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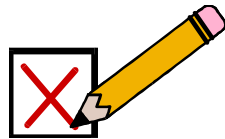
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Voting for NTSAIHA Officers

It's voting time. Normally we like to send bios for those nominated but only one person has been nominated for each position. One vote (with no write-ins) guarantees victory. Also Don Hudnall has decided he needs a break and is not running for President Elect. Send in your name if you want the job.

- ❖ President Elect: OPEN – Send in your name if you want to be Pres Elect
- ❖ Treasurer: Mike Donahue only person nominated. This will be Mike's 2nd two-year term in a row.
- ❖ Director: Mike Collins only person nominated. Mike has also agreed to temporarily take over the newsletter editor position until someone else decides to take over.

Reply to this email with your vote or email your vote to Gerry Walsh, Secretary at gwash@bellhelicopter.textron.com by March 31. If you don't want to email, you can complete the ballot form provided on page 6 and mail to NTSAIHA, P.O. Box 610925, Dallas, Texas 75261. ☺

Science Fair Winners of the NTSAIHA Special Award

The Special Award recipients of the American Industrial Hygiene Association – North Texas Section presented at the Fort Worth Regional Science Fair are:



Division II (middle school):
Matthew R. Kijowski –
Cross Timbers Middle
School
Advisor: Bingenheimer
Title: "Did You Hear?"



Division I (high school):
Stephanie Frangos – Carroll Senior
High School – South Lake
Advisor: Rene Moses
Title: "Hear Forever: Preventing
Damage to A Musician's Ear" ☺

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Henshaw will introduce the conference theme of "Navigating Uncharted Territory" from a government perspective. A former AIHA president, Henshaw is a champion of workplace safety and health.

Approximately 90 professional development courses will precede the conference, on Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11. Other conference highlights will include:

*A 600+ booth exposition featuring the health and safety products and services of more than 350 companies. Exhibitors will demonstrate the latest tools, equipment, services, and technologies for industrial hygienists. Exposition hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on May 12-13, and 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on May 15. Expo-only tickets are available.

* The AIHce Online Conference Program Planner. The Program Planner provides a variety of tools to help attendees get the most out of the conference. Visitors can search all session categories.

* The AIHce Online Expo Planner. The Expo Planner offers 24-hour access to exhibitors. Visitors can customize the list of exhibitors they wish to see and print an expo floor plan.

* An on-site Employment Services Center sponsored by the AIHA Employment Services Committee offering interviews, a résumé book and other help for employers and job-seekers.

Conference participants may earn points toward certification or certification maintenance as a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), Certified Safety Professional (CSP), or Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP).

Registration is available on site (\$545 for members) beginning Saturday, June 1, at 7 a.m. at the convention center. For more information, contact AIHA at (703) 849-8888. Detailed conference information is available at www.aiha.org. ☉

AIHce in Dallas 2003

FAIRFAX, VA (March 3, 2003) - This May (10-15) thousands of industrial hygienists and other occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) professionals will converge on Dallas, Texas, to share strategies and learn from the top experts in the field. The 2003 American Industrial Hygiene conference and exposition (AIHce) offers professional education on mold, chemical-biological terrorism, indoor environmental quality, workplace safety, occupational disease, and more.

The conference, in its 64th year, is cosponsored by the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).

The anticipated 8,000 attendees are offered hundreds of practical, hands-on educational opportunities including forums, platform sessions, case study sessions, EHS (environmental health and safety) crossover programs, and poster sessions.

At the opening general session, 8 a.m. Monday, May 12, will be the Honorable John L. Henshaw, CIH, ROH, assistant secretary of labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

On Tuesday, May 13th at 8 a.m., John Howard, MD, Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), will address the research aspects of "Navigating Uncharted Territory." Recently appointed director of NIOSH, Howard has stated that emergency preparedness is at the top of his agenda.

Wednesday, May 14 at 8 a.m., Melinda Ballard, president, Policyholders of America, will focus on breaking new ground in advocacy. Ballard will share her account of the devastation that unchecked mold growth can cause. There will be a Q & A panel following her address.

Mold and indoor environmental quality (IEQ) will be featured as a special week-long educational track throughout the conference, beginning with the Saturday, May 10, symposium "Environmental Mold: State of the Science, State of the Art" and the Sunday, May 11, symposium "Indoor Air Quality Research: New Directions."

Chemical-biological terrorism, emergency response planning, emerging issues, occupational medicine, and many other topics will be among the issues discussed. The chemical biological terrorism learning track will offer lessons learned from the anthrax attacks, an introduction to chemical / biological / radiological warfare and consequence management, and many other topics.

Treasurer's Report

As of 2/24/2003

Summary	\$
Checkbook Balance	\$7,285.67
18 month CD 2/29/04	5,000.00+
Total Assets	12,285.67



State Update
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Current Legislation

TX H 1560 AUTHOR: Coleman (D)
TITLE: Toxic Mold Study
LOCATION: HOUSE
SUMMARY:
 Relates to a study of toxic molds conducted by the Texas Department of Health.
STATUS:
 03/03/2003 INTRODUCED.

