

# Georgia Local Section

Quarterly Newsletter

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## GLS President's Column – April 2011

As the Spring Vendor's day meeting approaches, I am excited by the listing of candidates we have running for office for the upcoming year. This year, we have decided to introduce all of the candidates to the membership during the Vendors Day meeting so that as each of you go to place your vote on the ballot, you will be familiar with each of the candidates. Better yet, I feel certain that as I move into the position of past president, I am leaving the membership in the very capable hands of Art Wickman. I have no doubts that he will do an excellent job in his post as president.

I encourage each of you to attend the upcoming Vendor's Day meeting, not only to meet the candidates, but also because we have an excellent lineup of speakers and vendors that will be attending. Mr. Aaron Trippler will be flying in from Washington, DC to give an update on what topics are hot on the national AIHA agenda. Mr. Bob Glenn, MPH, CIH, will be providing an excerpt from his PDC that he normally provides at AIHce about exposure to silica and its impact on the workforce. Additionally, Mr. Brian Christensen will be presenting his

research he is conducting at NIOSH.

As president, I enjoyed working with the members of our board and executive committee and want to thank each and every one of them. In particular, I would like to thank Vicki Ainslie for her tireless work putting together the newsletters and organizing the ads. Dr. Pat Brogan has done a tremendous job stepping into the position of treasurer. She has helped out tremendously with the planning of meetings from start to finish. Her collaboration with Stan Salisbury to completely update the CM points page, I hope, has been an asset to each of our members as they submit their certification points to the board. Art Wickman, who will be president in a short period of time and Barb Epstien, past president

have both been a tremendous help with not only securing speakers, but helping to organize every aspect of the operation of the local section. I also would like to thank Kate Nichols, David Matthews, Wes Barfield, and Stan Salisbury, who all have been so helpful in not only providing guidance but helping make this such a successful year. I would like to point out that even though Stan is retired and has moved to Florida, he still works tirelessly to help us out of crisis anytime there are any issues with the website. Thanks a million!

Good luck to the new board, I know you will do great. Hope everyone has a happy and safe summer.

Best regards,

—*Jenny Houlroyd*  
President, GLS

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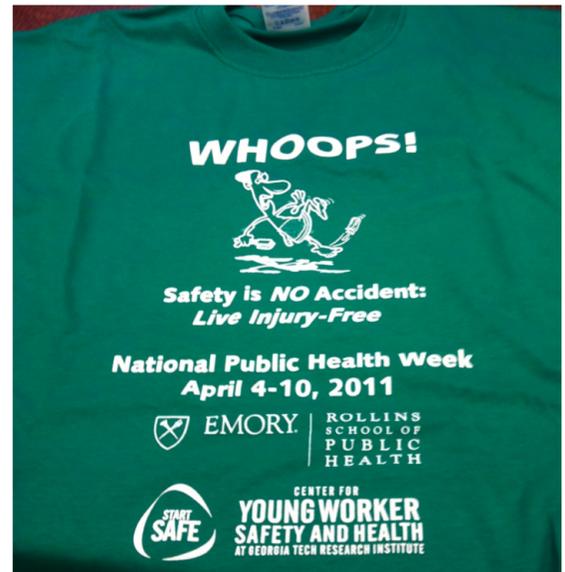
## National Public Health Week Theme “Safety is NO Accident: Live Injury-Free”

This year, National Public Health Week (NPHW) was observed April 4 -10 and focused on the theme “Safety is NO Accident: Live Injury-Free.” The Student Government Association at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University partnered with The Center for Young Worker Safety and Health at Georgia Tech Research Institute to promote the message of living injury free.

