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By-Law Changes Approved by NTSAIHA Membership

The members of the NTSAIHA have approved the By-Law changes 39-0. The next step is to send a copy to National AIHA for the Executive Director to review and sign.

Once final, NTSAIHA members will receive a "clean" copy of the NTSAIHA By-Laws.

Thank you everyone who took the time to review, ask questions and vote. ☒

Did You Know?

You already know that David Wilson has been elected NTSAIHA President-Elect and will take office in the summer of 2002, but did you also know that he is a member of the Metropolitan Winds. David recently sent me the following photograph and note. I thought you might be interested.

Attached is the picture taken recently of my ensemble, the Metropolitan Winds, with the special choral group assembled for our recent Broadway music concert (unfortunately, Diana who was in the chorus, is out of the field of view). I am in the front row (flutes), seated directly in front of an oboe player and second from the end of the row in the foreground.



The Metropolitan Winds is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization and depends entirely on ticket sales, (dwindling) government grants, and Corporate Sponsors for our existence, except for the occasional TV appearance: last night we were filmed by CBS-TV for a promotion airing nationally April 14th for a sports documentary (I will try to get more details). Also, rumor has it that we are doing a Christmas special this year on local TV with the Turtle Creek Chorale.

Our next concert at the Myerson Symphony Center in downtown Dallas is Sunday, June 9 at 7:30 PM, and features lots of wonderful movie music by composer John Williams, who is a friend of our Music Director.

This music is seldom performed anywhere, and you can read all about it at <http://www.metropolitanwinds.com/>. Our first John Williams concert was a sellout. ☒

Dallas Science Fair Winners

Chuck Pinzino, Don Hudnall, John Thorburn, and Bill Vining represented the NTSAIHA at the April 6, 2002 Dallas Science Fair. There were a lot of entries but not a lot that dealt with industrial hygiene issues. There were two entries that really stood out above all the rest so selecting the winners was relatively easy.

And the winners are:



Sr. Division NTSAIHA Winner
"What's in Your Air"
Mike Keesee
Williams High School
Sponsor: Chad Linsteadt

Mike's project dealt with indoor air quality – specifically mold. He collected mold samples from a building that had a recent addition. He collected agar plate and swab samples from various areas within the old and new sections then compared the results.

As you would probably imagine he found higher levels of mold in the older section where there was visible water damage.



Jr. Division NTSAIHA Winner
"Effect of Cell Phone Design on RF Radiation"
Ryan Shill
Carpenter Middle School
Sponsor: Patrick Sullivan

Ryan's project compared the RF emissions of various types of mobile phones. Ryan was very energetic and went into detail about how he setup his project, problems encountered and resolutions.

His findings showed that mobile phones with a flip top earpiece that blocked the antennae also blocked RF radiation. Those that allowed the antennae next to the ear with no blocking provided the highest levels of RF radiation.

Ryan was so energetic and convincing that he made some of us judges want to get a different mobile phone. Way to go Ryan.

There were other projects that had a bit of I.H. issues included such as sound absorbing materials, a home made velometer and mercury's effects on animals. Of course there were also others that had nothing to do with I.H. but caught your attention anyway. The "Flaming Babies" project dealt with diaper flammability. Got my attention.

Thanks to Bill Vining who coordinated the Fort Worth and Dallas Science Fairs this year as he has done every year. Also thanks to all the members who represented the NTSAIHA at the fairs. ☺

Job Opportunity Summaries

@ Applied Earth Sciences, San Antonio, TX

Applied Earth Sciences, Inc. (AES) has an immediate need for a TDH Licensed Asbestos Consultant for our San Antonio office. Minimum salary is \$40,000/yr. Individual will oversee asbestos inspection, O&M and abatement activities, as well as other types of projects. Additional skills in IAQ, Phase I/II ESA, safety or compliance a plus. Please contact Frank W. Clark, PE at (972) 416-7171 or fax resume to (972) 416-7175

