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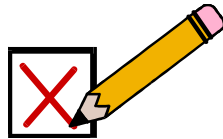
Section Summary

North Texas Section - AIHA
P.O. Box 610925
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Founded 1952
83 Year 2003 Members
35 Year 2004 Members

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

Voting for NTS-AIHA 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.

- ❖ President Elect: Don Hudnall only person nominated. Don has also served as Director and Newsletter Editor.
- ❖ Secretary: Steven Briggs only person nominated. Thank you Steven for your willingness to get involved.
- ❖ Director: Stevan Pierce only person nominated. This will be Stevan's 2nd consecutive term as Director.

Reply to this email with your vote or email your vote to Gerry Walsh, Secretary at gwalth@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 NTS-AIHA, P.O. Box 610925, Dallas, Texas 75261. ☺

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> Or Barbara Wilds (817-280-5857) or <mailto:bwilds@bellhelicopter.textron.com>.

NOTE: See a listing on page 6 of 2004 paid members.

Job Opportunity @ IHST, Inc.

Industrial Hygiene and Safety Technology, Inc. has an opening for an Industrial Hygienist. The position requires 3 - 5 years comprehensive practice including indoor air quality. The successful candidate should possess a degree in industrial hygiene or physical sciences. For more information contact Tracy K. Bramlett, CIH, CSP at 972-478-7415 or email tracy@ihst.com ☺

ASSE Region III PDC
San Antonio, Texas
August 1 – 5, 2004
(Mark your Calendars)

Treasurer's Report

01/01/2004 Through 02/25/2004

INFLOWS		\$
Dues	555.00	
TeleWeb Seminars (2)	210.00	
TOTAL INFLOWS	765.00	
OUTFLOWS		\$
Leadership Conf.	137.84	
Science Fair	240.00	
Awards/Banquet		
Mail Service Deposit	200.00	
TeleWeb Seminars (2)	225.00	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1,027.84	
OVERALL TOTALS		\$
Annual Total	(262.84)	
Checkbook Balance	6,760.47	
Certificate of Deposit	5,000.00	
OVERALL TOTAL	11,760.47	

HFES Knowledge Cafe

The first North Texas Chapter HFES meeting for 2004 will be a Knowledge Café Tuesday March 2nd, 2004 starting at 6:30 pm. The location is Razzoo's Cajun Cafe 2504 Airport Freeway, Bedford, TX, just southwest of DFW (817-318-0002). This is not the Razzoo's in Irving where we've held previous meetings. This will be our second Knowledge Café (the first one was July 31st, 2003). There is no charge for this meeting; however, you get to buy your own food and drink.

Here's how the Knowledge Café works. Each participant gives a 4-7-minute overview of a relevant human factors/ergonomics subject that would interest those in attendance. The goal of the Knowledge Café is to share our accomplishments and lessons learned to the benefit of other professionals.

Topics to share can include:

- Change management challenges and strategies
- Design innovations
- Overcoming obstacles to selling

your ideas

- Implementation on a tight budget
- Research outcomes
- Key learnings as a professional in the field
- Any problem that you would like the group to brainstorm solutions

We want to make this fun, interactive and most importantly, a truly educational experience. This is a unique opportunity to gather the great minds in our ergonomics community and to share, inspire and motivate each other.

Using PowerPoint or some other media, please consider the following template for the knowledge café session:

- SLIDE 1: Short description of self, current position and topic introduction.
- SLIDES 2/3: Relevant data, information, pictures and background information
- SLIDES 3/4: Key learnings or outcomes and the take-away for the group.



Please bring hard copies of your presentation to share with the group during the CAFÉ since we're keeping this meeting low

tech. RSVP via e-mail to pschwab@ti.com. ©

Proposed Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Regulation

As you are probably aware, the industrial hygiene community has expressed a lot of concern regarding the proposed Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Regulation. Announcement of this proposal was published in the Texas Register on January 30, 2004 (29 TexReg 876).

