

April 7, 2008

Dear Member:

**The Annual Meeting is just three weeks away.** There's still time to register, but you need to call right away. Hear economist Brian Beaulieu, political analyst and commentator Norman Ornstein, and a trade opportunities panel with Ann Lavin, vice president of the US-ASEAN Business Council; Jay Thompson, Russia desk officer for the US Department of Commerce, and John Anderson, director of the Office of Latin America and the Caribbean for the Commerce Department.

The meeting, at the Amelia Island Plantation in Florida, starts with a buffet dinner on Sunday, April 27, and goes through dinner on Tuesday evening, April 29. It could be the best two business days you spend all year. Get the details from the ISEA Web site, or call Sabra Flaherty at ISEA.

**Not attending the Annual Meeting?** We'd like to know why. Look for an e-mail later this month linking you to a brief survey on the meeting. We'll use the results in our planning for future meetings, to enhance the value of the Annual Meeting for all member companies.

**High visibility standards and guidelines around the world.** CSA International has published a Guideline document on selection, use, and care of high-visibility safety apparel, to be used in conjunction with CAN/CSA-Z96.1-2002(R2007), *High-visibility safety apparel*. This Guideline specifies best practices, and outlines the essential components necessary for the implementation of an effective high-visibility safety apparel program in the workplace. It does not impose any requirements separate from those specified in CAN/CSA-Z96, although it indicates where such requirements apply to high-visibility safety apparel and those options that may be permissible within the limits of the Guideline. The Canadian standard was developed in cooperation with ISEA, incorporating elements of the ANSI/ISEA 107 standard for high visibility safety apparel.

In Europe, a proposal has been made to reaffirm EN 471-2003 *High-visibility warning clothing for professional use-Test methods and requirements*. EN 471-2003 is currently being processed through ISO to become an international standard. Janice Comer Bradley has details.

**Working for you in Washington.** In March, ISEA submitted comments to OSHA on a proposed rule on working conditions in shipyard employment, encouraging the agency to incorporate references to ANSI voluntary consensus standards for first aid kits, emergency eyewash and showers and high-visibility apparel into the rule. See the March *Washington Report* for details or contact Dan Glucksman at ISEA.

ISEA also submitted comments to NIOSH on the agency's concept paper establishing performance requirements for industrial power air-purifying respirators (PAPRs) and is preparing comments on the NIOSH action plan on PPE requirements for health care workers in an influenza pandemic. For more details contact ISEA Technical Director Janice Comer Bradley.

**ISEA Bylaws amendment on supplier membership.** Voting reps are being asked to vote on an amendment to the ISEA Bylaws establishing that component and raw material manufacturers are eligible for regular voting membership. The proposed language was approved by the Board in February. ISEA is also proposing a Bylaws amendment that clarifies and simplifies the language codifying the association's one-company-one-vote rule, which establishes that the controlling corporate entity is the voting member when multiple divisions or subsidiaries of a company are eligible for active membership.

**Coming up:**

Apr 10-11	Z87 Committee	New York, NY
Apr 14-18	QSSP Course	Louisville, KY
Apr 22	Marketing & Communications Committee	Arlington, VA
APR 24	Respiratory Protection Group	Arlington, VA
Apr 27-29	ISEA 75 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting	Amelia Island, FL

ISEA also publishes a monthly *Washington Report*, a twice-a-month *Market Intelligence Digest*, a *Standards Focus* newsletter, and a quarterly *Protection Update* (in *Occupational Hazards* magazine). If you're not getting these publications, contact ISEA headquarters. Look for up-to-date information on the Web at [www.safetysystem.org](http://www.safetysystem.org).

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