



Spring 2024 Symposium and AGM Presenter Biographies

Mental Hygiene; A Superpower for Safer and Healthier Workplaces

Speaker: Theo Heineman

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Theo Heineman, CRSP, CHSC, B.Sc. Ag., is widely recognized as an industry leader and expert in leadership, workforce resilience and workplace safety management systems. Over her 20+ year career, Theo has worked around the world and with hundreds of businesses as a consultant and keynote speaker with the mission of inspiring stronger and safer workplaces. With powerful stories that have the ability to touch and inspire, Theo is a master at motivating owners, managers, and workers into action. Safe workplaces equal reductions in loss along with improvements in productivity and quality, resulting in healthier employees and a more profitable and sustainable business.

Some of Theo's milestones include Woman Entrepreneur of the Year, Canadian Safety Leader of the Year Finalist, and three-time Canadian Society of Safety Engineering award recipient. She is the Founder and CEO of 1Life Workplace Safety Solutions Ltd. Theo is a Board Certified Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) and a Certified Safety and Health Consultant (Canadian Society of Safety Engineering). She is a Certified NeuroChangeSolutions Consultant, personally trained by Dr Joe Dispenza and Certified HeartMath Institute Resilience Advantage Facilitator.



ASHSP 2024 Updates

Speaker: President: Jason Dent, CHSC, CRSP, P.Ag., CRSP, ROH, CIH

Jason Dent is an experienced Health, Safety and Environmental Professional with over 25 years in the profession. Jason is knowledgeable in the areas of occupational safety, occupational hygiene, and environmental consulting.

As a consultant Jason has a wide variety of experience in a multitude of industries, including Commercial, Educational, Manufacturing, Transportation, Oil & Gas Processing, Mining, Construction, Health Care and Hospitality. Jason has worked with and consulted for companies ranging in size from those with under ten employees to national and international brands that operate in multiple countries

With this wide range of experience Jason has gained a unique view of how organizations see and treat safety, and the struggles organizations experience as their safety programs influenced by changing industry trends, socio economic values and worker ideologies grow and evolve.

As a member of the Alberta Society of Health and Safety Professionals, Jason was part of the practice review committee that influenced the development of guidelines for standardizing and regulating the hygiene profession in Alberta. Jason looks forward to the evolution of the ASHSP and is excited to continue working on the regulation of the profession in the Province.

Challenges, solutions and successes with identifying and controlling large surface mining operations silica exposures.

Speaker: Dan Sarkany

Dan Sarkany is the Teck Coal Manager for Occupational Health and Hygiene. He leads industrial hygiene and occupational health programming for 5,000 employees and up to 15,000 contractors across 4 active mining operations, 2 mines in care and maintenance, 5 mine water treatment facilities, and many administrative facilities. Their team of occupational hygienists, occupational health nurses, coordinators and coops have advanced application of real-time monitoring and deployment of engineering exposure controls. Dan has a MSc Occupational and Environmental Hygiene from UBC and is a CIH.



National AIHA Updates

Speaker: Lawrence D. Sloan, MBA, FASAE, CAE

Larry Sloan has served as CEO of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) since October 2016. Prior to this, he served as CEO for seven years at SOCMA, a trade association representing the interests of the US specialty chemical industry. Larry started his non-profit career at the Adhesive and Sealant Council, a trade association representing adhesive and sealant manufacturers, and was promoted to his first CEO role there in January 2005. He led this group for five years.

Larry began his career as a chemical engineer at Air Products and later worked for Nalco Chemical Company in marketing, manufacturing, and sales capacities.

Larry earned a BS degree in chemical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and later graduated from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management where he earned his MBA.

For more than 20 years Larry has been an active member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). In 2006, he earned his Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential, and in 2021 he was appointed a Fellow (FASAE). He currently serves as a mentor under their Young Professionals and ReadyMe professional skills development program.

He has spoken at various non-profit community events over the years, hosted by ASAE, CESSE (Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives), and others. He currently serves as a member of the CESSE Board of Directors.

Prior volunteer leadership roles include serving on the ASAE Research Committee (elected chair in 2020); as a board member (chair in 2012) of the National Association of Manufacturers' Council of Manufacturing Associations; as a board member of the *Société de Chimie Industrielle*; as an executive committee member of the Science History Institute's Joseph Priestly Society; and as a board member of the Chemical Educational Foundation.

Larry is active in the community and serves as a volunteer at Food & Friends (provides nutritionally tailored meals to seriously-ill neighbors in need) and as an assistant ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher for Northern VA's English Empowerment Center. He is currently organizing a corporate team for the 2023 annual DC Walk to End Alzheimer's.



SDS authoring and Society for Chemical Hazard Communication

Speaker: Angela Wheeler

Angela is currently the Product Manager at Chemscape Safety Technologies. She is a Chemistry graduate and CIH with over 20 years of EHS experience in various industries across Canada and the US. Angela was one of the first three Canadians to obtain the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Registered Author designation through the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA). Angela is an active member with the Society of Chemical Hazards Communication; she will give an overview of the purpose of the group and the registry, as well as the importance of well-authored Safety Data Sheets.