

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Non-profit leader with nearly 40 years of successful public policy adoption, program development, advocacy, fundraising, community networking, social media, and global event planning. Pioneer in the asbestos education and advocacy sector.

## NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), Redondo Beach, CA                      2004 - Present  
CEO and Co-Founder

- Founded and directed leading international organization focused on raising awareness of asbestos use in the U.S. and worldwide with powerful online presence.
- Created new 501(c)3 from the ground up with renowned Science Advisory Board.
- Grew network to 20,000 asbestos victims, scientific experts and advocates worldwide.
- Developed fundraising strategy and managed corporate and individual donor base.
- Led advocacy efforts for U.S. Congressional legislation to fuel ban on asbestos.
- Established Asbestos Disease Awareness Day/Week with 10 years of congressional recognition.
- Created and organized annual international asbestos awareness conferences with over 30 leading worldwide medical practitioners, scientists, and researchers and 100 participants.
- Wrote and produced multimedia educational materials including slideshow “Asbestos Kills” and multilingual web-based resources.
- Spoke internationally on asbestos awareness issues and use of digital storytelling and social media for public health.

## ADAO ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, 33<sup>rd</sup> Asian Pacific Occupational Safety and Health Organization Conference (APOSHO 33) 2018
- Speaker, African Conference on Occupational Health and Safety 2018
- Speaker, 13<sup>th</sup> ADAO Congressional Staff Briefing 2018
- Speaker, “Asbestos: A Silent Killer?” University of Rosario, Bogota, Colombia. 2018
- Speaker, Mesothelioma Action Day, London, United Kingdom 2018
- Speaker, 3<sup>rd</sup> National Meeting of Relatives and Victims of Asbestos in Brazil 2018
- Speaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> International Asbestos Seminar in Sao Paolo, Brazil 2018
- Speaker, Insulators International Invitational Symposium on Asbestos 2018
- Speaker, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Professional Abatement Contractors of New York Environmental Conference 2018
- Speaker, Less Cancer National Prevention Day, Washington D.C. 2018
- Speaker, “Money, Power, and Politics,” at American University Law School, Washington D.C. 2018
- Speaker, Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, Canberra, Australia 2017

- Speaker, 4<sup>th</sup> annual American Public Health Association Meeting and Exposition 2017
- Speaker, Women’s Convention, Detroit, MI 2017
- Speaker, USC Annenberg: Investigative Reporting 2017
- Speaker, 12th ADAO US Senate Staff Briefing 2017
- Speaker, Mesothelioma Action Day, London, United Kingdom 2017
- Speaker, Nonprofit Technology Conference, Washington, DC 2017
- Speaker, The Global Health and Innovation Conference, Yale University, CT. 2017
- Speaker, “Money, Power, and Politics,” American University Law School 2017
- Speaker, Less Cancer’s National Cancer Prevention Day 2017
- Speaker, ASEA’s Asbestos Safety and Eradication Conference 2016
- Speaker, “Harnessing the Power of Social Media Advocacy” São Paolo, Brazil. 2016
- Speaker, Brazil’s International Seminar on Asbestos: A Socio-Legal Approach. 2016
- Speaker, 10th ADAO US Senate Staff Briefing 2016
- Speaker, Mesothelioma Action Day, London, United Kingdom 2016
- Speaker, The Global Health & Innovation Conference, Yale University 2016
- Speaker, Environmental Information Association Conference 2016
- Speaker, 9th ADAO US Senate Staff Briefing 2016
- Speaker, World Congress, Karachi, Pakistan 2015
- Speaker, Professional Abatement Contractors of New York Conference. 2015
- Speaker, Environmental Working Group Congressional Staff Briefing. 2015
- Speaker, 5<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Lung-Sparing Therapies for Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma 2015
- Speaker, European Asbestos Forum 2015
- Speaker, National Council for Occupational Safety and Health National Conference 2015
- Speaker, Mesothelioma Action Day, London, United Kingdom 2015
- Speaker, 8<sup>th</sup> ADAO US Senate Staff Briefing 2015
- Speaker, Symposium & Exhibit Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Dr. Irving J. Selikoff, Mt. Sinai, NYC, NY 2015
- Speaker, Southland Technology Conference Long Beach, CA, October 2015
- Speaker, “*Asbestos: The Human Cost of Inaction*” Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA 2015
- Speaker, American Public Health Association’s Annual Meeting and Exposition. 2015
- Speaker, Unite for Sight, Yale, CT 2015
- Speaker, American Public Health Association’s Annual Meeting and Exposition. 2014
- Speaker, 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Asbestos Awareness and Management, Melbourne, Australia 2014
- Speaker, 7<sup>th</sup> ADAO US Senate Staff Briefing 2014
- Speaker, 20th World Congress on Safety and Health “Asbestos in the Americas” Symposium, Frankfurt, Germany 2014
- International Mesothelioma Interest Group (iMig) Conference 2014
- Testified, U.S. House hearing, “Regulation of Existing Chemicals and the Role of Pre-emption under Sections 6 and 18 of the Toxic Substances Control Act” 2013
- Testified, U.S. Senate EPW Committee hearing, “Strengthening Public Health Protections by Addressing Toxic Chemical Threats” 2013