In the weeks leading up to NPHW, students from the Rollins School of Public Health volunteered their time to film two videos that will be used in the young worker safety and health training for the Youth Center at GTRI. These videos that were filmed at Emory were premiered at the “Protecting Tomorrow’s Workforce” Movie Premier night, which was the kickoff event for NPHW. Speakers at this event included Ms. Shaklyla Smith, MPH, CHES, Deputy Director of the Emory Center for Injury Control and Jenny Houlroyd, MSPH, Project Director for the Center for Young Worker Safety and Health at GTRI. The event included popcorn (which was served by GLS President Elect Art Wickman) and drinks. The videos, which were produced by Hilarie Warren, MPH, Carlos Rios, and Dylan Demyanek, were a huge hit and will serve as a valuable learning tool for future students.

Later in the week, The Center for Young Worker Safety and Health at GTRI also collaborated with OSHA, Atlanta Cycling, and the The Association of Black Public Health Students for the “YIELD TO ROAD

SAFETY: Safe Walking, Biking, and Driving” event. During this event, posters that were submitted to the Start Safe poster contest, in collaboration with the Struck By Alliance and the Gulf Coast Safety Institutem were put on display and participants in the event were allowed to vote for their favorite. OSHA representative brought lots of helping information and their “Fatal vision” goggles to show Emory students what it would be like to take a sobriety test and walk the line while being “intoxicated.” Atlanta Cycling was there to talk about safe cycling and even raffeled off several helmets. Overall, the events were a resounding success.



Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health's NPHW t-shirt.

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## 2011-12 Candidates for GLS- AIHA Positions

The following GLS members have answered the call to be candidates in races for the 2011-2012 GLS executive board:

- Candidate for President Elect: Alex Lehockey
- Candidate for Secretary: Della Ridley
- Candidate for Treasurer: Pat Brogan
- Candidates for First Year Director:  
Chris DePasquale, Yulia Iossifova, Don Metcalfe

At the April 27th Vendors' Day meeting, we will introduce these individuals and recognize them for their willingness to stand as candidates. Following the meeting, we will be sending out an email ballot, and will announce the results of the election on May 11th. The bios submitted by each of the candidates can be viewed at: <http://www.georgiaaiha.org/resources/Documents/Board%20Candidates%20Nominations%204-18-11.pdf>

Come to the April 27th meeting and greet these fine individuals in person.

## As Time Goes By...

...the fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene still apply!

We are grateful for the contributions, acquired wisdom, and camaraderie of the following members, who have been with the Georgia Local Section for more than 30 years (prior to 1980).

We would love to have these distinguished pre-1980 members come to the Spring Meeting April 27th, where we can congratulate you in person.

Phil Williams - May 1975  
Grover Higgins - June 1975  
Ed Kahal - October 1976  
Teresa Harrison - Jan 1978  
Della Ridley - Jan 1978  
Stan Salisbury - Jan 1979  
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-- Art Wickman, GLS Pres-Elect, 2010-11

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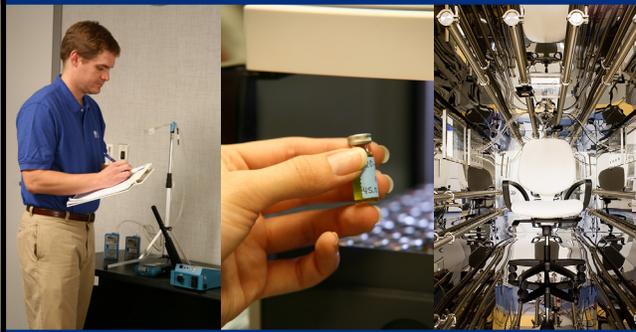
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## Update on Budget Battles

Aaron Trippler, director of Government Affairs for the AIHA, will be providing an update on the budget battles currently being waged in Washington. You will want to come hear him discuss current legislative and budget impacts to OSHA, MSHA, NIOSH, and EPA. However, if you would like to get a preview of his latest message on these issues, please see his "Hill Happenings Special Report: Federal Budget Update" posted on the [GLS Web site](#) under "News."

### ABIH CM Points

The American Board of Industrial Hygiene has awarded certification maintenance (CM) points for the Fall (25 October 2010) and Winter (25 January 2011) Georgia Local Section Meetings.