AIHA submitted their comments on 2/25/04. You can view the comments by going to the "Public Policy Comments" section under "Government Affairs" on the AIHA web page. One of the major issues of concern to the industrial hygiene community revolves around the use of "direct microscopic examination" as an acceptable clearance methodology in the place of air sampling. Following is a letter from Kyle B. Dotson to the Texas Department of Health regarding this issue:

February 7, 2004

Mr. Alan Morris
 Director, Toxic Substances
 Control Division
 Texas Department of Health
 1100 West 49th Street
 Austin, Texas 78756

RE: OBJECTION TO THE USE OF "DIRECT MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION" TO REPLACE "AIR SAMPLING" IN TEXAS MOLD RULES

Dear Mr. Morris:

I am an industrial hygienist in the State of Texas and believe that good public health policy must be based on good science.

I am concerned that the use of "Direct Microscopic Examination", as currently described in the proposed Texas Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules (295.301) represents an non-standard mold remediation project clearance method that is a poor choice from a public policy perspective. It is a non-standard method that has never been in wide use. It can be easily manipulated by the user without subsequent discovery or detection by other interested parties. It circumvents all of the checks and balances provided by analysis of samples by accredited

labs. It will not save money; it will cost Texans by encouraging more fraud by licensed yet unscrupulous persons. Such a non-standard method should only be used to supplement, not replace, other more standard assessment methods.

I am also concerned that "Air Sampling has been deleted as an acceptable clearance methodology" for mold remediation projects in Texas. Air sampling is the most standard of industrial hygiene tools. I share your concern that it is currently impossible to set numerical standards for mold, but it is not necessary to have exact "safe" or "unsafe" levels established in order to use air sampling. You can simply choose to set as a Texas clearance standard the absence of "indoor amplification" which means that the "total indoor concentration should be equal to or less than the total outdoor concentration, or not exceed it by more than the analytical error rate of the chosen method". Such a standard should be adequate to demonstrate that the air scrubbing and containment aspects of the mold remediation project have been completed in an appropriate manner. In fact, air sampling is the ONLY method that can determine if such air scrubbing has been completed in an appropriate manner.

Professional industrial hygienists know that there was once a time that we did not have standards for ANY of the thousands of substances we now air sample for today; indeed the US Public Health Service did air sampling for many substance for many years before the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists established in the 1940's the first of the Threshold Limit Value guidelines that are in use as standards today. It would have been poor

public policy for any state to effectively eliminate air sampling of any particular substance in the past by failing to formally recognize it as a legitimate and widely accepted methodology for the assessment of human exposure to a wide range of substances of public health concern.

While I have other concerns about the rules, please do not issue these rules without correcting the "direct microscopic examination" and "air sampling" issues noted above. These are essentially "fatal flaws" that would not good public policy for Texas, and frankly would serve as an embarrassment for Texas among the industrial hygiene scientific community of professionals nationwide.

Signed,

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Comments on this proposed rule are due by 2/29/03. They can be sent to Mr. Alan Morris, Director, Toxic Substances Control Division, Texas Department of Health, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756, or by e-mail to alan.morris@tdh.state.tx.us ©

Happenings From The Hill – (excerpts)

AIHA Government Affairs Dept.

Ergonomics

Even as OSHA completed its ergonomics symposium to discuss the state of research on the origin and prevention of work-related MSDs in

late January, the state of ergonomics efforts around the country seems to be at a near standstill.

In 2004, a couple of states continue to address the issue:

- Kentucky has introduced legislation to provide a tax credit for making ergonomics improvements in the workplace. Kentucky also has legislation pending that would create a board to study the feasibility of adopting an ergonomics standard.
- Washington has a couple of bills pending pertaining to a requirement that employers post notices of repetitive motion injuries.

OSHA Increases Role in Homeland Security

While many occupational health and safety professionals and organizations have been concerned about the fact that OSHA did not seem to have a very large role in homeland security issues, OSHA has now taken the step of increasing their presence by clarifying agency policies during responses to national emergencies.

OSHA has issued its National Emergency Management Plan, a new directive that outlines procedures to ensure that personnel are in place to provide technical assistance and guidance within the emergency response structure. The new directive also establishes an Emergency Preparedness Executive Steering Committee and Specialized Response Teams will be created.

