

# North Texas Section American Industrial Hygiene Association

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### NTS-AIHA Committees

Programs: Chair- Shawn Southern  
Community: Chair-Stevan Pierce  
Science Fairs-Bill Vining  
Newsletter-  
Website-Kay Hawkins  
Membership: Chair-Mike Collins

### Newsletter sponsors – Thanks

### Section Summary

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Founded 1952

<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/NTS/>

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for NTS-AIHA Nominations

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 planning local events to promote the profession of industrial hygiene in the North Texas area.



Your input and participation is vital. Please help by nominating yourself or other members (or potential members) for the following positions:

- ❖ **President-Elect: 1-year term**  
(After 1 year, moves into President then Past-President position. Must be AIHA & NTS-AIHA member)
- ❖ **Secretary: 2-year term**  
(Must be AIHA & NTS-AIHA member)
- ❖ **Director: 3-year term**  
(Chair of the Community Involvement Committee. Only needs to be NTS-AIHA member)

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

E-mail your nominations to Gerry Walsh, Secretary at [gwalth@bellhelicopter.textron.com](mailto:gwalth@bellhelicopter.textron.com) by February 15, 2004, or complete the nomination form provided on the 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. ☒

**Reply to this email, or email Gerry Walsh, or mail in your nomination.  
Nominate Yourself**

**So far, we have received one nomination for President-Elect, and one nomination for Director.**

## Dues are Due

NTS-AIHA dues are due for another year. Annual NTS-AIHA dues are still only \$15/year.

To pay dues, please complete the membership form on page 5 and submit with payment as indicated. If you have any questions on your membership please contact Mike Collins (972) 518-6562 or <mailto:collinsmk11@attbi.com>

## 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, February 26, 2004, and the Dallas Regional Science Fair will be judged on Saturday morning, March 27, 2004. 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](mailto:vining@oeci.com). ☉

**Volunteer to be a judge  
at the Dallas & Ft.  
Worth Regional Science  
Fairs.**

**It is great fun and a  
rewarding experience!!!**

## Happenings From The Hill – (Excerpts on OSHA Activities)

*AIHA Government Affairs Dept.*

### Hexavalent Chromium

OSHA is moving forward with plans to expedite the hexavalent chromium rule that a US Court of Appeals ordered last year. Under the order, the Agency must finalize a new PEL for the substance by January of 2006. OSHA expected to initiate the small business review process around the end of 2003 and a feasibility analysis for the rule is under development. Findings and supporting documentation will be available in February, according to the Agency

### Beryllium

The Agency also expects to begin the small business regulatory review process for a beryllium rulemaking by late September. OSHA recently published a request for information to gather information on occupational exposure to beryllium including current exposures.

## Treasurer's Report

01/01/03 Through 12/31/03

INFLOWS		\$
<i>Dues</i>	1,230.00	
<i>OSHA/MSHA Update 2003</i>	2,550.00	
<i>TeleWeb Seminars (3)</i>	320.00	
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>	
OUTFLOWS		\$
<i>AIHF Blood Raffles</i>	154.84	
<i>Annual Mtg - Speaker Dinner</i>	\$10.00	
<i>Leadership Conf.</i>	136.68	
<i>Science Fair</i>	458.77	
<i>Awards/Banquet</i>		
<i>TeleWeb Seminars (3)</i>	595.11	
<i>Officer Recognition Awards</i>	296.50	
<i>OSHA/MSHA Update 2003</i>	2,485.46	
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>4,137.36</b>	
OVERALL TOTALS		\$
<i>Annual Total</i>	(37.36)	
<i>Checkbook Balance</i>	7,023.31	
<i>Certificate of Deposit</i>	5,000.00	
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>12,023.31</b>	



## TeleWeb Seminar

The NTS-AIHA and the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of the American IAQ Council are hosting an AIHA sponsored TeleWeb virtual seminar. This seminar utilizes the latest technological advances live via the internet and telephone.

