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 Newsletter-Barbara Wilds
 Website-Kay Hawkins
Membership: Chair-Mike Collins

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-----Section Summary-----

North Texas Section - AIHA
P.O. Box 610925
Dallas, Texas 75261

Founded 1952
71 Year 2005 Members
22 Year 2006 members

Check out our Web Page at:

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

Director's Message

by Mike Collins

Dues are Due for 2006

It's that time of year again to cough up the 15 bucks to remain a local section member. Along with the privileges of membership, you'll also be able to be listed and obtain access to the local section directory. Remember that as a member you are entitled to a discount on the registration costs of section sponsored events. The savings on this alone will pay for itself. Dues were to be collected by the end of January so please help out by sending yours in today. Please make checks payable to AHIA-NTS in the amount of \$ 15 and mail to:

NTS-AIHA Treasurer
P.O. Box 610925
Dallas, Texas 75261

Note - If you are a new member please complete and include the membership form found on page 6 of this newsletter

2006 Officer Nominations

There are three positions open on the local section council for this coming election. One is for **Director** (a three year term), one for **secretary** (a two year term) and one for **President Elect** (a three year commitment). The directors' position (of which there are three) provides the section with guidance and acts as a lead committee chairperson. You also direct and plan the events and meeting content during your tenure. The secretary records board-meeting

minutes and assists the council with other miscellaneous duties.

We say the president elect position is a three-year commitment because the role changes over the course of time. You start out as president elect the first year, advance to local section president the second year and past president the third year. The first year you learn from the current president and act as program chairman. As president you lead the section and help further the projects/goals that have been established. The last year is to act as an advisor to the officers and membership. Please don't hesitate to nominate yourself if you are interested

Position Available: Volunteer to Act as Newsletter Editor

Barbara Wilds has been serving as the local section editor and chief for some time now and we would like to give her a break. She's done a great job all along and we have no complaints but we would like to let her have some rest. We need a willing, energetic person who can obtain interesting EHS information, prod the membership (and the officers) to submit articles for publication, and be responsible for the production and distribution of this award winning publication (see the link <http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/NTS/homepage.htm>).

I can speak from personal experience having been an editor in the past when I say it is much easier than

when I was doing it. Knowledge of general computer skills and a creative streak would be helpful but there are few boundaries in our publication. The template for the newsletter is already created and most of the distribution is by email. Please support the sections request by participating in an important way. Otherwise, I'll have to relate how it was in the good old days newsletter preparation involving Xerox copies, white out, hand folded letters, writers cramp from handwritten addressing and saliva shortages from licking stamps. Believe me, you don't want to hear this so please volunteer. ☒

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 Tuesday morning, March 7, 2006 at the University of North Texas in Denton, and the Dallas Regional Science Fair will be judged on Saturday morning, March 25, 2006 at the Automobile Building in Fair Park in Dallas. 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 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!!!

"You must give time to your fellow men – even if it's a little thing, do something for others – something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it."

--Albert Schweitzer

Nominations Needed for 2006 NTS-AIHA Officer Elections

Officer elections will be held in March of 2006. Those offices that are coming up for re-election are:

- ☐ **President-Elect: 1-year term** (After 1 year, moves into President then Past-President position. Must be NTS-AIHA & AIHA national member.)
- ☐ **Secretary: 2-year term** (Must be NTS-AIHA & AIHA national member.)
- ☐ **Director: 3-year term** (Only needs to be a NTS-AIHA member)

If you are interested in any of these positions or know of someone else who might be interested, e-mail your nominations to Gerry Walsh, NTS-AIHA Secretary at mailto:gwalsh@bellhelicopter.textron.com. ☒

Remember - 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 6 and submit with payment as indicated. If you have any questions on your membership please contact Barbara Wilds at 817-280-5857 or mailto:bwilds@bellhelicopter.textron.com.

