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NTS-AIHA Committees

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Section Summary

North Texas Section - AIHA

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Founded 1952

72 Year 2003 Members

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

Newly Elected NTSAIHA Officers

Surprise. Mike Donahue has been re-elected to a second term as NTSAIHA Treasurer and Mike Collins has been elected as Director. Mike Donahue will continue to serve as Treasurer without interruption and Mike Collins will officially take the Director's position in May.

No one ran for the office of Pres-Elect so if anyone is interested please let us know. Someone wrote in Bill Vining's name but Bill declined as he just agreed to represent the NTSAIHA as part of the Texas Industrial Hygiene Council (TIHC).

The TIHC makes sure that industrial hygiene related concerns are addressed in state legislature. Gerald Garrett is also helping out in this regard. Thanks Bill and Gerald. ☒

Local Science Fair Winners at the AIHce – Please Visit

The NTSAIHA has arranged for a couple of the DFW Science Fair winners to display their projects at the AIHce.

Their projects will be on display with the graduate student's poster session. The science fair winners have been invited to staff their projects and be available for discussion on Wednesday from 10:00am – Noon. We don't know if they will actually be present yet but it would be nice if you had time to stop by and show your support for high school science.

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AIHA is in the process of reviewing and analyzing the text of the new bill and expects to submit its comments and suggestions on those provisions of relevance to AIHA, its members and overall worker health and safety.

State

Here is where the heavy activity is taking place this year. As of today, here is what is happening in the states:

- 16 different state legislatures have introduced a total of 33 different legislative measures pertaining to the issue of mold.
- Of the 33 bills introduced: 5 require licensing for individuals involved in mold inspection or remediation, 12 recommend creation of a task force to study the issue, 16 pertain to real estate/insurance issues
- **Texas is the leader in this area**, with a total of 11 bills introduced. Texas has 3 of the licensing bills and 7 of the real estate/insurance bills.

AIHA Happenings from the Hill

What was expected to be a busy year for federal and state legislation addressing the issue of mold has turned into a very busy year. With the recent re-introduction of the “Melina Bill” by Representative John Conyers, we now have a pretty good look at what is being considered on both the federal and state levels.

Federal

As widely anticipated Rep. John Conyers reintroduced federal legislation that would seek to address the multi-faceted aspects of mold. H.R. 1268, the U.S. Toxic Mold Safety and Protection Act of 2003 (the “Melina bill”) was introduced on March 13.

The bill calls for research into the effects of different molds on human health and directs federal agencies to establish guidelines to identify mold and prevent growth of mold. These guidelines will also address mold inspection, testing and remediation.

Also required under the bill are various provisions addressing housing and real property, such as a requirement for mold inspections for all property that is purchased or leased using federally guaranteed funds. A national toxic mold insurance program would also be created to protect homeowners from catastrophic losses.

As H.R. 1268 is nearly identical to the version of the legislation introduced in the last session of Congress, AIHA’s views in the mold debate will largely reflect those held last year:

- * AIHA does not believe it is possible to define or set permissible exposure levels for mold.
- * The association is concerned about standards for individuals involved with recognition, evaluation and control of mold.
- * Only qualified/accredited laboratories should be used to correctly analyze samples collected as part of the investigation.
- * OSHA and NIOSH must be included in any regulatory effort addressing mold.

What’s Next?

The bill has been referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee, Financial Services Committee, Judiciary Committee and Ways and Means Committee. While no hearings have been scheduled, we expect one of the subcommittees of the Financial Services Committee to hold hearings in June. We also expect a companion bill to be introduced in the Senate. For a look at the text of H.R. 1268, visit the AIHA federal legislative action center.

AIHA has provided specific comments on each of the licensing and task force bills as well as several of the real estate/insurance bills. AIHA is also becoming recognized as the organization with the information policy makers and others need. Countless legislators and others have requested copies of AIHA’s brochure “The Facts About Mold”, and recently AIHA negotiated an agreement with a national association to distribute and sell this brochure to their 800,000 members.

What’s Next?

AIHA does not expect more than one or two of these measures to be enacted this year. Because of the ongoing need for further research into this issue, most of the state legislatures will wait for further direction from either the federal government or other independent sources. However, do not be surprised if at least one licensing measure is enacted this year. ☉

Treasurer's Report

1/1/03 – 3/23/03

INFLOWS		\$
<i>Dues</i>	735.00	
<i>Cash for Change</i>	5.00	
<i>Teleweb - 1/31/03</i>	90	
<i>Teleweb – 3/4/03</i>	70	
<i>Total Inflow</i>	900.00	
OUTFLOWS		\$
<i>Cash</i>	5.00	
<i>Leadership Conf</i>	136.68	
<i>Science Fair</i>	175.00	
<i>Teleweb–1/31 & 3/4</i>	400.11	
<i>Total Outflow</i>	716.79	
OVERALL TOTALS		\$
<i>Checkbook Balance</i>	7,243.88	
<i>18 month CD 2/29/04</i>	5,000.00+	
<i>Total Assets</i>	12,243.88	

AIHA Focuses on Indoor Environmental Quality

FAIRFAX, VA (March 27, 2003) –

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Board of Directors has approved the formation of a new Special Interest Group (SIG) focused on the issues surrounding indoor environmental quality (IEQ), including such contentious topics as mold and microbial growth. The first meeting of the new SIG will take place at the 64th annual American Industrial Hygiene conference and exposition (AIHce), to be held May 10–15 in Dallas, Texas.

