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Chris Laszcz-Davis
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Dear Chris:

I've made some editorial comments on the text you drafted. Also, I believe we should add more text on general issues. I suggest the following be inserted.

Other issues were raised regarding how the Academy and AIHA should address this issue. One member from Canada commented that AIHA and AAIH were international organizations and they should be careful in their efforts to address only U. S. initiatives. Other members expressed concern that we find a way to speak as one Industrial Hygiene professional voice, not as fragmented chapters or organizations. On the other hand, one Academy member felt that AAIH diplomates had more "invested" in their professional status, therefore more to lose, and the AAIH should be the lead organization in developing responses to licensing initiatives.

Suffice it to say, there are many opinions and concern regarding this issue. Some clear action items and ideas did come from the Forum.

Sincerely,



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SUMMARY -- LICENSING FORUM
VANCOUVER PCIH
OCTOBER 25, 1990

Over 120 attended the PCIH Licensing Forum moderated by Tom Grumbles. To provide a benchmark for discussion, four volunteers -- Jill Niland, Ed Hermann, Scott Marier(?) and Howard Spielman -- reviewed their experiences and frustrations with the licensing/registration issue. Much discussion followed.

Attendees agreed that the following items needed to be addressed in order for the profession "to get its arms around the licensing dilemma".

- Comprehensive presentation of the technical aspects surrounding licensing/registration to ensure membership understanding.
- Comprehensive presentation as to what other professions (ie. physicians, engineers, safety professionals) have done about this same dilemma to ensure membership understanding of its options.
- Resurvey of membership to ^{determine their opinions} ~~secure its desires~~ ^{ing} as regards the profession's strategic role in licensing/registration.
- ^{Develop} ~~Strengthened~~ public relations packages (which speak to the profession's skill and expertise) which could be sent to state legislators on a ^{pro-active or as needed basis}.
- Generic model licensing/registration bill for use by local industrial hygiene sections.
- ~~Lobbyist~~ Hire a professional lobbyist to help

Attendees also suggested that the Academy function as a ^{provider of} ~~catalyst~~ for high quality continuing education courses on "hot issues" such as ergonomics, asbestos, indoor air quality, and risk assessment, just to mention a few.
*(see attached)

Academy officers L. Kornreich and Chris Laszcz-Davis agreed to review the attendees' requests and either make them part of the Academy's 1991 agenda or, if more appropriate, work with the other industrial hygiene organizations to ensure that someone assumed ownership and followed through on the action items.