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Founded 1952
85 Year 2004 Members
71 Year 2005 Members
5 Year 2006 members

Check out our Web Page at:
<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/NTS>

Message

President-Elect Message
by Mike Larranaga



I hope all of you had a happy Thanksgiving. The November meeting/Teleweb was hosted by the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center (UNT) School of Public Health, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH) and was well received. The Methamphetamine Lab Teleweb was very good and the catered lunch was great. 32 people were present at the Teleweb, including 10 participants from the Medical Toxicology Emergency Medicine Fellowship program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Kurt Kleinschmidt, MD, director of the fellowship program, thought it would be a good idea for the Fellows to meet those who work on prevention (IH's) versus treatment (physicians).

Many of you were probably unaware that there was an EOH department right here in Ft. Worth. Those present were able to meet the UNT faculty who briefly presented their research areas and interests. Eric

Johnson, MD, PhD, the new chairperson of the department, spoke to us about his desire to become involved in the North Texas community and to develop relationships with the NTS-AIHA and local industry. In particular, Dr. Johnson would like the department's classes to participate in facility tours so the students can get a little bit of field experience, even if it is only for an afternoon. Just visiting and touring a facility can be very valuable for students because they can apply classroom principles during the tour. Facility tours were very valuable for me as a student, and I still sometimes recall lessons I learned during these tours. Additionally, the tidbits of information that students learn during facility tours can be very valuable when the students are interviewing for a job.

The UNT-EOH students are required to complete a practicum (internship) in an area relating to occupational and environmental health. The practicum can be in any sector related to public health (environmental, industrial hygiene, safety engineering, health department, etc.) and can be project specific, such as completing those projects which have been sitting around for some time and you just haven't had the time to complete. Dr. Johnson would like some help from the NTS-AIHA in locating practicums for the department's students.

For those of you who are able and willing to conduct facility tours and/or willing to sponsor a student practicum, please email me at mailto:michael_larranaga@yahoo.com. For each, include the type of facility in which you work, and if interested in sponsoring a practicum, please provide some information about a project or assignment that the student would complete. Keep in mind that all students in the School of Public Health at UNT are at the graduate level. I will be compiling a running list for Dr. Johnson regarding possible facility tours and practicum projects/assignments. Please help with this endeavor, as it is a great opportunity for North Texas and the NTS-AIHA.

Have a very merry holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas party. ☉

Free CD-ROM Introduces Students to Industrial Hygiene Careers

Video, presentation materials, and fact sheets provide information for students and tools for professionals

FAIRFAX, VA (November 14, 2005) — Today's students are looking for careers that will make a difference to others while allowing them both professional challenges and time to pursue personal interests. A career in industrial hygiene can offer all that and much more. To introduce students to the many opportunities available in the industrial hygiene field, the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) is offering a free CD-ROM with a 10-minute video, companion PowerPoint presentation, and information-packed fact sheets on the profession.

"This CD-ROM is the perfect tool for professionals who want to reach out to the high school and college students who will become the future leaders in our field," said AIHA

President Roy Buchan, DrPH, CIH. "Career day presentations and other opportunities to speak to students will be enriched with the materials available on the student CD."

The student CD-ROM was developed through the generous support of the AIHA Board of Directors and with the input of a number of students and industrial hygiene professionals from industry, academia, and government. Free copies are available to all professionals interested in raising students' awareness of the industrial hygiene profession. In addition, copies are available on request to any student who wishes to learn more about the field.

The resources available on the CD will also be available for download through the AIHA website at www.aiha.org/Content/InsideAIHA/Students/.

In addition to the new CD, AIHA has been pursuing a number of initiatives to support students with an interest in the industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health and safety profession, including:

Continued support for student scholarships through the American Industrial Hygiene Foundation

NOTICE

Due to the Holidays and other commitments that I have, there will not be a January newsletter. Any information that needs to be shared with the Local Section members will be distributed separately. Thank you for your understanding.

Barbara Wilds
Newsletter Editor

Dues are Due

NTS-AIHA dues are due for another year.

Annual NTS-AIHA dues are still only \$15/year.

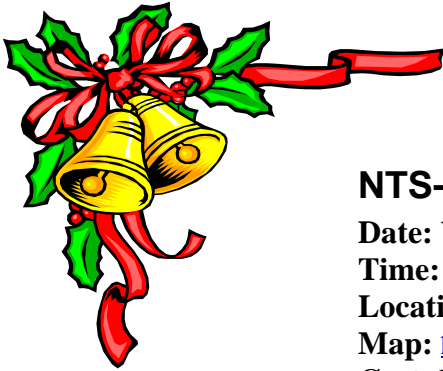
To pay dues, please complete the membership form on page 6 and submit with payment as indicated. If you have any questions on your membership please contact Barbara Wilds at 817-280-5857 or <mailto:bwilds@bellhelicopter.textron.com>.

2006 paid members include: Marion Armstrong, Kathryn Berry, Rose Hall, William Lowry, Dale Swain, and Gary Ticker

A quarterly e-newsletter focused on information of interest to students. Special services and events at the American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Expo (AIHce), including a student orientation, student reception, and dedicated lounge with student-focused information sessions scheduled throughout the conference.