The approval numbers and CM points are:  
October 2010: 10-701 for 1.0 CM  
January 2011: 11-622 for 0.84 CM

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

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## 2011 AIHF Georgia Scholarship Winner Announced

The 2011 winner of the industrial hygiene scholarship, awarded by the American Industrial



*Opaneye Oluwakare*

Hygiene Foundation with funds contributed by the Georgia Local Section, is Opaneye Oluwakare. Mr. Oluwakare is a first year Master of Public Health student at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, with a concentration in Environmental and Occupational Health. In addition to his studies at Emory, Mr. Oluwakare has earned a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree. Working in Nigeria, he has been involved in assessing the occupational hazards of oil rig workers for Exxon Mobil and through industrial hygiene data collection, has helped to address areas where the company has come short in meeting health needs of workers. The scholarship will be awarded at the AIHce, and we hope to have details of the award time and location available for the April 27th meeting.

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## Free CM points for Online Courses offered through CDC

As of November 2010 the following self-paced courses are available from CDC/ATSDR at no charge and have been approved for points by ABIH. Information can be found by visiting the [CDC/ATSDR Web site](http://www.cdc.gov/atcdr).

CM approvals for these courses extend into 2011 and in some cases 2012. There may be other web-based courses in addition to the ones listed below; check the [CDC link](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.abih.org](http://www.abih.org)

for the most current and specific information.

Also note that you will need to create an account with the CDC before you can access the necessary course materials.

Here are some examples:

- Beryllium Toxicity, 0.25 points, 10-1439
- Cadmium Toxicity, 0.25 points, 10-1440
- Chromium Toxicity, 0.33 points, 10-1441

- Taking an Exposure History, 0.25 points, 10-1447
- Uranium Toxicity, 0.33 points, 10-1450
- Toxicity of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), 0.33 points, 10-3017



## Topic Agenda for Spring Meeting of the GLS, 27 April 2011

Topic	Presenter
AIHA Update from The Hill	Aaron Trippler, Director Government Affairs, AIHA
Characterization of Generation and Sampling Methods for Viral Aerosols	Bryan Christensen, PhD, MEPC, LT CDC/NCEH
Occupational Health Program for Silica Exposure and Control of Silicosis	Robert E. Glenn, CIH, Principal Glenn Consulting Group
Presentation of Nominees for the 2011 Board	GLS Board
Vendor Presentations	Vendors

The Spring Vendors' Day meeting will be Wednesday, 27 April 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. (check-in and registration at 8:30 a.m.) at the **Georgia Tech Research Institute Conference Center, 250 14<sup>th</sup> 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").

## Skills USA Contest

GLS members Art Wickman and Barb Epstien, along with ASSE member Warren Philipps, were judges at the 2011 statewide SkillsUSA Occupational Health & Safety contest held in March in conjunction with CEFGA. The winning team from Cross Keys High School, who will advance to the national competition, proudly displays their project notebook (*at right*). The team examined potential airborne hazards in their schools (including shop and other classrooms), as well as in neighborhood businesses.



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## Upcoming Speaker: Bob Glenn

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Bob served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Industrial Minerals Association (IMA-NA), a trade association representing the interests of the industrial minerals industry, and the National Industrial Sand Association (NISA) for over 15 years. The IMA-NA was founded in 2002 under Bob's guidance in collaboration with the leadership of the industrial minerals industry.

In 1998 he retired as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service where he served as Director of the Division of Respiratory Disease Studies of NIOSH. In this capacity, he directed a staff of physicians, epidemiologists, industrial hygienists, and biological scientists conducting occupational lung disease research. Bob began his career in the U.S. Army where he served in Vietnam and was later involved in the demilitarization of chemical warfare agents.

Bob continues to serve as a consulting scientist in the Washington office of Crowell & Moring which he joined in 2004. As a consulting scientist, he provides scientific expertise to the attorneys in the Litigation Group in the areas of product liability and mass toxic tort cases.