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NTSAIHA Nominations 2nd Run

By Dan McCaskill
President NTS-AIHA

Those individuals who serve as officers and directors of the local section are instrumental in providing the direction of our section and in organizing and planing local events to promote the profession of industrial hygiene in the North Texas area. In recent years this has become a shared team effort, resulting in less burden on any one elected official.

Your input and participation is vital in helping to keep our chapter functioning and active. Please help by nominating yourself or other members (or potential members) for the following positions:

As indicated below, the President-Elect and Secretary must be members of the American Industrial Hygiene Association as well as members of the North Texas Section of AIHA.

E-mail your nominations to Gerry Walsh, Secretary, at gwalsh@bellhelicopter.textron.com by February 15, 2002, or complete the nomination form provided on page 6 and mail to NTS-AIHA, P.O. Box 610925, Dallas, Texas, 75261. A final voting ballot will be included in the March newsletter. ☒

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>ELIGIBILITY</u>
President-Elect	1 year*	AIHA & NTS-AIHA Member
Secretary	2 year	AIHA & NTS-AIHA Member
Director	3 year	NTS-AIHA Member only

* After 1 year, moves into President position, and then into Past-President position

Nomination form on page 6

Dallas & Ft. Worth Regional Science Fairs – Call for Judges

By Bill Vining

This year the North Texas Local Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association will again be presenting two awards in the Dallas Regional Science Fair; and two awards in the Fort Worth Regional Science Fair.

The local section is requesting volunteers to serve as judges for those events. The judging for the AIHA award is generally concluded within 1 to 1.5 hours.

The Fort Worth Regional Science Fair will be judged on Thursday, March 7, 2002, and the Dallas Regional Science Fair will be judged on Saturday, April 6, 2002. The awards to be presented are classified as "Special Awards," and will be presented to winners in the Junior High and Senior High levels in each of the two events.

The awards will be presented to the participants whose entry best promotes the study, evaluation, and control of environmental stresses arising in or from the workplace, or its products, in relation to the health or well-being of workers and the public. The award recipients will also be invited to attend an AIHA Local Section meeting to exhibit their project.

If you are interested in supporting this endeavor then volunteer to assist in the judging of one or both of the events. Please call Bill Vining at 972-529-4300 to volunteer, or to obtain further information. You may also contact Bill by email at vining@oeci.com ☉

Happenings From The Hill

By Aaron Trippler, Director
AIHA Government Affairs Group
(Editor summary)

AIHA Urges Reconsideration of Federal Procurement Issue

AIHA recently sent a letter to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy recommending reconsideration of an overturned rule that would have linked the award of federal contracts to a contractor's record of "satisfactory compliance" with health and safety rules and regs.

AIHA had appointed a task force to look at this issue and provided the White House with our recommendations. Essentially, AIHA recommended that rather than penalizing contractors for a poor health and safety record, one should provide "an edge" in the bidding process to those employers who have demonstrated good health and safety performance and programs.

AIHA recommendations would address the differing points of view on this issue. While many believed poor records should be considered when awarding contracts, many also believed that such a process could penalize those employers who had little control over subcontractors and others. The AIHA proposal would take the opposite approach by awarding positive "points" to employers with excellent health and safety records.

AIHA Hosts Occupational Health and Safety Network

In mid-January, AIHA headquarters was the scene of a meeting of a dozen organizations involved in occupational health and safety. The meeting was the continuation of AIHA government affairs efforts to maintain an active network of organizations involved with issues of mutual concern.

Highlighting the meeting was a 45-minute presentation by Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA John Henshaw. Mr. Henshaw's presentation outlined his goals for the agency and he took questions from the group.

This was the third meeting of this loosely knit network that brings together staff from up to 20 different organizations. When one considers the total membership of these organizations, either individual or business, there are more than 125,000 members.

Toxic Mold Issue

The sleeper issue in all of this may be toxic mold. With several states adopting or considering legislation to address this issue, expect a federal bill to be introduced sometime by spring. Interesting that this issue seems to have appeared overnight as far as policymaking goes. Reminds one of the rush to asbestos abatement years ago.

AIHA is closely following this issue in both the states and Congress and has provided substantial comments on several occasions. AIHA interest is two-fold. One, we are attempting to see that any legislation considered outlines the competency requirements for individuals collecting toxic mold samples. We must avoid problems from the past where individuals with a 40-hour training course are considered competent. The second issue of interest to AIHA is what to do with these samples. It makes no sense to have competent individuals collecting samples if the samples are then analyzed by "cousin Vinny's lab" in his garage. AIHA is pushing to have language inserted in all legislation that would require these samples to be analyzed by laboratories that are nationally accredited.