Over the coming months, AIHA will be developing more tools and resources for students considering careers in the industrial hygiene and occupational and environmental health and safety field; those materials will be posted to the AIHA website as they are completed, creating a constantly evolving resource for students and professionals.

For more information or to request a free copy of the CD-ROM, contact Lisa Junker, AIHA's senior manager of communications, at (703) 846-0734 or <mailto:ljunker@aiha.org>. ☉



NTS-AIHA Holiday Meeting & Party

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: Fuddruckers, 3644 Irving Mall, Irving, TX

Map: <http://www.fuddruckers.com> (Map is on their web page)

Cost: NTS-AIHA members – free; spouse/guest - \$5

Contact: Don Hudnall 817-280-2832 or

<mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.textron.com>

Program:

As you are aware, OSHA, which is part of the National Emergency Response Plan, was called to Louisiana and the other States impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to assist with safety and health in the recovery effort. Mike Rivera with the Fort Worth OSHA Office will be sharing OSHA's hurricane response stories with us during the December meeting. He will have some good pictures showing the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Come enjoy Mike's presentation as well as free food and refreshments.

Door Prizes:

Door prizes will be drawn.

To register, please contact Don Hudnall at 817-280-5857 or

<mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.textron.com>



Bring your spouse or significant other and join your fellow NTS-AIHA members for an evening of good food and good cheer.

Request for Newsletter Editor

By Barbara Wilds

Are you looking for an outlet for those creative talents? Have you wanted to do something with the journalism classes you took in college? Well, here's your chance!

I have taken on new responsibilities both at home and at work that are taking a lot of my time. Although publishing the newsletter is not a large burden, the additional workload that I have taken on is restricting my ability to do as good a job as I would like as NTS-AIHA newsletter editor.

The newsletter editor compiles the newsletter, keeps track of the membership and e-mail distribution lists and sends out voting ballots and seminar brochures. There are no special requirements for the frequency that newsletters are distributed. In the past, we have issued them monthly, but quarterly would be fine.

If you think you think you might be interested in becoming the newsletter editor, and would like to find out more, please give me a call at 817-280-5857. ☒

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.)

Treasurer's Report	
01/01/2005 Through 11/30/2005	
INFLOWS	
	\$
<i>Dues</i>	1015.00
<i>Teleweb Seminars (4)</i>	435.00
<i>Newsletter Sponsor</i>	60.00
<i>AIHA Website Award</i>	500.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,010.00
OUTFLOWS	
	\$
<i>Science Fair</i>	452.90
<i>Awards/Banquet</i>	
<i>Mail Service/Postage</i>	206.66
<i>TeleWeb Seminars (4)</i>	990.00
<i>OSHA/MSHA Update 2004 w/ASSE</i>	1,024.00
<i>Officer Recognition Awards</i>	207.40
<i>Donation to AIHF</i>	500.00
<i>Crisis</i>	302.50
<i>Communication CD</i>	
<i>Bank Charge Exp</i>	6.00
<i>Meeting Exp.</i>	240.90
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	3,930.36
OVERALL TOTALS	
	\$
<i>Annual Total</i>	(1,920.36)
<i>Checkbook</i>	5,426.12
<i>Balance</i>	
<i>Certificate of Deposit</i>	5,228.57
OVERALL TOTAL	10,654.69

- ☐ **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.textro.com>. ☒

Feel Free to Nominate Yourself!

Strengths of Storytelling for Safety Training Explored in New Report

A new report from NIOSH describes the importance of personal storytelling as an effective tool for



mine safety and health training. It also discusses the component s of

producing successful safety training videos that build on the storytelling tradition, drawing from NIOSH's own experiences in this regard.

Tell Me a Story: Why Stories are Essential to Effective Safety Training, DHHS (NIOSH)

Publication No. 2005-152, is based on a seven-year research project. The intent was to develop and assess new materials for training miners in ways to work safely in a challenging and inherently dangerous setting. The effort was designed to replicate traditional industry practices in which beginning miners are mentored by older, more experienced miners, and to reflect cultural values in mining. The new report is available at

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/mining/pubs/pubreference/2005-152.htm>.

For further information on the story-based safety-training model, contact Elaine Cullen, NIOSH Spokane Research Laboratory, <mailto:ecullen@cdc.gov>. Printed copies of the report are available from Candace Pickett, NIOSH Spokane Research Laboratory, at <mailto:cpickett@cdc.gov>. A listing of NIOSH miner training videos is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/mining/products/#videos>. ☒

Upcoming Meetings, Seminars and Conferences

27th Annual OSH Update – Compliance and Beyond

Date: December 8 – 9, 2006

Location: Chapel Hill, NC

Contact: http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/em_osfu.htm

NTS-AIHA December Meeting and Christmas Party

Date: December 14, 2005

Location: Fuddruckers, Irving Mall, Irving TX

Contact: <mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.textron.com> or call 817-280-2832

26th Annual Occupational Safety and Health Winter Institute

Date: January 23 – 27, 2006

Location: Trade Winds Resort, St. Pete Beach, FL

Contact: http://www.sph.unc.edu/osherc/osherc_email.htm

AIHCe 2006

Date: May 13 – 18, 2006

Location: McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois

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