**Date:** February 11, 2004

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Title:** Environmental Mold: Legal, Insurance, Legislative and Regulatory Aspects (part 1 of a 2 part series)

**Location:** American Electric Power  
1616 Woodall Rogers  
Dallas, Texas 75202

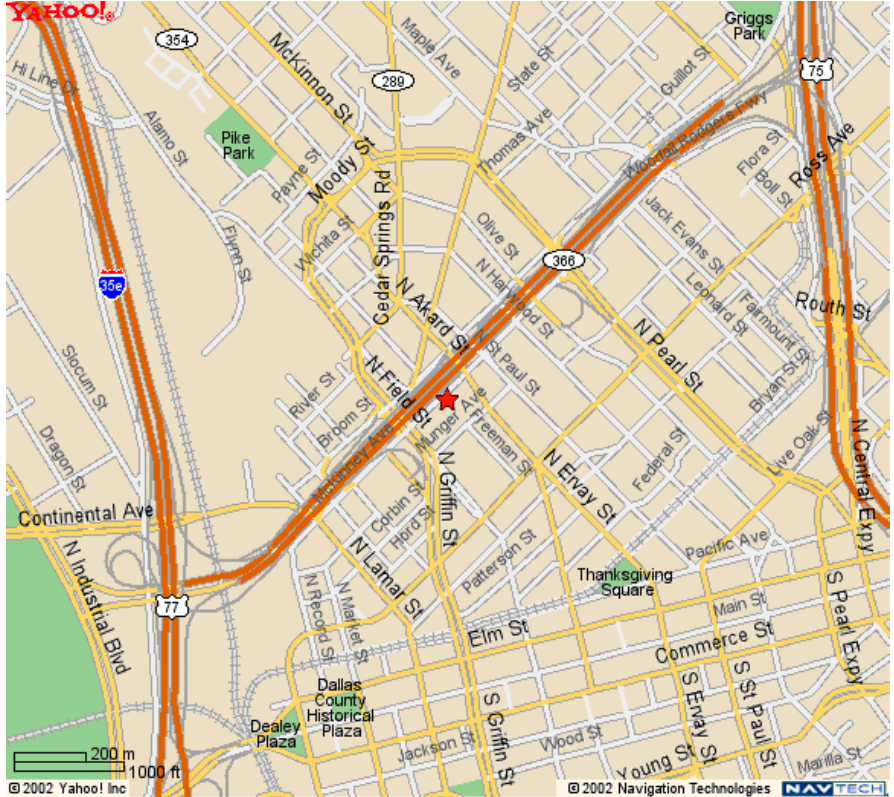
**Certification Points:** 0.5 CM, 0.25 COC, and 0.25 CEU. Participants must submit a final exam (with a processing fee of \$25.00 per student), and complete a seminar evaluation.

**Cost:** \$10 per person (includes printed materials – does not include the \$25 processing fee for obtaining certification points).

**Registration:** contact Kay Hawkins at 214-777-2253. Seating is limited to 20. Do not use AIHA's website to register if you are coming to the NTS-AIHA sponsored seminar.

This TeleWeb has been designed to provide participants the opportunity to hear first hand the unique perspectives of legal, insurance, and legislative/regulatory leaders who are on the front line of the mold issue. Presenters will discuss the impact that environmental mold assessment and control has had in each area, note what precedents have been set, and offer their thoughts on what the future holds.

Participants will take away an understanding of the legal, insurance, and legislative/regulatory aspects of the mold issue that may directly impact their organizations now and in the future.



## Upcoming TeleWeb Seminars

AIHA is planning the following TeleWeb virtual seminars:

### Expert Witness Testimony

February 19, 2004

### Practical Examples of Dermal Exposure Assessment

March 10, 2004

### Environmental Mold: Case Studies (part 2 of a 2 part series)

June 16, 2004

When hosted by NTS-AIHA at a local facility, these seminars are an excellent way of obtaining certification points at a very low cost and without having to travel.

**However, we need your help . . . . .**

*Please volunteer to host one of the upcoming TeleWeb virtual seminars at your facility.*

Contact Shawn Southern at 972-818-4040 or [ssouthern@claytongrp.com](mailto:ssouthern@claytongrp.com) to volunteer.

You can check out the system requirements at [http://www.aiha.org/DistanceLearning/html/2003 TeleWebs.html](http://www.aiha.org/DistanceLearning/html/2003%20TeleWebs.html)



## New Texas Law Regarding Mold-related Activities

### House Bill 329

House Bill 329 (HB 329), passed by the Texas Legislature during the summer of 2003, requires the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to license mold assessors and remediators, and to establish and enforce minimum performance standards and work practices for conducting mold assessment or mold remediation in Texas.

