision for an inclusive and proactive EPA.

In the new EPA strategic plan, the stated goals reflect a new direction for the EPA:

- **Core Mission:** Deliver real results to provide Americans with clean air, land and water, and ensure chemical safety
- **Cooperative Federalism:** Rebalance the power between Washington, D.C., and the states to create tangible environmental results for the American people.

**Rule of Law and Process:** Administer the law as Congress intends, to refocus the agency on its statutory obligations under the law.

Whereas the previous 2014 to 2018 EPA strategic plan included the following goals:

- Addressing climate change and improving air quality.
- Protecting America's waters.
- Cleaning up communities and advancing sustainable development.
- Ensuring the safety of chemicals and preventing pollution.
- Protecting human health and the environment by enforcing laws and ensuring compliance.



Extensive details on this perspective of the EPA can be found at <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/a-closer-look-at-epa-inspector-general-96204/>

## REGULATORY UPDATES

### ECHA BPR Substitution Plan

## **ECHA Issues Public Consultation on Potential Candidates Substitution**

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The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) updated their website with an [announcement](#) addressing its strategy for potential substitutions in regards to active substances that meet any of the criteria listed for substitutions listed in Article 10(1) of the Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR). The ECHA outlined its plans to open a public consultation before submitting an opinion on the approval or renewal of the active substance to the Commission.

During the consultation, the following information will be made public:

- the substance identity (name and EC/CAS numbers),
- product-type(s),
- evaluating competent authority,
- intended uses, and
- condition(s) of Article 10(1) that are met.

The intent is to support the comparative assessment that is required for the authorization of biocidal products containing the active substance(s) (considered as a candidate for substitution).



The public consultation will last for 60 days. Third parties may participate using a secure web-form.

The Biocidal Products Committee will evaluate the confidential and non-confidential information they receive before giving a final opinion.



## REGULATORY UPDATES

### OSHA Beryllium Update

## OSHA Announces Proposed Revision to the Beryllium Standard

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OSHA announced in a [press release](#) a proposed rule to revise the beryllium standard for general industry. A [public inspection version](#) of the proposed rule is available – it was published in the Federal Register on Dec. 11, 2018. Comments are due by Feb. 9, 2019.



The proposed changes are designed to clarify the standard, and to simplify or improve compliance. The proposed rule would amend selected paragraphs of the [standard](#), including:

- “Definitions,”
- “Methods of Compliance,”
- “Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment,”
- “Hygiene Areas and Practices,”
- “Housekeeping,”
- “Medical Surveillance,”
- “Hazard Communication,” and
- “Recordkeeping.”

It would also remove the existing Appendix A, which lists suggested controls, and replace it with a new Appendix A, **Operations for Establishing Beryllium Work Areas.**

The proposal satisfies a settlement agreement with stakeholders that had concerns about some provisions in the 2017 beryllium final rule. OSHA expects the proposed changes would provide employees with equivalent safety and health protections to the current standard.

**The proposed rule would affect approximately 50,500 workers in general industry, and is estimated to yield minor net cost savings to employers.**



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Members Spotlight -  
Board Members at the  
Spring Meeting

## **Members Spotlight — Board Members at the Spring Meeting**

### **Ann Thompson—SCHC Past President (2018 - 2020)**

“Don’t gamble away your professional development time and money—invest in yourself with a SCHC PDC course and by attending the SCHC Spring plenary session.”

### **Kirsten Alcock—Board Member**

“I am looking forward to the meeting in Las Vegas as it is an opportunity to not only catch up with my fellow colleagues, but a great environment to share and learn new information. The SCHC is a wonderful organization in which one can keep up-to-date on new and changing regulations throughout the world. The speakers are always interesting and extremely knowledgeable. After every meeting, I always bring back new information for my colleagues back in the office.”

### **Ari S. Lewis—Board Member**

“I am looking forward to all of the interesting discussions during the forum sessions.”

### **Jennifer L. Mahoney—SCHC President**

“I look forward to every SCHC meeting as an opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues, as well as to learn from the talented array of speakers scheduled across our agenda.

Las Vegas itself is a unique location, offering excitement and opportunity outside the meeting as well, whether one stays on The Strip, heads downtown to Fremont Street, or enjoys the natural beauty of the area at Red Rock Canyon, Lake Mead, or even further afield to the Grand Canyon or Mojave Desert.”



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T-Shirt Contest

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### SCHC T-Shirt Contest

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Calling all artists and doodlers, you are invited to enter the SCHC T-shirt contest.

Steps:

- 1) Sketch, doodle, or expertly design an image that professionally represents SCHC and its 40th Anniversary
- 2) Submit your work to [socialmedia@schc.org](mailto:socialmedia@schc.org) by January 31, 2019

Contest winner's will be announced by Valentine's Day and T-shirts will be available at the Spring Meeting and online.

The winner of the T-shirt contest will receive one free webinar and, of course, a t-shirt with your design.

Not 100% confident in your artistic skills? We can have a professional graphics artist translate your sketch into the final art work. If you hand draw an image, take a photo of it with your smartphone, and email it to us. It's that simple.

Graphic artists, please visit [www.schc.org/tshirtcontest](http://www.schc.org/tshirtcontest) for graphic requirements.

### OUTREACH AND NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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Please send all news worthy newsletter topics to Renee Warner ([renee.warner@kimballmidwest.com](mailto:renee.warner@kimballmidwest.com)) and Danielle Svestka ([svestka\\_danielle@elanco.com](mailto:svestka_danielle@elanco.com)) for inclusion in future newsletters.