- U.S. Senate Staffer Briefing, “Asbestos: Impact on Public Health, the Environment, and the Economy” 2013
- Speaker, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on Lung-Sparing Therapies for Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma, Santa Monica, CA 2013
- Speaker, Global Health & Innovation Conference, Yale University, CT 2013
- Press Conference, “Asbestos: USA Toxic Trade,” National Press Club, Washington, D.C. 2013
- Passage of 9th U.S. Senate Resolution of National Asbestos Week (April 1- 7) 2013
- Keynote Speaker, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy 2013
  
- Keynote Speaker, Austrian Asbestos Network Symposium, Perth, West Australia 2012
- Speaker, American Public Health Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA 2012
- Speaker, Global Health & Innovation Conference, Yale University, CT 2012
- Speaker, Miles for Meso Symposium, Boca Raton, FL 2012
- Passage of 8th U.S. Senate Resolution of National Asbestos Week (April 1- 7) 2012
- Screening of “Dust: The Great Asbestos Trial” Documentary, Beverly Hills, CA 2012
- Speaker, ANDEVA International Day of Asbestos Victims, Paris, France 2012
- Speaker, United Nations Rio + 20 People’s Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2012
- Speaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Lung-Sparing Therapies for Mesothelioma, Santa Monica, CA 2012
- Speaker, People’s Summit Workshop, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2012
- Panelist, “Dust: The Great Asbestos Trial” Screening, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 2012
  
- Speaker, “Asbestos: Past, Present & Future,” Toronto, Ontario, Canada 2011
- Speaker, Asian Ban Asbestos Network Conference, Jaipur, India 2011
- Speaker, “A World Without Asbestos” Conference, Casale Monferrato, Italy 2011
- Speaker, Asian Network for the Rights of Occupational and Environmental Victims Conference, Jaipur, India 2011
- Speaker, American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. 2011
- Passage of 7th U.S. Senate Resolution of National Asbestos Week (April 1- 7) 2011
  
- Testified, California Committee on Natural Resources 2010
- House of Representatives Staffer Briefing, “Asbestos: Impact on Public Health, Environment, and Economy” 2010
- Speaker, “OSHA Listens,” U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA 2010
- Speaker, American Public Health Association Conference, Denver, CO 2010
- Speaker, Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies - CIESS, Mexico City, Mexico 2010
- Speaker, International Mesothelioma Interest Group, Kyoto, Japan 2010
- Testified, U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce 2010
- Passage of 6th U.S. Senate Resolution of National Asbestos Week (April 1- 7) 2010

