Dinner

Music by Jonathan and Annie Rosen, Luci Murphy

Introduction, Welcoming Remarks

Presentation of the COSH Educator Award

Alejandra Domenzain
UC Berkeley, Labor Occupational Health Program

Presentation of the Tony Mazzocchi Award

Mark Catlin
SEIU (Retired) and MDC Consulting and Training

Presentation of the COSH Activist Award

Veronica Lagunas
Promotora, SEIU-USWW

Presentation of the COSH Community Activist Award

Wynne Family

Closing Remarks

Dance Party!
Mark Catlin

Mark Catlin is an industrial hygienist, retired director of the SEIU Health and Safety Department, founder of MDC Consulting and Training and long-time COSH supporter. His career has excelled in providing policy advocacy, technical expertise and training assistance on occupational and environmental health and safety for all workers. Since 1981, Mark has worked with COSH groups, labor unions, employers and public agencies in the healthcare, construction, manufacturing and environmental sectors, across the USA. He continues to donate time to COSH by co-chairing the COSH fellows group of volunteers that support grassroots assistance to worker organizations.

For nearly four decades, his work has impacted the areas of asbestos and lead paint abatement, hazardous waste site remediation and hazardous materials spill response. Since the 1990s, Mark has contributed to protecting workers in healthcare, construction and other sectors of work from hazards such as Ebola, H1N1 and seasonal influenza, Anthrax, and Blood-borne Pathogens. In the 2000’s, Mark’s work on workplace violence became pivotal for the Cal/OSHA promulgation of a Workplace Violence Prevention Regulation in Healthcare, the first of its kind.

Mark’s well known for his efforts and contributions to document and preserve historic videos related to workplace health and safety. In 2007, Mark created the YouTube Channel, Historic Workplace and Environmental Health and Safety Films (http://www.youtube.com/markdcatlin?feature=m-hum), primarily as a resource for educators and trainers. This site currently contains more than 1,100 films from 1912 to 2000, on a wide range of workplace and environmental health and safety topics. This resource has been a great tool for many in the field of worker safety and health including unions, worker centers and government agencies both in the US and around the world.
Alejandra Domenzain

Alejandra Domenzain is a creative trainer, dedicated to engaging workers and organizations on the issues of work and health and thinking strategically about how training can build workers leadership and organizational power.

She began her work in the field of immigrant workers at National Council of La Raza in Washington, DC, providing training and technical assistance to community-based organizations. Alejandra went on to work at the UCLA Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program, at the Garment Worker Center, and at Sweatshop Watch. She is currently coordinator of public programs at the UC Berkeley’s Labor Occupational Health Program (LOHP).

Alejandra meets workers “where they are”, thinking about workers’ life experiences and how to support them in taking steps towards leadership roles in fighting for improved conditions. To address sexual harassment among janitors and security guards, Alejandra conducted groundbreaking research that resulted in recommendations for effective sexual harassment policies. The research supported SEIU-USWW and Ya Basta’s coalition’s successful effort to pass legislation requiring training for janitorial supervisors and workers in CA. Since the law’s passage, she has been part of the LOHP team that developed curriculum for workers and supervisors to be delivered by peer trainers. Alejandra engaged in a participatory process with the union, worker leaders, and domestic violence stakeholders to develop an effective curriculum. The training integrates best practices from the health and safety and violence prevention fields, is “trauma-informed,” and provides practical skills and tools.

Alejandra was the inspiration and has been a true champion of Our Turn, the sexual harassment action network spearheaded by National COSH. She has led trainings at COSHCON several years in a row and is always ready to lend a hand. Alejandra exemplifies a commitment to worker-centered creative participatory programs and respectful collaborations.
Veronica Lagunas

Veronica Lagunas is a janitorial worker, union leader, educator and mother of two who came to the United States from El Salvador eighteen years ago. As a worker in the janitorial industry and member of SEIU United Service Workers West, she helped to lead the Ya Basta! campaign and participated in the hunger strike that led to passage of California Assembly Bill (A.B.) 1978, the Property Service Workers Protection Act, signed by Governor Jerry Brown in September 2016. She also participated in a similar hunger strike as part of a coalition effort in New York and currently is working on the campaign to pass A.B. 2079, legislation which would support peer education and advocacy on sexual harassment in the janitorial industry.

Veronica helped launch Our Turn, the sexual harassment action network convened by National COSH, participating in its founding assembly. Veronica was featured in Our Turn’s video highlighting the importance of supporting worker-led efforts to stop sexual harassment and violence, which has been viewed by thousands.

Veronica is active in the National TPS Alliance, which is pushing for legislation for approximately 450,000 TPS holders to obtain permanent residency in the USA. Ms. Girón is a community mental health and HIV prevention educator for Los Angeles County and a trained anti-violence educator in her union.

She gives self-defense classes and is currently obtaining a diploma in first aid/emergency response for immigrants with a focus on women and children, through a program of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) in Los Angeles, UC Berkeley, and OIM.
Bryan Wynne and the Wynne Family

Following the unexpected death of his brother Drew in 2017, Brian Wynne and his family, parents Cindy and Hal Wynne and brother Clayton Wynne, dedicated their lives to raising awareness about the extreme hazard of methylene chloride and calling for the removal of the chemical from store shelves and a complete ban.

Brian’s brother, Drew, was only 31-years-old when his life was tragically cut short after inhaling toxic fumes from Goof Off paint stripper as he worked to refinish the floor of the business he owned.

As a direct result of the Wynne’s activism, collectively with advocacy group Safer Chemicals Healthy Families, the Environmental Defense Fund, and the Natural Resources Defense Council, a number of stores including Lowe’s, Home Depot, Walmart, Sherwin Williams and others have announced that they will phase out paint removal products with methylene chloride from their shelves. Brian and his family continue to call on other national chains to follow suit and strongly encourage the EPA to issue an official ban of methylene chloride in order to save lives.

In addition to his activism, Brian is a father, an Army spouse, and a recruiter at an IT consulting and systems integration company. Active in his community, Brian volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. He is a graduate of James Madison University and holds a degree in sports management.