In bill text the following has special meaning -underline denotes added text -struck out text denotes deleted text

TX 2003 H 1560
 AUTHOR: Coleman
 VERSION: Introduced
 VERSION DATE: 20030303
 By: Coleman H.B. No. 1560
 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 AN ACT
 relating to a study of toxic molds conducted by the Texas Department of Health.
 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

- (1) "Department" means the Texas Department of Health.
- (2) "Mold" means any living or dead fungi or related products or parts, including spores, hyphae, and mycotoxins.

SECTION 2. STUDY OF TOXIC MOLD. (a) The department shall conduct a study of toxic mold that addresses:

- (1) the types of molds that may be harmful to the health of humans in indoor environments; and
- (2) the mechanisms available to:
 - (A) measure the concentration level of a mold in an indoor environment;
 - (B) identify the concentration level of a mold in an indoor environment that is clearly dangerous to the health of humans; and
 - (C) identify a safe exposure level, if any, for mold in an indoor environment.
- (b) In conducting the study, the commission may:
 - (1) survey existing scientific literature relating to toxic mold; and
 - (2) consult with appropriate state and federal agencies and appropriate scientific and medical experts.
- (c) The Texas Board of Health may appoint an advisory committee in accordance with Chapter 2110, Government Code, to assist the department to conduct the study required by this section.

SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2004, the department shall report the results of the study conducted under this Act to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2005.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003. ☉



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HAPPENINGS FROM THE HILL

Happenings From The Hill

AIHA Government Affairs Dept.

Legislation Extending OSHA Coverage To Public Workers Reintroduced

Although prospects for passage of the legislation in a Republican-controlled Congress are at best slim, Rep. Robert Andrews again reintroduced the Fairness for State and Local Workers Act (H.R. 536) that would amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for coverage under that Act of employees of States and political sub-divisions of States.

Over and above the overall goal of the bill to provide state and local employers and employees safe and healthful workplaces, AIHA's particular focus on the issue has been, and will continue to be, ensuring that adequate resources are allocated for training and compliance assistance etc. to help these newly covered entities meet OSHA's compliance requirements.

AIHA supported this legislation in the last Congress and has sent a letter supporting the bill again in the 108th.

Rep. Lowey Reintroduces Noise Abatement Bill

Reintroduced by its original sponsor Nita Lowey in the 108th Congress, H.R. 475 directs the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to reestablish an Office of Noise Abatement and Control. It requires the Administrator, using funds made available to the Office, to carry out a study of airport noise. Further, the bill amends the Noise

Control Act of 1972 to include the establishment of training programs on the use of noise abatement equipment and the implementation of noise abatement plans in the list of purposes for which grants under the Quiet Communities Program are provided.

AIHA has supported past versions of this legislation that have been introduced in previous Congresses. While AIHA has, and will continue to support the bill's primary emphasis on airport, community and environmental noise issues, our specific interest in the legislation has focused on possible opportunities to change existing procedures for evaluating hearing protection devices and to revise the existing hearing protection evaluation regulation.

AIHA has sent a letter supporting H.R. 475 that included our proposed comments relative to hearing protection evaluation and suggestions regarding its regulation.

Still Waiting

We are still waiting to hear when, or if, several other legislative measures will be reintroduced in the 108th Congress. Among these are:

* Third-Party Workplace Reviews. This legislation would create a program whereby employers could hire professionals in occupational health and safety to provide the employer a review of the workplace. In exchange for this review, the employer would receive some type of incentive from OSHA. Senator Mike Enzi was the previous sponsor of this legislation and has been holding

discussions about whether to resurrect this idea.

* Increase Penalties for Willful Violations of the OSH Act. Senator Jon Corzine is considering introducing legislation that would increase the penalties for a willful violation of the OSH Act that results in a fatality. The thrust behind this idea is that penalties are woefully inadequate for such violations, usually only a misdemeanor.

* Updating of the PELs. No one is sure whether or not legislation can be crafted that would provide a process whereby the Permissible Exposure Limits could be updated. AIHA is working hard with a group of industry and labor representatives to see if a consensus can be reached.

* Mold – Mold – Mold. Rep. John Conyers is expected to reintroduce his legislation that would call for further research into the issue of the hazards of mold. The legislation would undoubtedly address both the insurance issues and remediation issues. AIHA expects this legislation to be one that if followed by numerous stakeholders. ⊗



Year 2003 Membership Form

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- \$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.
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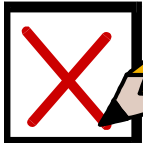
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2003 NTSAIHA Ballot (circle one)

President-Elect:	Write In: _____
Treasurer:	Mike Donahue
	Write In: _____
Director:	Mike Collins
	Write In: _____

Reply to this email with your vote or email your vote to Gerry Walsh, Secretary at gwalsh@bellhelicopter.textron.com by March 31.
You can also complete the ballot form provided on above and mail to NTSAIHA, P.O. Box 610925, Dallas, Texas 75261.

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