Minutes from January 24 NTS-AIHA Board Meeting

- *Minutes from last Executive Committee Meeting* - Minutes were moved to be accepted by S.Pierce and seconded by E.Erikson.
- *Treasurer's Report* - Dues are coming in. The CDs in the bank have been rolled over. NTS-AIHA is being charged \$3 by the bank to have cancelled checks returned. D.Hudnall made motion to stop checks being returned. Seconded by S.Pierce. The telewebs have lost money at every event. Even the Meth Lab teleweb that was very well attended lost money. We need to charge more just to try to break even. All agreed, in principal, and price change will be reflected at next teleweb and thereafter on an individual basis.
- *Program Committee Report* - M.Larranaga out of town. No report
- *Membership Committee Report* - M.Collins will report next newsletter article on membership and will request nominations for open officer positions. S.Pierce will contact AIHA national to get listing of all CIHs / national members in the area Addendum/SWP AIHA initial contact done, awaiting response from the AIHA Membership Committee co-coordinator.
- *Nominating Committee Report* - Kay Hawkins has been nominated for Director Mike Collins position that is up for election
- *Newsletter Status* - No newsletter for January. February will be next issue. We still need a volunteer to take over the Newsletter. This will continue to be published in the Newsletters. M.Collins will do an article for February Newsletter

Treasurer's Report	
01/01/2006 Through 1/29/2006	
INFLOWS	
	\$
Dues	195.00
Teleweb Seminars (1)	120.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	315.00
OUTFLOWS	
	\$
Science Fair	110.00
Awards/Banquet	205.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	205.00
OVERALL TOTALS	
	\$
Annual Total	110.00
Checkbook Balance	5,345.12
Certificate of Deposit	5,278.74
OVERALL TOTAL	10,623.86

with D.Hudnall in March, and S.Southern in May. Other dates still open for Officers article. A request will be made to send the membership directory to members with the February Newsletter.

- *Website Status* - No Report

Old Business - Dallas Public Library Professional Organization Database. S.Southern will check to make sure we are listed. He believes that was accomplished but will verify.

New Business

- *Dallas/Fort Worth Science Fair Approval* - Motion made by E.Erikson to continue support the Science Fairs. Seconded by S.Pierce. E.Erikson will send checks for sponsorship as indicated by Bill Vining who has continued to lead this effort for many years. Bill has asked for volunteers to help judge and has written an article for the February Newsletter.
- *Local Sections Council Project* - D. Hudnall has been coordinating responses from NTS-AIHA, Alamo, Gulf Coast, Tx Hill Country, Tx

Coastal Bend, and Mobile Bay local sections. Meeting that was scheduled with AIHA national in March has been moved to May...in conjunction with AIHCe. This is an effort to better understand the needs of local sections and offer recommendations specific to each section.

- *Future Meetings (ideas):* More meetings to generate CM points - Most members seem to be more interested in meetings that generate CM / COC points than in social meetings.

Mini-seminar on particle-size sampling - Possibly Debbie D from SKC Houston. All agreed that this would make a good mini-seminar. Perhaps 4 hrs. Suggest that M.Larranaga get with S.Pierce to work out details.

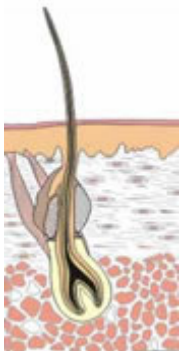
Teleweb March 3. Introduction to Chemical/Biological and Radiological/Nuclear Agents. Early Registration by 2/22. This is the next opportunity for an AIHA Teleweb. No others for 2006 are listed yet. This will be the first teleweb to reflect a registration price increase. Going from \$10 to \$20-\$25.)

- *AIHA Leadership Workshop, March 3-5, 2005 President Elect* - Agreed that this Workshop provides value and recommends that M.Larranaga attend if he is available. Workshop registration information has been sent to M.Larranaga. AIHA national picks up most costs. NTS-AIHA will pick up 25% of transportation costs with AIHA national picking up 75% transportation, all hotel and food.
- *NTS-AIHA / OSHA Alliance* - Dallas OSHA has proposed that NTS-AIHA forms an Alliance with them. Participate in quarterly meetings, help host meetings, etc. Discussion included the need to expand narrow scope that seemed

too focused on ergonomics. Discussion also included the need to talk with Ft. Worth OSHA about the Alliance. We wish to work equally with both Dallas and Fort Worth OSHA to achieve our common goals. NTS/AIHA has asked AIHA national about this local alliance but there has not been a response. NTS/AIHA assumes it is OK as AIHA national already has an alliance with OSHA.) Addendum/SWP. S. Pierce checked and OSHA has an alliance agreement with Abbott Labs. Since Mike Collins works for Abbott Labs, he might be in a position to shed some day-to-day information from Abbott Corporate in this matter. Worth looking into. ⊗

NIOSH Researchers Develop Interactive Web Page for Calculating Skin Permeation

Researchers Adam Fedorowicz and Fred Frasch of the NIOSH Health Effects Laboratory Division have developed a new interactive Web page that allows users, such as scientists evaluating potential risk of adverse effects from chemicals that may enter the body through the skin, to measure the capacity of a chemical to be absorbed through



the skin. Access the page at: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/skin/skinpermcac.html>.