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Treasurer's Report

01/01/01 Through 01/02/02

INFLOWS		\$
<i>Dues Inc</i>	1,525.00	
<i>Mold/IAQ Seminar</i> <i>(July 10- -8,485.65)</i> <i>(March 28-7,770.52)</i>	16,256.17	
<i>Newsletter Sponsor</i>	25.00	
<i>Refund</i>	-10.00	
<i>OSHA Update</i>	934.00	
TOTAL INFLOWS	18,750.17	
OUTFLOWS		\$
<i>Bank Charge Exp</i>	15.00	
<i>Mold/IAQ Sem. Exp</i> <i>(July 10—3,508.82)</i> <i>(March 28-2,519.21)</i>	6,028.03	
<i>Monthly Mtg Exp</i>	38.97	
<i>Newsletter Exp</i>	27.43	
<i>OSHA Update Exp</i>	2,095.90	
<i>Postage</i>	6.80	
<i>Returned Check</i>	60.00	
<i>Returned Check Fee</i>	5.00	
<i>Science Fair Exp</i>	413.10	
<i>Ed Sward</i>	149.86	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	8,840.09	
OVERALL TOTALS		\$
<i>Overall Total</i>	9,910.08	
<i>Checkbook Balance</i>	13,894.61	

Welding Seminar in March 2002

The NTSAIHA has been in discussion with ASSE & OSHA regarding a welding seminar in March 2002. This will be a one-day seminar.

The seminar is being scheduled for the week of March 18 or March 25 depending on the availability of sites. Sites currently under consideration are the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Tarrant County College, Motorola and a couple of others.

The agenda will look something like the following:

- Basic Types of Welding & Other Operations
- Associated Hazards
- OSHA Requirements
- Exposure Assessments
- Controls

The NTSAIHA will send a brochure as soon as the details are finalized. Details should be finalized before the March NTSAIHA Newsletter. The seminar information will also be repeated in the March Newsletter.

Finally, as shown on the membership form, NTSAIHA members will receive a \$15 discount on this seminar.

If you plan on attending, please consider renewing your membership or join if not already a member. Our dues are only \$15 per year, that's the same as the seminar discount.

Think about it! ☒

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A Sign of the Times

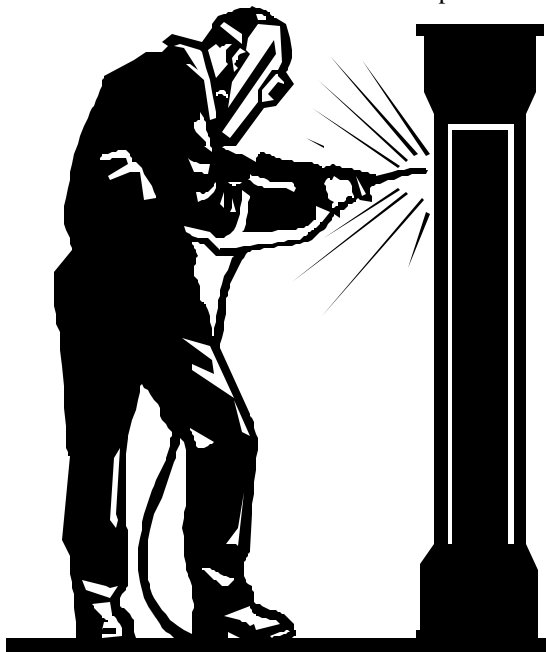
There has been substantial talk about what this administration will do when it comes to standards, rules and regulations. Most believe there will be few new proposals forthcoming from OSHA in the coming year. Good or bad? There are opinions on both sides of the issue, but another sign of where this administration plans on going appeared recently.

The OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has announced that two OSHA rules are among the regulations suggested for review by the administration to determine if less costly and less burdensome alternatives exist. The two regulations up for review are the new recordkeeping rule and regulations governing voluntary consultation programs.

Still Waiting for News on Ergonomics

Word was that OSHA was going to announce in early January what its plans were for ergonomics. Here we are at the end of January and still nothing. Insiders expected OSHA to announce that no new standard would be forthcoming, but that OSHA would be proposing voluntary guidelines for use by employers.

