



Region 7 Review

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Director's Corner

B.O.R.D. - Be sure to let me know if you have any concerns that you would like me to bring up at the next B.O.R.D. meeting on May 15. I appreciate your support and will work hard to deserve it.

Highlights of IPSSA, INC. -- REGION 7 Special Board Meeting Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Appointment of Region Officers: Loyal Johnson Treasurer and Sherry Larson Secretary.

Meeting Location: Approved Filippi's Pizza Grotto, 13000 Oak Knoll Drive, Poway as the new meeting location for R7 meetings.

Guest Speaker: John Silcox, SD chapter, spoke on the Water Watcher program and IPSSA Water Watcher brochure. SD chapter's web site www.waterwatcher.org has more info on the Water Watcher program.

Director's Corner:

Dues - Effective 3/1/04 dues going up \$2.00 per month because of a state tax.

Insurance – Effective 4/1/04 Essex Insurance/Market Insurance is the

new insurance company. It provides the same coverage at the same price.

Chem test – Effective 3/1/04 all new members must pass IPSSA Water Chemistry Exam before getting insurance.

IPSSAN – Members encouraged to submit items to the IPSSAN, the monthly publication of IPSSA, Inc.

Relationship with Health Dept. - Javier said that in general R7 members have good rapport with the Health Dept. He will try to get a rep from the Health Department to attend a Region meeting.

Picnic Committee: Approved \$400 for permit and \$500 for refundable deposit to secure site for R7 Annual Picnic, to be Sun., 8/1/04. Juhli Selby, SCP, who did a great job last year raising funds for the picnic; will do fundraising again this year. Committee looking for volunteers.

Unfinished Business: Discussed fining chapters \$250 when they don't have reps at R7 Board and B.O.R.D. meetings. Two chapters, Carlsbad and N. County Coastal, rolled over their existing presidents; therefore, they will receive no fines.

New Business:

Water Chem test - Approved that, in addition to the R7 director, chapter presidents may also administer the Water Chem test at chapter level.

Recording Secretary/ Newsletter Editor - Authorized Javier Payan to seek replacement for Mary Snyder.

National Kids Safe Month – May is National Kids Safe Month. Media event tentatively scheduled for Sat., 5/8/04 at Rancho San Diego Shopping Center. SD Union will run a spread Sun., 5/20/04 on drowning prevention.

Calendar of Events

- **B.O.R.D. Meeting**, Sat., May 15, Region 1, Sacramento.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., July 27, 7:00 p.m., Filippi's Pizza Grotto, (858) 748-1800, 13000 Oak Knoll Dr., Poway, off Hwy 15 and Poway Rd.
- **B.O.R.D. Meeting**, Sat., Aug. 7, Region 4, Central LA/E. Long Beach.
- **R7 Picnic**, Sun., Aug. 8, De Anza Cove, Mission Bay.
- **B.O.R.D. Meeting**, Sat., Nov. 6, Region 3, San Fernando Valley.

Highlights of IPSSA, INC. – REGION 7 Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, April 27, 2004

Chapter Reports:

Carlsbad Doug Hausman – Members updated blue/ yellow cards. Past chapter VP has cancer but is still doing his route. Chapter interested in brochures but not water watcher tags. One new member, one pending.

East County Don Wall – One member needs to take water chem test. Goal to get members to *want* to come to chapter meetings instead of fining them if they don't come. Juhli, SEP, upcoming guest speaker. Approved purchase of 900 water watcher tags. Sick leave boundaries were restricted, are now expanding.

Escondido Loyal Johnson – He administered water chem test; all but two have passed. Chapter approved \$450 for water watcher tags. Padres game July 10. Apprenticeship program is a big success.

Metro Ken Settles – One new member, one pending; several committees established. Next month's speaker National Plaster.

N. County Coastal Ted Wilson – Everything is going well.

Rancho Del Mar Tom Rives – Election of officers recently; difficult getting people to run. Discussion on chem test - existing members exempt from taking test if they have continuous membership; however, if they let their membership lapse and then join again, they will be required to take the chem test.