- Speaker, TEDx, Manhattan Beach, CA 2010
  - Garnered Awareness Statement from U.S. Surgeon General regarding asbestos 2009
  - Keynote speaker, Environmental Information Association, South Carolina 2009
  - Speaker, Asian Asbestos Conference, Hong Kong, China 2009
  - Passage of 5th U.S. Senate Resolution of National Asbestos Week (April 1- 7) 2009
  - Speaker, International Mesothelioma Interest Group, Amsterdam, Holland 2008
  - Opening Address, National Asbestos Conference, South Africa 2008
  - Speaker, Mesothelioma Career Day, Leeds, England 2008
  - Keynote speaker, The Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE) Conference 2008
  - Passage of 4th U.S. Senate Resolution of National Asbestos Week (April 1- 7) 2008
  - Interview for Korean Broadcast regarding World Trade Center Disaster 2008
  - Keynote speaker, Environmental Information Association (EIA) Conference 2008
  - Testified, U.S. House of Representative EHM Sub-Committee Democratic Staff Briefing 2008
  - Worked with Public Justice to remove asbestos-containing CSI child's toy from consumer shelves 2007
  - Testified, U.S. Senate EPW Committee regarding health effects of asbestos; supported Senator Patty Murray's bill, S.742, the Ban Asbestos in America Act 2007
  - Speaker, House of Commons Occupational Safety and Health, England 2007
  - House of Commons Certificate of Achievement, England 2007
  - Passage of 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Senate Resolution of National Asbestos Week (April 1- 7) 2007
  - Speaker, Asian Asbestos Conference, Bangkok, Thailand 2006
  - Passage of U.S. Senate Resolution of National Asbestos Awareness Day (April 1) 2006
  - Passage of U.S. Senate Resolution of National Asbestos Awareness Day (April 1) 2005
  - CNBC Live Debate with Mike Baroody, Executive VP, National Association of Manufacturers and Chairman of the Asbestos Alliance Steering Committee 2005
  - Represented ADAO at Global Asbestos Congress, Tokyo 2004
  - Launched National Asbestos Awareness Campaign with Domestic Policy Council to President George W. Bush 2004
- Congregation Tikvat Jacob, Manhattan Beach, CA 2002 - 2005  
School Board Member
- Reviewed and revised K – 9 grade curriculum for 125 students
  - Led staff hiring, program development, and fundraising, resulting in \$25,000
- Amie Karen Cancer Fund, Los Angeles, CA 1991 - 1993  
Annual Marathon Chairperson
- Developed marathon into a fundraising event resulting in more than \$250k funding over three years

- Designed runner sponsorship programs, which increased awareness of AKCF’s mission in Southern California
- Revitalized public image through graphic design initiative with Nicole Miller

#### OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Flight Attendant, American Airlines 1977 - 2001

#### AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Mesothelioma Warriors Award, International Online Asbestos Community 2013
- Global Impact Award, Independent Asbestos Training Providers, England 2013
- Silver Stevie Award, ADAO, Company of the Year – Non-Profit Category 2013
- Bruce Vento Hope Builder Award, Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation 2011
- House of Commons Award, London, England 2006
- Heart and Soul Award, Manhattan Beach, California 2005
- Graduating Class Speaker, Leadership Manhattan Beach, California 2003

#### PUBLICATIONS: PRINT, DIGITAL and VIDEO

- Letter to the Editor, Wall Street Journal, “Mesothelioma Doctors, Lawyers Join Hunt for Valuable Asbestos Cases” 2013
- “Asbestos: Still Legal and Lethal in North America,” Women and Environments International Magazine 2013
- Shared Stories: How Asbestos Changed Our Lives 2013
- Identifying Asbestos in Your Home 2010
- “Asbestos: What If?” PSA 2010
- Monthly Newsletter, UK Asbestos Management Auditing Company 2007 - 2009
- Asbestos Awareness Conference, American Journal of Industrial Medicine 2006
- "Asbestos Kills" slideshow featuring "Keep Me in Your Heart," from Warren Zevon's Grammy-winning album, and including photographs from Bill Ravenesi's award-winning exhibit, “Breath Taken” 2005
- “Reflections,” an online global publication that reviews history of asbestos use, provides information on preventing exposure and early detection of asbestos-related diseases, and presents new research 2005
- “Asbestos: The Dust, Disease, and Death” 2005
- “Stay Safe,” International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) 2005
- Trilingual educational resources for asbestos patients and families: English, Spanish, and French 2004

#### ADAO CONFERENCES

- 15<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Washington, DC 2019
- 14<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Washington, DC 2018
- 13<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Washington, DC 2017
- 12<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Washington, DC 2016
- 11<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Washington, DC 2015
- 10<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Washington, DC 2014

- 9<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Washington, DC 2013
- 8<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Manhattan Beach, CA 2012
- 7<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Atlanta, GA 2011
- 6<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Chicago, IL 2010
- 5<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Manhattan Beach, CA 2009
- 4<sup>th</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Detroit, MI 2008
- 3<sup>rd</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, Philadelphia, PA 2007
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International Annual Asbestos Awareness Conference, New York, NY 2006
- 1<sup>st</sup> International Asbestos Awareness Conference, Washington D.C. 2005

#### EDUCATION

- University of California, San Diego 1976 - 1977
- Sierra College, California, AA 1974 - 1976