While nothing definitive has been announced, many insiders are beginning to question the inaction by OSHA. These insiders predict that the longer OSHA waits, the more frustrated many members of Congress become. The downside to this for OSHA is that Congress may become so frustrated that they seriously consider legislation that would force the agency to move forward. ☒



Job Opportunities

Rec'd 1/30/2002

American Airlines Maint & Eng
Tulsa, OK

Responsible for implementing corporate safety and industrial hygiene programs. Conducts assessments of the workplace to identify areas that would adversely affect employee safety and health. Conducts airborne contaminate sampling to identify and compare concentrations to substances to permissible exposure limits. Conducts accident investigations, audits and inspections, evaluates findings and recommends corrective actions. Conducts trend analysis of accident cause factors and determines the need for changes to procedures, hardware or personal protective equipment. Conducts research on safety codes to keep all levels of management apprised of requirements.

Coordinates and assists with inspections conducted by insurance carriers, OSHA, and other agencies. Researches, develops and coordinates safety education and training programs. Reviews specifications and designs to ensure all safety requirements are met during new construction or facility modifications.

Industrial Hygienist with extensive proven hands-on experience preferred. Degree in industrial hygiene, safety engineering or related field. Knowledge of OSHA, NFPA, NEC and ACGIH guidelines and requirements with an emphasis on hazcom, PPE, confined space, lock-out/Tag-out and tables of contaminants TLV's and PEL's. The ability to initiate programs and evaluate compliance. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Must work well with employees at all levels.

Any resumes should be sent to richard.lindsey@aa.com

Rec'd 1/31/2002

Northwestern University
Chicago, IL

The Office of Research Safety (ORS) is seeking a full-time, non-academic professional to fill the position of Hazardous Materials Manager for a two-campus system. The position is based on the Evanston campus, and also oversees ORS activities on the Chicago campus. The Northwestern University campuses are classified as large quantity generators.

The function of this position is to provide chemical waste disposal services to University generators. Assist with achieving and maintaining compliance with federal, state, and local regulations for hazardous waste generation, storage, and disposal. Assist with development and implementation of programs for hazardous waste minimization, chemical inventory, chemical safety, and emergency response.

The responsibilities of this position include managing the hazardous waste disposal program for research laboratories and other generators in a two-campus system; recommending policies and procedures; developing guidance documents in several media and developing and implementing training programs for hazardous waste generators; identifying, evaluating, and engaging chemical waste disposal contractors; supervising activities in the centralized chemical inventory program for building code compliance; directing operations of the emergency response team; providing technical and administrative support to the laboratory safety program; and supervising the activities of up to six employees.

The Hazardous Materials Manager interacts with faculty, staff, and students at all levels of the University community, as well as outside contractors and regulatory agencies.

The position is responsible for managing significant institutional resources. The Hazardous Materials Manager will be on-call to respond to hazardous materials emergencies at any time.

The preferred qualifications for this position include a Bachelor's degree in chemistry and several years of experience, preferably in an academic research environment. An advanced degree is preferred. Certification as a Hazardous Materials Manager by the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management is strongly preferred. In-depth knowledge of chemical safety, classification, storage, and transportation requirements is essential.

Northwestern University offers a generous benefits package including medical and dental insurance, life insurance, 403b retirement plan, paid vacation and sick time, long term and short term disability insurance, and tuition reimbursement. Please send your resume to:

L. Todd Leasia, Director
Office of Research Safety
Northwestern University
B-106 Ward Building, mail code
W223
303 E. Chicago Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611
Fax: (312) 503-0547

Email LTL419@northwestern.edu ☉



Year 2002 Membership Form

NTS-AIHA Membership Benefits Include

- \$15 savings on registration for seminars. Attend one seminar and recoup the cost of your annual dues.
 - Spring -Welding Hazards/Health Effects Full Day Seminar.
 - Fall - OSHA/MSHA Regulatory Update Full Day Seminar
- \$10 savings on each issue of newsletter sponsorship. \$15/issue for non-members. \$5/issue for members
- NTS-AIHA Membership Directory sent in December and upon request. Members only.
- Immediate notification of local job opportunities for members on email distribution list.
- Monthly newsletter. Preferred sending via email to members. Hardcopies sent upon request.
- NTS-AIHA Voting Rights.

Dues are only \$15 / year

Thank you for taking the time to complete the following information even if you are renewing your membership. This helps to keep the NTS-AIHA Membership Directory current. Thank You For Your Support

NTS-AIHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print)

Name: _____

Certification: _____

Title: _____

Employer: _____

Business address: _____

Home address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Send newsletter to:(check one) Business: ____ Home: ____ Email: ____

In membership directory, list my: (check one) Business: ____ Home: ____

Do you wish to receive immediate notification of job opportunities via email: (check one) No: ____ Local I.H. Jobs: ____ All I.H Jobs rec'd: ____

Are you a national member: Yes: ____ No: ____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues: \$15.00 per year.....Make checks payable to NTS-AIHA

Send this form and payment to:

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