The new IEQ SIG will complement the activities of AIHA’s Indoor Environmental Quality Committee, but will provide for a much wider range of participants than is possible on a committee. All AIHA members are welcome to join the SIG.

The first meeting of the IEQ SIG will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Dallas, immediately following the AIHA symposium “Environmental Mold: State of the Science, State of the Art.” ☉

AIHA Establishes Safety Committee

FAIRFAX, VA (March 27, 2003) –

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) Board of Directors has approved the formation of a new AIHA committee focused on safety issues. The first meeting of the new committee will take place at the 64th annual American Industrial Hygiene conference and exposition (AIHce), to be held May 10–15 in Dallas, Texas.

AIHA members are increasingly active in the discipline of safety and have urged the association to provide tools and educational materials to assist them in such work. The new Safety Committee will serve as an organized body of active and knowledgeable safety experts to assist in developing safety-related conference sessions, educational materials, courses, publications, and position statements for AIHA.

The organizational meeting of the AIHA Safety Committee will be held on Monday, May 12, from 6 p.m.– 7:30 p.m., at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Dallas. ☉

Concern: Wednesday AIHce General Session Speaker – Melinda Ballard

If you are from Texas and have been keeping track of Texas related mold issues then you have probably heard of Melinda Ballard.

Ms. Ballard is scheduled to be the speaker at the AIHce general session on Wednesday. Ms. Ballard is from Austin, TX and according to page 32 of the AIHce Advance Program “has seen first-hand the devastating effects of mold on families and homes.” It goes on to say that “Ballard is a one-woman crusade who has changed the nature of mold claims nationwide.”

Some say Ms. Ballard is articulate, intelligent and persuasive while others believe she has helped to create mold hysteria. There are still others who believe the AIHce should only have impartial presenters utilizing scientific facts.

Whatever you believe, it’s hard to deny that having Ms. Ballard as a general session speaker has caused some controversy. Several local sections have written to the AIHA in protest including the NTSAIHA.

The NTSAIHA has sent a letter endorsing a scientific approach and requests that adjustments be made to the program to scientifically or practically balance Ms. Ballard’s presentation as appropriate.

The NTSAIHA Officers and Directors all agree upon this approach.

(Editors Note: Feel free to disagree with this approach. If you wish to get further involved go right ahead. There is a NTSAIHA President Elect position just waiting to be filled.) ☉

The AIHce Volunteer dates/times are final – We Need Volunteers.

If you wish to volunteer please contact the person identified as the contact for each area. If someone has already taken the only time you can volunteer please feel free to volunteer for that slot anyway. These are minimum numbers needed.

Blood Drive – Volunteer Openings

Contact: Ross Jones, (972) 404-2413, ross_jones@oxy.com

Sunday registration location is in Lobby D - AIHce Registration Desk Mon-Wed Registration and Donations will be collected in D Section, Room 220.

Need 2 people for each time slot. One person to register donors and one person to hand out a donor questionnaire.

Sunday, May 11	
Lobby D: AIHce Registration area	
1:00-4:00	1. Adrienne McCaskill 2. Ann McCaskill
Monday, May 12	
D Section, Room 220	
12:30-2:30	1. -Rick Bure 2.
2:30-4:30	1. Mike Donahue 2.
Tuesday, May 13	
D Section, Room 220	
8:30-10:30	1. Brad Boustead 2.
10:30-12:30	1. 2.
12:30-2:30	1. 2.
Wednesday, May 14	
D Section, Room 220	
8:30-10:30	1. Brad Boustead 2.
10:30-12:30	1. 2.
12:30-2:00	1. Rick Bure 2.

Information Kiosk – Volunteer Openings

Contact: B. Wilds, (817) 280-5857, bwilds@bellhelicopter.textron.com

There is a single Information Kiosk in Lobby D that needs a single volunteer for the times shown below. AIHA does not need as many as last year as they now have a staff person who is able to staff the booth 80% of the time. It would be helpful if this person knew “What To Do” and “Where To Go” in the DFW area.

Please note that there is not a Tuesday, May 13 volunteer time.

Monday, May 12	
Lobby D:	
1:00-3:00	
3:00-5:00	
Wednesday, May 14	
Lobby D:	
1:00-3:00	
3:00-5:00	

Employment Service – Volunteer Openings

Contact: B. Wilds, (817) 280-5857, bwilds@bellhelicopter.textron.com

We need only one volunteer for each time slot.

Tuesday, May 13	
Lobby D:	
8:30-10:30	
10:30-12:30	Pat Wilson
12:30-2:30	
2:30-4:30	
Wednesday, May 14	
Lobby D:	
8:30-10:30	
10:30-12:30	David Martin
12:30-2:30	
2:30-4:30	

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Year 2003 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

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 Certification: _____
 Title: _____
 Employer: _____

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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
 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: _____

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

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE AI Hce

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