@ Armstrong World Industries, Dallas, TX

Our wood flooring group in Dallas, Texas is looking for a EHS professional to coordinate the EHS activities of our Arkansas plants (multi-location). This individual will drive the Environmental, Health, and Safety System, ensuring full regulatory activity, reporting, and permitting compliance. For immediate consideration during a confidential on-line interview go to: <http://www.hrwebxpress.com/index?ga=ni&cID=1751&pID=LOCEKQ>

@ OxyChem, Dallas, TX

OxyChem has an immediate opening for a Regulatory Specialist. The pay range is \$46,600 - 70+ depending on experience. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact OxyChem - Barry Christensen at 972-404-3209 - ASAP.

Full details of the above were immediately sent to the NTSAIHA job opportunity email distribution list upon receipt. If you wish to get on the list, contact Don Hudnall. Contact information is on top of page 1. ☺

Treasurer's Report

01/01/02 Through 04/24/02

INFLOWS		\$
<i>Dues Inc</i>	780.00	
<i>Welding Seminar</i>	2,335.00	
TOTAL INFLOWS	3,115.00	
OUTFLOWS		\$
<i>Leadership Conf.</i>	110.54	
<i>Postage</i>	34.00	
<i>Science Fair</i>	406.17	
<i>Welding Seminar</i>	2,167.01	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,717.72	
OVERALL TOTALS		\$
<i>Overall Total</i>	397.28	
<i>Checkbook Balance</i>	14,241.89	

AIHA Happenings on the Hill

By Aaron K. Trippler, Director
AIHA Government Affairs Group

Ergonomics Guidelines Proposed by OSHA

Unless you have been living in a cave, you know that OSHA has announced its plans to proceed with industry-specific ergonomics guidelines rather than develop a new standard. The newly announced approach would incorporate four different elements – guidelines, enforcement, compliance assistance and research.

AIHA has come out on record as stating that we still support a standard rather than guidelines and that the scientific evidence is there to support a standard. However, since it is obvious that we will not see an ergonomics standard anytime soon, AIHA not only issued a statement about the OSHA proposal, but also has now followed up with a letter to Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao.

OSHA has several obstacles to overcome if they are to be successful in developing these guidelines. First, OSHA has announced that they hope to have the first guidelines developed

within 6 months. This will be a huge undertaking. They have begun moving forward by announcing “ergonomics coordinators” in each of the ten OSHA regions. These individuals are to assist OSHA staff, employers, employees and other stakeholders with ergonomic issues.

The second obstacle to OSHA is the possible reintroduction of legislation in Congress to force OSHA to develop a new standard. Sen. John Breaux is debating whether or not to introduce this legislation in the coming weeks (see story elsewhere).

Another problem facing OSHA is what to do with the new recordkeeping standard. If you recall, this standard addressed the issue of MSDs. The Bush administration put a hold on this portion of the standard until January 2003 because they had no definition of what an MSD is. OSHA stated that they were moving forward with plans on ergonomics and would address the issue at that time. Now, the plans have been announced and there is still no definition for MSDs. Most likely, OSHA will delay the implementation of MSD recording beyond 2003.

Will Congress Consider Ergonomics Legislation?

Senator John Breaux is considering whether or not to reintroduce his previous legislation (S.598) to force OSHA to develop an ergonomics standard within 2 years of passage of the legislation. Sen. Breaux was considering this avenue well before OSHA announced its approach to ergonomics a couple of weeks ago – to develop industry-specific guidelines rather than a standard.

The draft bill being considered by Sen. Breaux is very similar to his first approach. The most notable changes are that the new standard must cover all industries and OSHA must include the entire previous record on ergonomics in development of the standard.

Can it pass? It is doubtful at this time. While the bill will perhaps have enough support in the Senate, the House is a different story. The House is so unsure of passage that House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt has stated that if the Democrats take control of the House after the 2002 elections, ergonomics will be the first issue they consider in 2003. This is as much as stating that there is not enough support in the House to pass the bill into law. There was some talk about attaching the bill to the Labor appropriations bill, but that is unlikely to happen.

