Region Seven Monthly Newsletter

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Director -- "On Tap"

At our last BORD meeting in August two items were raised which require regional feedback before the Directors can vote on them. One was the possibility of changing the term of Regional Directors from two to three years, and the other was a proposal to raise the monthly dues by $5.00 per member. I have included a detail of the 2004 budget and the proposed use of this increase with this newsletter. Note that $3.00 of this increase will be in effect for only 3 years in order to develop enough financial reserves to equal one year's operating budget. The BORD felt that this reserve was important in case our organization had a catastrophe or was ever sued as occurred with NSPI. It was noted that there has not been a dues increase since 1990. Please get the feelings of your chapter members on these two issues before our next R7 meeting.

Our next BORD meeting will take place in San Antonio Texas on November 15th. A hotel has not yet been selected, but if someone from your chapter is planning to attend, check out the airfares now as many carriers are offering good deals at this time.

We were asked to encourage the chapters to submit stories and photos for publication in the IPSSAN. This is your newspaper and your articles would be appreciated.

Fulfillment of company store merchandise orders is being transferred from Incentive Innovations to the IPSSA executive office. This is being done to improve the reporting of sales information and streamline the operation. Look in the IPSSAN for the new order form.

The National Plaster Council has not responded to IPSSA's request for research data supporting their technical manual claim that aggressive water chemistry is the cause of spot etching deterioration. This is an ongoing problem and we have assigned Elias Duran to represent our views.

The San Diego chapter safety brochure was distributed to BORD members. I suggested that other regions consider using this tag/brochure promotion and this suggestion was received with much interest from the BORD members.

Our next R7 meeting will take place in North County at Felipe's Pizza Grotto on Mira Mesa Blvd. It will be on October 28th. Remember that we will be choosing the BK Taylor award recipient and voting on a new Regional Director. I will see you all there!

Mike

Welcome to these New Members

Escondido: Frank Marino
San Diego: Jose Hernandez, James Holmes, Michael Al. Lewis, Joel Merriam, Amy Peck, Heang K. Tea
San Diego East County: Thomas Torres

Congratulations to **Craig Catilus** of North County Coastal for passing the recent water chemistry certification test.

Legislative Update (IPSSAN August 2003)

Despite the chaos at the state level, it is turning out to be a successful year for the swimming pool industry, thanks to SPEC's clout. Last December we were looking at the possibility of a new sales tax being placed on services, such as residential pool and spa maintenance. Such legislation was introduced, but between January and today that bill has been successfully sidetracked. There will be no sales tax on IPSSA member services next year. *Also, legislation creating a new contractor's license category, a "service and repair contractor" looks good for becoming law this year. *SB 443, which has been supported by SPEC appears to be headed for enactment. This bill provides that any person disciplined more than twice for contracting without a license shall face a mandatory 90 days in the county jail. Judges will have discretion in situations where undue hardship would result, but community service or other penalties would be substituted. *Other legislation that SPEC supports is the requirement that all licensed contractors have the names of their companies and their license's number painted on a door of any commercially licensed vehicle driven to a construction site. SPEC objected to the requirement being applied to a personal vehicle, which a contractor may drive to sites to check on work.

Coming Up . . . . .

October 2-4 Pool Industry Expo: Monterey Conference Center, Monterey, CA.

October 28th **Region 7 meeting**, Felipe's Pizza Grotto, Mira Mesa Blvd.