To download HB 329 go to <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/iaq/HB329.pdf>.

TDH is developing rules that will implement the legislation (see below). TDH cannot begin licensing or accreditation until after those rules are adopted by the Texas Board of Health (BOH), which is currently anticipated to be after April 1, 2004. There will be no licensing required or any type of regulation of mold-related activities by TDH until after the rules are approved and adopted.

To download the proposed Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules (as of 1-15-04), go to <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/iaq/ProposedRule.doc>

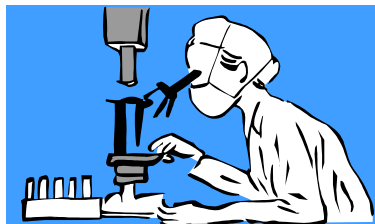
The proposed rules were approved at the January 15, 2004 BOH meeting, with an amendment. The definition of "indoor air" in Section 295.302(17) was changed to read "Indoor air - Air within the envelope of a building, including air in spaces normally occupied by persons in the building."

The proposed rules will be published in the *Texas Register* on January 30, 2004 (anticipated date). The actual publication date in the *Texas Register* begins a 30-day formal public comment period. During that time, written comments on the proposal

may be sent to Mr. Alan Morris, Director, Toxic Substances Control Division, Texas Department of Health, 1100 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78756, or by e-mail to [alan.morris@tdh.state.tx.us](mailto:alan.morris@tdh.state.tx.us). There will also be a public hearing conducted by the Indoor Air Quality Program on February 13, 2004, beginning at 9:00 A.M., at the Texas Department of Health Auditorium (Room K100), located at 1100 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas. The purpose of the hearing is to provide an additional means for the public to provide comment to the department on the proposed rules. Please note that any comments received after the formal comment period will not be considered.

After review of comments received by the deadline, and incorporation of any necessary changes to the rules, the final rules will return to the BOH for consideration. Once approved, the final rules will then become part of the Texas Administrative Code.

Individuals needing additional information should contact Quade Stahl, Ph.D., Chief, Environmental Lead and Indoor Air Quality Branch, at (512) 834-4509 or (800) 293-0753, extension 2444, or by email: [quade.stahl@tdh.state.tx.us](mailto:quade.stahl@tdh.state.tx.us).



## ASSE to Host Conference Call on Mold and Fungi

ASSE is hosting a conference call program addressing the issue of mold and fungi.

The call will be held on February 17, 2004 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm CST. The cost is \$75 for members and includes the following:

1. A collection of papers and articles addressing the issues/concerns of mold and fungi.
2. A 90-minute conference call presentation given by knowledgeable members of the Environmental and Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialties. Their emphasis will be on cutting edge technical information that you can use to enhance your SH&E program.
3. A C.D. copy of the presentation mailed to each participant after completion of the call.
4. The ability to submit your questions via e-mail to the speakers and moderator.
5. An update of what ASSE is doing in regards to the proposed Z690 standard and how the initiative is being recognized in the private and public sectors.
6. The call provides Continuance of Certification credit (CoC) with the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, (BCSP). Unfortunately this does not count toward ABIH certifications since a final examination is not offered.

If you would like to participate please contact ASSE's Customer Service Department at 847/699-2929 or visit their website at <http://www.asse.org/frmold.htm>

You will be provided a conference call access code and materials for prior review.



## Year 2004 Membership Form

### NTS-AIHA Membership Benefits Include

- \$15 savings on registration for seminars. Attend one seminar and recoup the cost of your annual dues.
- \$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.

## NTS-AIHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Send newsletter to:(check one)      Hardcopy      Hardcopy      Email shown  
    Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ above: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**North Texas Section – American Industrial Hygiene Association**

**P.O. Box 610925, Dallas, TX 75261**

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## Members Only:

2004 NTSAIHA Nomination Form

President-Elect: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail your nominations to Gerry Walsh, Secretary at [gwalsh@bellhelicopter.textron.com](mailto:gwalsh@bellhelicopter.textron.com) by February 15, 2004, or complete the nomination form provided on this page and mail to NTSAIHA, P.O. Box 610925, Dallas, Texas 75261.

Voting ballots will be included in a future newsletter.

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