The Web page offers an interactive calculator that could be used by those wishing to obtain estimates of the skin permeability coefficient for a chemical of interest. In addition, the calculator contains a well-known database of measured permeability

coefficients. The user can easily compare the measured permeability of a specified chemical with the estimations from the three models.

The product represents the dissemination of research performed by the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) Dermal Exposure Research Program to a larger audience. For additional information contact Fred Frasch at <mailto:HFrasch@cdc.gov> or Adam Fedorowicz at <mailto:AFedorowicz@cdc.gov>. ⊗

NOTICE

Terry Gratton, DrPH, of the University of North Texas School of Public Health is seeking individuals and companies who have worked with Xylene and/or Toluene for at least five years to conduct audiology testing to determine if hearing loss may be associated with exposure to Toluene/Xylene. This research is being conducted with a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Any companies and/or individuals that are willing to participate in the study can respond to Dr. Terry Gratton at 817-735-5140 or <mailto:tgratton@hsc.unt.edu>

Please contact Dr. Gratton if you can help with this stud! y.

Hearing Conservation Focus of New OSHA Safety and Health Information Bulletin

Industrial hearing conservation programs may not fully address the specific needs of hearing-impaired workers for hearing protection, communication and for hearing warning signals. The SHIB raises awareness about issues associated with protecting hearing-impaired workers in noisy environments, and provides employers, workers and

professional organizations guidance on accommodating hearing-impaired individuals in the workplace when exposed to high levels of noise. To access the bulletin, go to <http://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib122705.html>. ⊗

Extension to OSHA’s Hexavalent Chromium Final Standard

On Jan. 17, 2006, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit granted a six-week extension to OSHA to publish a final rule for occupational exposure to hexavalent chromium. The new deadline for publication is Feb. 28, 2006. The agency requested the extension due to unanticipated delays as a result of Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent activation of OSHA's Worker Safety and Health Support Annex to the government's National Response Plan.

On April 2, 2003, the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit directed OSHA to publish a proposed hexavalent chromium rule no later than October 4, 2004 and a final standard no later than January 18, 2006. The Court issued the ruling based on a recommendation from a court-appointed mediator trying to resolve a suit from Public Citizen Health Research Group seeking to require OSHA to promulgate a new standard on chromium. ⊗

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER ASSE
Invites you to a full day professional development conference

February 24, 2006
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital

Foundations for Managing People for Safety
Helping the Safety Professional Address Safety at its Source – People

Upcoming Meetings, Seminars and Conferences

ASSE PDC – Foundations for Managing People for Safety

Date: February 24, 2006

Location: Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, Dallas, TX

Contact: <http://www.sw-asse.org>

AIHA Teleweb: Introduction to Chemical, Biological, and Radiological/Nuclear Agents and Consequence Management

Date: March 3, 2006

Location: TBD

Work, Stress and Health 2006: Making a Difference in the Workplace

Date: March 2-4, 2006

Location: Miami, FL

Contact: <http://www.apa.org/pi/work/wsh2006.html>

AIHCe 2006 / Ventilation 2006

Date: May 13 – 18, 2006

Location: McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois

Contact: <http://www.aiha.org/aihce06/aihce.htm>

1st American Conference on Human Vibration

Date: June 5-7, 2006

Location: Morgantown, WV

Contact: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/conferences/Vibration/index.htm>

ASSE Annual Conference and Exposition

Date: June 11 – 14, 2006

Location: Seattle, Washington

Contact: <http://www.asse.org>

ASSE Region III PDC

Date: August 6, 2006

Location: TBA

Contact: TBA

National Safety Council Congress and Expo

Date: November 3 – 10, 2006

Location: San Diego, California

Contact: <http://www.nsc.org>

Year 2006 Membership

NTS-AIHA Membership Benefits Include

- Subsidized meetings and member discounts.
- \$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. .
- 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: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

(NOTE: Please provide an e-mail address so that the newsletter can be e-mailed to you. Hardcopies will no longer be mailed.)

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. All I.H Jobs
 Jobs: ____ rec'd: ____

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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