Senate FY03 Budget Resolution Restores Administration Cuts in NIOSH Funding

As you may recall, in a move which left some occupational health and safety advocates scratching their heads, the Administration proposed a 10% reduction in FY03 funding for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)---from \$286 million in FY02 to \$258 million for FY03. The decision to cut the NIOSH budget seemed almost at odds with Bush’s pledge to increase biodefense spending and ostensibly, may have been one that neglected to factor in the significant contributions the agency made during the aftermath of the WRC attacks and the anthrax assaults.

However, in late March, the Democratic-controlled Senate Budget Committee passed its spending outline contained in the FY03 Congressional Budget Resolution that proposes restoring NIOSH to FY02 level funding. Although the specific dollar amount for NIOSH was not included, Senate Budget Chairman Kent Conrad stated that he wants to increase spending for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The budget document stipulates, to “fully restore the President’s cuts to programs including.....Occupational, Safety and Health.”

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AIHCe 2003 in Dallas, TX

Navigating Uncharted Territory

The American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition is coming to Dallas, TX May 10-15, 2003. The local NTSIHA has been called upon to provide some support. We need NTSIHA members and friends to help organize the following. Please contact Don Hudnall (817-280-2832) if you wish to volunteer.

Opening General Session

Welcome, Color Guard, Band, Singer, and non-denominational Invocator. So far David Wilson and Bill Vining are helping out here.

Technical Tours

Need 4-8 technical tours by September 1, 2002. So far Gerry Walsh & Barbara Wilds are working to get one tour each. Need a chairperson to head up.

Foundation Fun Run

Need someone to coordinate with local professional marathon organizers.

Dallas Information Kiosks

Will need 16 volunteers at 2hr shifts each. Need someone to coordinate this volunteer effort.

Community Service

National AIHA is coordinating a blood drive. Need someone to coordinate NTSIHA involvement if any. We could tag-on with a Organ Donor and Bone Marrow Donor sign-up. David Wilson and Don Hudnall have contacts for these groups. Need by September 1, 2002.

John Thorburn and Stephanie Erikson have also volunteered to help with the above. We still need more help with all of the above so give me a call. Thanks. Don Hudnall ☉

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The House’s budget resolution makes no such attempt at granting additional funds to the CDC or to restoring the NIOSH budget to FY02 spending levels. However, both House and Senate resolutions must be reconciled at conference to produce a final concurrent FY03 budget resolution. Although the resolution is non-binding, it does serve as a benchmark for congressional spending.

The fact that the Senate recommended restoring funding for NIOSH in its spending outline could bode well for the agency during the deliberations over the FY03 Labor-HHS appropriations legislation later this year.

AIHA Urges Congress to Increase OSHA Funding for FY2003

Citing OSHA’s impressive efforts in leveraging its resources to protect the health and safety of rescue and recovery workers at the WTC and its newly defined priorities to enhance the agency’s effectiveness, AIHA sent a strong letter of support to House appropriators urging them to maintain or increase OSHA’s FY03 budget to allow the agency to continue to carry out its objectives.

The Administration proposed \$437 million in FY 2003 for the OSHA budget—a reduction of approximately \$6 million from last year. Further, notwithstanding the agency’s impressive role in the rescue and recovery process at the WTC, no funding was made available to OSHA for its homeland security efforts. AIHA recommended that OSHA, like the EPA, which received \$124 million in new funding for homeland security, also be provided with financial resources for this purpose.

AIHA Comments to EPA on Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

AIHA recently submitted comments to EPA on a proposed rule dealing with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The comments centered on the fact that EPA intends to simplify the recordkeeping requirements for hazardous waste sites.

