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## PAVING THE WAY FOR THE FUTURE

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Most association presidents begin their term by defining the “theme” of their presidency. For instance, the most recent ASHRAE president focused his year in office on sustainability. The result: just last month ASHRAE published Standard 189.1, *Standard for the Design of High-Performance, Green Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings*. It is the first code-intended commercial green

building standard in the United States.

When I was elected IAQA President in June 2008, I set out a presidential agenda that focused internally. Three years on the Board had led me to conclude that for IAQA to realize its enormous potential, some housekeeping had to be completed first. At my first meeting as President, I told the Board my focus would be on the following items:

- Overcoming obstacles to our relationships with ACAC (formerly AMIAQ) and IESO.
- Improving the contract with our association management service firm.
- Arranging for better third-party review of IAQA finances.
- More consistency in our publications.
- Better convention planning.

As my time as president comes to a close, I am pleased to report considerable progress in all of these areas.

As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, last month IESO became IAQA's own standards body, now functioning as a wholly-owned subsidiary. Obstacles to the IAQA-IESO relationship were eliminated by making IESO an integral part of IAQA. As you know from previous newsletters, obstacles to our relationship with ACAC were eliminated by terminating our official agreement with the certifying body. Not unexpectedly, since severing that tie IAQA's relationship with ACAC has been better than ever.

IAQA retained A&A Communications (better known by their dba, Indoor Environment Communications) to provide management services to the association at a time when the association had a handful of members and five figure debt. Our professional management staff has been an integral part of IAQA ever since, the fabric of the organization if you will. People like me come, serve for a few years, and then we go; but the professionals stay. IAQA is their career. Getting things done with volunteers while remaining discreetly behind the scenes is very hard work. A new contract with Indoor Environment Communications, negotiated

by an ad-hoc committee of association past-presidents and approved by your board of directors, clearly delineates this relationship over the next two years and ensures solid, consistent infrastructure for both IAQA and IESO.

Starting with the 2007 fiscal year and repeated again for the 2008 fiscal year, IAQA retained a firm of independent certified public accountants to review the association's finances. Clean bills of health were issued both years. The practice of using independent auditors each year is now IAQA policy. The association's 990 tax returns, incidentally, are public record. Feel free to request a copy from IAQA headquarters if you are interested in that kind of thing.

The publication schedule of this newsletter, *In The Air*, was rather haphazard until 2008. That problem was corrected by increasing the publication frequency to monthly, decreasing the page count proportionally, and producing the newsletter and distributing it as an insert to *Indoor Environment Connections* newspaper. The solution worked.

Finally, in the area of conference planning I think I will let events speak for themselves. Literally. At the 13th Annual Meeting and Indoor Expo in Tampa March 7-9, you will be able to attend more than 30 technical sessions and visit hundreds of booths at the joint IAQA and ACCA exposition. Some sessions are sponsored by scientific groups like ISIAQ and the University of Tulsa. You can receive up to 20 hours of continuing education credit. In addition you will be welcome at the ACCA technical sessions. I hope to see many of you there.

I feel good about the accomplishments during my presidency. Although perhaps not as sexy or high-profile as those of my predecessors, I believe they were equally important. The road is now paved for the next generation of IAQA leaders to implement great new ideas. Expect them to emphasize education and home health among other initiatives. I wish them and the indoor environmental community success in their endeavors.

What will I be doing after March? Lurking in places where you find mold and other creatures, measuring humidity and air leakage. I will emerge once in a while to attend board meetings for another year or so. And in the meantime, I thank you, my colleagues and peers, for the undeniably humbling, yet incredibly rewarding, opportunity to serve as your association president.

## IAQA AND IESO JOIN FORCES TO CREATE STANDARDS

The Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA) and Indoor Environmental Standards Organization (IESO) announced today they are joining forces to facilitate the timely development of industry standards. Under an agreement approved last week by the boards of directors of both organizations, IESO has become a wholly-owned subsidiary of IAQA. Both organizations retain their non-profit 501(c)(6) status and independent boards.

IESO is an ANSI accredited Standards Development Organization. Since 2006, IESO has created several standards project committees, each actively pursuing the development of an American National Standard. At least two IESO draft standards are expected to be released for public comment in 2010. "We are optimistic these standards will be ANSI-approved by year's end,"

said Kristy M. Lee, IESO Secretariat. Lee, who has held the Secretariat office since IESO's ANSI accreditation, will retain the position under the acquisition agreement.

IAQA is an association whose 4,000 members include an equal number of IAQ assessment consultants and IAQ remediation contractors. Benefits including publications, local chapters and the largest annual IAQ convention and exposition have given IAQ professionals a common ground to exchange information and research. "By expanding IAQA's scope into the standards development arena, it creates remarkable opportunities for members – benefits ranging from standards themselves, to training opportunities, to recognition by the world of IAQA members' ability to set parameters for maintaining healthy indoor environments," said Andrew Åsk, IAQA President.

