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Director's Corner

Well, here we are at the start of my second term as R7 director. I'm having a great time and seeing lots of progress. It is a privilege to serve Region 7.

Chapter visits - I will attend the Feb. 20 Rancho Del Mar chapter meeting.

Chem tests - I now have the new water chem exams, which I will issue to the chapters. Throw out your old exams or turn them in to me.

R7 meeting location - As you may recall, +li Selbi, sales rep for SCP, spearheaded the R7 annual picnic last year and again this year and was responsible for generating record-breaking donations for the picnic. She has now offered SCP's conference room for R7 board meetings and training. The conference room would give us more privacy and eliminate interruptions and distraction from the waitress and other restaurant guests. So let's give the conference room a try for our April R7 meeting.

IPSSA expansion - Exciting things are happening. IPSSA's goal is to expand into Florida and have 5,000 members by 2008. We now have three official chapters in Florida. At the end of this month three region directors, including

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Highlights of IPSSA, INC. – R7 Roundtable Notes January 17, 2006

Call to Order:

Since there was no quorum, a Roundtable was held to review the agenda.

Chapter Reports:

There were no chapter reports.

Director's Announcements:

A. IPSSA Leadership Seminar is Feb. 4, 2006, and the Leadership Banquet will be that evening.

B. Roberta Rohwedder, IPSSA's financial office manager for 18 years, retired at the end of 2005. She will be missed. The IPSSA Board hired Cramer & Associates to manage the IPSSA financial office, and they transitioned in December.

C. TableTop is Jan. 21, 2006. Javier will not be there. Jordan Nelson volunteered to man the IPSSA booth in his place. Ken questioned why, if all R7 chapters support the TableTop, there isn't a detailed report of where monies go. Javier explained that the money comes from donations, not chapter funds.

D. Education - Javier announced that the B.O.R.D. at its November meeting approved purchasing IPSSA water chemistry books authored by Dr. Robert Lowrey. Loyal reminded him that at the July R7 Board meeting when Javier had announced that IPSSA received a quote to print an IPSSA chem test study guide, the R7 Board was not in favor. Javier explained that the B.O.R.D. at its November meeting had seen an impressive presentation with additional information that

convinced him to vote yes, and there was no time to bring it back to the R7 Board before making a decision. The books will have the IPSSA logo, will be in a clear format, and will be given to all new IPSSA members. Loyal suggested that the B.O.R.D. needs to give its members advance notice regarding agenda items.

E. Expansion into Florida still ongoing. However, we should continue to emphasize attracting new members in San Diego County. Javier will be going to Florida in February; if we do not sign up people at that time, we will scrap the idea of expansion into Florida.

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Calendar of Events

• **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Fri., Feb. 3, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA. Contact IPSSA executive office, 888-360-9505, or ipssamail@aol.com.

• **Florida '06 Pool & Spa Show**, Thurs., Feb. 23 – Sat., Feb. 25, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL. www.fpsaonline.org.

• **28th Annual Western Pool & Spa Show**, Thurs., March 9 – Sat., March 11, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA. Westernshow@aol.com. Show Info 800-787-7727, Exhibitor Info 800-746-9772, www.westernshow.com.

• **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., April 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m., SEP Conference Room, 5648 Copley Drive, San Diego.

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- F. Minutes, clarification of Oct. 25, 2005 minutes – IPSSA does exclude new construction. Such policies are available at additional costs through Arrow Insurance and are not part of IPSSA.
- G. Chapter meeting visits – Javier Payan will visit all the R7 chapters during 2006.
- H. B.O.R.D. officers – During a telephone conference yesterday, the B.O.R.D. cast a vote of no confidence to our CEO/President of IPSSA and a replacement was named to finish the 2005 term. The past president remains on the B.O.R.D. but not as an officer.

Unfinished Business:

- A. IPSSA bulletin board – IPSSA artwork is displayed at supply houses to publicize IPSSA.
- B. Juhli Selbi, SCP – Javier asked if flowers had been sent to Juhli in appreciation of all she did for the R7 annual picnic last year and again this year. He recommended a local florist; Loyal will order the flowers.
- C. IPSSA construction claim – Bill Peck, at the previous R7 meeting, had requested clarification of an insurance claim involving New Pool Construction. Ray Arouesty said it had been put in Reserve for investigative purposes if needed, but no money was paid out to settle any claim.

New Business:

- A. Meeting location – Discussed using SCP conference room for future Board meetings and bringing food in. It would be quieter than a restaurant with crying babies and interruptions from food servers.
- B. Awards – to Board and committee members, B. K. Taylor Award recipient Bill Peck, and Juhli Selbi of SCP.

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me, will have an IPSSA booth at the Florida 2006 Pool & Spa Show in Orlando, Florida.

B.O.R.D. - This past weekend's B.O.R.D. meeting, Leadership Seminar and banquet went well (even though they were held during Super Bowl weekend). Good turnout, with about four delegates from Florida, who were quite impressed.

The next meeting will be held in Texas. An upcoming meeting scheduled for November has been changed to August and will be held in San Diego.

A word to the wise - February is the "slow" time of year for those in the pool industry, so this might be a good time to get your truck serviced and ready for the spring/summer rush.

Tips from the Top

Pat Weber, founder of the San Diego Surfing Academy, offers these keys to career success:

- There are really low lows, and really high highs; know how to negotiate those peaks and valleys.
- Follow your passion.
- Trust your gut.
- Work hard.
- Go big or go home.

San Diego Surfing Academy's Web site: www.surfsda.com

Excerpt from North County Times, "Life's a beach for surfing entrepreneur," by Alexandra

Deluca, Thursday, August 25, 2005, page D-1.

Water Safety

Dear Abby: Please settle an argument between my husband and me. We were recently vacationing at a hotel resort with our young daughters. In the pool with our children one afternoon was a father and his two young daughters, both under the age of 10. After about 30 minutes the father left the pool and went back into the hotel, leaving his daughters playing alone in the water.

I stayed in the pool with my children for another half-hour before telling them it was time to go back to our room. There was no lifeguard on duty; signs had been posted everywhere that said children under the age of 16 needed to be supervised at all times. Worried about the girls' safety, I told them they needed to get out and get an adult to watch them if they wanted to swim some more. (The alternative was going to the front desk and reporting it.)

Back in our room, my husband informed me that I was being intrusive by saying anything at all. He said that if the father thought they were safe, I shouldn't have interfered in his parenting decision. Abby, I would have felt horrible if something happened to the children. Was I being intrusive, or did I do the right thing? – **Caring Mom, Green Bay, Wis.**

Dear Caring Mom: Unless both of the little girls were knowledgeable enough about water safety to understand exactly what to do in case of an emergency, they shouldn't have been left in the pool without adult supervision. You did the right thing. The father was guilty of child endangerment.

Jeanne Phillips writes as Dear Abby. Write to: Dear Abby, PO Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. North County Times, "Dear Abby," Saturday, September 24, 2005, page D-5.