While AIHA supports the reduction of the burden in recordkeeping, AIHA questioned why EPA saw fit to include only two professions qualified to perform certain evaluations or activities to be certified. The EPA proposal would have added a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager to the current Professional Engineer as the two professionals considered qualified.

AIHA comments recommended that the Agency consider adding CIH to these professions, but took it one step further in stating that the agency needed to clarify what the qualifications should be. AIHA noted that not all PEs, CHMMs or even CIHs are qualified in this regard and specific guidelines need to be developed.

Up and Running

Don’t forget to take a look at the new AIHA Federal Legislative Action Center within the members-only section of the AIHA web page.

Members are able to follow all federal legislation of interest to AIHA. This includes access to legislation by subject matter, legislative text, current status of the legislation, and AIHA position. Members also have access to a directory of all elected officials and senior agency personnel and will be able to send e-mail messages to their elected officials indicating support or opposition on any piece of legislation or simply find the address and telephone number of specific offices. ☉

ASSE Region III 29th Annual Professional Development Conf.

August 4 – 7, 2002
Hotel Inter-Continental
Addison, Texas



On behalf of the American Society of Safety Engineers Region III, it is my pleasure to welcome you and your family to our 29th Annual

Professional Development Conference. With every member's employer challenging them to be careful with career development and training budgets, this year's conference offers a particularly focused and value-packed educational event – and I am sure you'll agree, is "The BRAND of CHOICE" of S.H. & E. professionals throughout Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Take a look and join your friends and colleagues at the one conference year on year to fulfill the total professional and personal needs of attendees. Thanks to our members' employers, exhibitors and sponsors for their support. My thanks also to our host chapters, Southwest and Fort Worth. I wish you the best conference experience and look forward to greeting you.
Mike Thompson, CSP
Region III Vice President

General Information

Over 40 exhibitors will display the latest products and services in the safety and health field. Exhibits will be open Monday evening 4:30- 6:00 pm and all day Tuesday.

Check out the Southwest ASSE website at <http://www.sw-asse.org> for more information. (You can also contact me, Don Hudnall, and ask to be emailed a Conference Information Booklet. It is a large, 900KB Adobe Acrobat file). ☒

Fort Worth – ASSE Presents "Dealing With The Media"

May 14, 2002

Location

Motorola, 5555 N. Beach Street
Fort Worth, TX 76137
Enter through the east lobby entrance. This will be Door #5. Directional signs will be posted on the west side of the facility

Outline

- 10:00 am Registration
- 10:30 am Media Presentation
- 11:00 am Emergency Response
- 12:00 pm Lunch
ASSE Business Mtg
- 1:00 pm Table Top Exercise
- 2:00 pm Table Top Critique & Lessons Learned
- 2:30 pm Wrap Up



Deanna Bray - Reporter for the Fort Worth Star Telegram.
Topic: Media

Lt. Kent Worley - PIO for the Fort Worth Fire Department.
Topic: Emergency Response

Joe Stout – Public Affairs Manager for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics.
Topic: Business Representatives

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Attendance is Limited to 80

Seminar Registration:
Since space is limited, you need to register early.

Please contact Johnny Srader:
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Email: jsrader1@email.mot.com

Registration fee should be paid onsite during morning registration. Should you need special accommodations or have questions, please contact Johnny Srader.

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Title:

Company:

Address:

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State/Zip:

Email:

Telephone:

Fax:

Registration Fee: \$15 (check/cash only)
Lunch is included in the registration fee.

Volunteers for the AIHCe 2002 in San Diego.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with the AIHCe 2003 Dallas, TX booth in San Diego. Volunteers so far are Dan McCaskill, Stevan Pierce, Mike Donahue, David Wilson, Bill Vining, Mike Collins, Don Hudnall, Bob Harris and Wendy McDowell.

National will be sending a list of times needed for people to staff the booth. Upon receipt, I will send an email to each of you so you can determine which time best fits your schedule.

Thanks everybody. Don H.

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