IAQA and IESO were careful to craft their new relationship such that it

would cause little or no interruption to IESO's ongoing activities. Under the terms of the agreement, IESO's accredited Standard Operating Procedures have not been modified nor has the constitution of the IESO Standards Development Committee and its Consensus Body been altered. "Legal counsel on behalf of IAQA and IESO presented details of the transaction to ANSI officials, who told us their staff has no concerns related to IESO's continuing status as an ANSI-Accredited Standards Developer. Our Board, SDC, Consensus Body and numerous subcommittees continue to work on several active, ongoing standards projects," said Steven Canter, IESO President.

Since 2006, IAQA has been IESO's primary source of funding and volunteer support. "Making IESO an integral part of IAQA helps

ensure our members' investment in dues, volunteer time and association resources will pay off in the form of credible, scientifically based standards for IAQ practitioners," said Glenn Fellman, executive director to both IAQA and IESO.

Look for more news about IAQA and IESO joining forces at the IAQA 13th Annual Meeting & Indoor Air Expo in Tampa, March 7-9, 2010. Leaders of both organizations will provide more details about the acquisition agreement, future plans, and most importantly, how you can get involved in the standards development process. For convention information, visit [www.iaqa.org](http://www.iaqa.org).

For more information about IESO, visit [www.ieso.org](http://www.ieso.org), email [info@iestandards.org](mailto:info@iestandards.org), or call 1-800-406-0256. For more information about IAQA, visit [www.iaqa.org](http://www.iaqa.org), email [info@iaqa.org](mailto:info@iaqa.org), or call 1-301-231-8388.



## WELCOME TO NEW IAQA MEMBERS!

IAQA was please to welcome these new members between December 28, 2009 to January 22, 2010. Fore more information about these indiividuals and companies go to the **Find an IAQA Professional** link at [www.iaqa.org](http://www.iaqa.org)

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 Water Management Consultants & Testing; Destin, FL

## IAQA HOLDS “PHEAF” SEMINAR

IAQA hosted a small technical seminar in Las Vegas on January 16, bringing together about 25 industry professionals to preview a new draft standard the Indoor Environmental Standards Organization (IESO) is developing. The new standard has been officially named the Portable High Efficiency Air Filtration (PHEAF) Device Field Testing and Validation Standard. It defines procedures using hand held particle counters to monitor and test the efficiency of the overall filtration of such devices.

Dr. Bob Brandys, MPH, PE, CIH, CSP, CMR was a principal researcher and author of the draft PHEAF standard. In Vegas, he explained its uses in determining the overall efficiency of devices equipped with HEPA filters. Many attendees were surprised when they found some devices tested during the hands-on portion of the workshop were as low as 70% efficient at removing the air particles in the room, whereas others were HEPA efficient.

The PHEAF standard was released for public comment last year. The subcommittee responsible for the document continues to work toward reconciling those comments. IESO hopes to submit the PHEAF standard to ANSI for recognition as an American National Standard this year. For more information, visit [www.ieso.org](http://www.ieso.org).



**A seminar attendee uses a hand-held particle meter to apply the PHEAF standard procedures to a high efficiency collection device.**

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### UPCOMING IAQA CHAPTER WORKSHOP DATES

#### CALIFORNIA - San Diego

- **March 26: FULL DAY WORKSHOP: Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Certification Course.** For questions, call 760-804-9400 or email [cmccarthy@etandt.com](mailto:cmccarthy@etandt.com).

#### FLORIDA - Palm Beach/Treasure Coast

- April 22: TBA. June 3: TBA. August 19: TBA. October 7: TBA.
- Contact Grace Carelli at [grace@eamlabs.com](mailto:grace@eamlabs.com) or 561-792-9190.

#### GEORGIA - Atlanta

- February 12: Lead-Based Paint Hazards, Renovation, Repair & Painting (RRP) Rule in Georgia. High Performance Buildings & Selecting Building Materials. Contact Wendy Miller at [wendy@healthyairquality.com](mailto:wendy@healthyairquality.com) or 706-278-3202.
- May 7: TBA. August 6: TBA. November 5: TBA.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA - Columbia

- February 4: Swine Flu and Air Filtration, An Introduction to LEED for Existing Buildings-Operations and Maintenance For questions, call Virginia Dean or Patrick Waters at 803-418-9732 or email [Virginia@carolinafilts.com](mailto:Virginia@carolinafilts.com).

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Amongst our 42 speakers, 21 hold doctorate degrees, 3 earned master's degrees in public health, 12 hold CIEC certification, 5 hold CIH certification, 5 have earned PE licenses, 4 hold CSP certification, and 4 are LEED AP certified.

The **ONLY** event for IAQ professionals this March 7-9 is the IAQA 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Indoor Air Expo in Tampa, Florida.

**GET ALL THE DETAILS AT [WWW.IAQA.ORG](http://WWW.IAQA.ORG)**

## IAQA STAFF DIRECTORY

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