This directive should increase awareness of the role OSHA plays in homeland security as well as provide health and safety protection for emergency responder and recovery workers

AIHA Comments on DOE Proposal

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AIHA submitted comments on February 5 to the Department of Energy regarding proposed rulemaking addressing worker health and safety programs for DOE contractors. For a look at AIHA comments, please visit the government affairs section of the AIHA web site and look for public policy comments.

Scanning the News -

- OSHA has posted four new letter interpreting standards governing steel erection, trenching, idling construction vehicles and underground floor openings. Find them on OSHA web site, under “laws and regulations”, then “standards interpretations”.
- OSHA expects its Crane and Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to complete its proposed revision of the OSHA rule by mid-year.
- A recent report by The Conference Board shows that companies that have good health and safety records also believe that business benefits from safety and health. The companies also believe that those benefits are received directly through reduced costs. Proves what occupational health and safety professionals have been saying for years. The difficulty is convincing more and more employers about the benefits.
- OSHA recently held a hearing on the proposed assigned protection factor table that would be added to the respiratory protection standard. There is still considerable debate over whether an APF of 5 or 10 should be used for elastomeric and half-masks and for filtering facepieces and quarter masks. OSHA states the final rule will be based on the best available scientific evidence on

the performance of these types of respirators.

- In addition to OSHA withdrawing its proposed TB standard this past December and revoking its 1971 TB portion of the general industry respiratory protection standard, OSHA has now announced that it will delay until July 1 several provisions of the general industry respiratory protection standard that now govern workers exposed to TB. The two main provisions delayed pertain to annual fit testing and medical evaluations for covered workers.
- On another budget front – the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board budget for 2004 was approved at \$8.25 million, plus an additional \$450,000 for an emergency fund for accident investigations. The President’s 2005 budget request is for \$9 million, plus the additional \$450,000 emergency fund.
- In Canada – regulatory changes have been made to permit Nova Scotia’s occupational health and safety officers to issue tickets for common offenses related to compliance. Inspectors can issue a \$351 ticket for individuals for organizations who do not provide the department with a compliance notice and a \$624 ticket for failing to comply with an order.⊗



2004 NTS-AIHA Paid Members

First Name	Last Name
Victoria	Askew
Kathryn	Berry
Tracy	Bramlett
Don	Cleveland
Howard	Cole
Joseph	David, III
Kathryn	Delaney
Henry	Delgado
Walter	Frank
Michael	Freshwater
Craig	Goodwyn
Cory	Griffith
Bob	Harris
Mark	Hickey
Don	Hudnall
Janeth	Ihejiawu
Charles	Kidder II
Tom	Kurt
Maxine	LaPierre
David Dean	Lewis
David	Martin
Marie	Martin
Gerald D.	McCaskill
Wendy	McDowell
Bob	Morris
Chitta	Nanda
Philip	Newman
Bruce	Palmer
Stefanie	Perry
Stevan	Pierce
Richard	Ranck
Mark	Riddle
Ed	Sward
Michael	Talmont
Barbara	Wilds

If you have paid your 2004 NTS-AIHA membership and your name is not listed above, please contact Barbara Wilds at 817-280-5857 or <mailto:bwilds@bellhelicopter.textron.com>. ☺

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.

(Please print)

Name: _____
 Certification: _____
 Title: _____
 Employer: _____

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

Email address: _____

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 Business: _____ Home: _____ above: _____

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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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Send this form and payment to:

North Texas Section – American Industrial Hygiene Association

P.O. Box 610925, Dallas, TX 75261

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Current Members Only:

2004 NTS-AIHA Ballot

(Place a \checkmark in the box beside each name or write in another's name)

President-Elect:	Don Hudnall <input type="checkbox"/>
	Write In: _____
Secretary:	Steven Briggs <input type="checkbox"/>
	Write In: _____
Director:	Stevan Pierce <input type="checkbox"/>
	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 above and mail to NTS-AIHA, P.O. Box 610925, Dallas, Texas 75261.

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