San Diego Jim Bradbury – Working to improve attendance; members fined if they do not attend one meeting per quarter. Sign-in sheet at every meeting so there is up-to-date contact info. Members each get a roster of phone numbers of members, chapter supporters, presidents of other chapters, and IPSSA Inc. Updating Standing Rules, Sick Leave Plan. John Silcox promoting water brochure; he has been sending articles to magazines, and a member designed a big poster. Chapter selling water watcher tag/brochure for \$1.

Committee Reports:

Benevolent/Region Emergency Fund Ray Duchene -- Balance forward from 2003 \$12,678, contributions added of \$27,000. Death in March; beneficiary received \$2,000, leaving a balance of \$37,628.

Picnic Committee – Changed from 8/1 to 8/8. Every chapter needs to send a rep to the Picnic Committee.

NSPI Liaison Tom Gahrib – N/R.

Director's Announcements:

1. Sun Systems – Misleading ad in The IPSSAN - Sun Systems "a winning combination." Sounds like Sun Systems in partnership with IPSSA. Will discuss further at B.O.R.D. meeting.

2. National Plasterers Council – IPSSA has been invited to join National Plasterer's Council as associate member with reciprocal membership. By unanimous

consent, the Board agreed to associate membership in the National Plasterer's Council, with seven Board members voting aye and two voting no.

3. Water Chem Test – Distributed test booklets and instructions for administering the chem test.

4. Safety Event – Safe Kids Coalition holding a Safety Event on Sat., 5/8/04 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Rancho San Diego Shopping Event. IPSSA will promote water safety at that event, and Javier is trying to get the media out there.

5. Public Service Announcement -- Safe Kids Coalition is putting together a Public Service Announcement on water safety. IPSSA may not get mentioned in the PSA, but any printed matter at the Safety Event will mention IPSSA. Motion approved to donate \$500 towards the cost of Safe Kids Coalition's PSA.

6. Chapter members under review – A member in San Diego chapter in hot water because of the quality of sick leave coverage he provided. Rules and Regulations state that no one is exempt from doing sick leave coverage. We require that when covering pools for another member, members should service those pools as well or better than they do their own accounts. Chapter Sick Leave committee and Board will review. Javier suggested review committee interview customer. All contact with member should be in writing and mailed certified. Tom Rives added that it is important to hold a hearing and ensure that the whole story is heard.

Loyal Johnson reported that a member in Escondido chapter is in trouble and is still paying fines. Loyal is researching what he needs to do and will check with Roberta.

7. New Chapter – B.O.R.D. approved formation of a new chapter in R8, in Henderson, Nevada.

Unfinished Business:

1. Water Watcher Tags and Brochures – Chapter participation: Carlsbad – no; East County – 900 tags and brochures; Escondido - 850; Metro - 400; N. County Coastal – no; Rancho Del Mar - no; San Diego – 1,600.

2. Chapter fines – \$250 fine for non-attendance at Leadership Seminar. Newly elected officers must attend B.O.R.D. Carlsbad and N. County Coastal rolled over their existing presidents; no fines. Tom Rives, Rancho Del Mar, attended; no fines. Don Wall said East County chapter would gladly pay the fine, because it was cheaper for his chapter to pay the fine than to pay for hotel and meals.

No fines for not attending the special meeting in March since it was informal.

New Business:

1. Strategic Plan – IPSSA wants to grow – by bringing back old members and attracting new ones. One benefit of growth is that IPSSA has more leverage in the industry, for instance, with the National Plasterers Council.

As part of its Strategic Plan to grow, IPSSA is distributing white boards to each chapter to place at local pool supply companies or other places so pool service people can get information on IPSSA. Javier distributed the white boards. Suggested items to put on the boards were large IPSSA decal, chapter newsletters, flyers of upcoming IPSSA events, and IPSSA's web address. Tom Rives suggested using a Sharpie to write information on the boards; it can not be easily erased, but can be removed with alcohol.

Javier brought up the idea of expanding Region 7 by forming chapters in Ramona and Southbay so pool techs there can get sick leave coverage.