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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Water chem. books - SCP is now distributing the new water chem books by Dr. Lowry. They are also available for purchase through your chapter and IPSSA Inc.

Water Safety - Because of the efforts of the PR firm hired by IPSSA, water safety got some more exposure, this time on Fox 6 San Diego, Fri., June 29, 10 pm. Fire Captain **Jon Hannibal** and I were interviewed for "Swimming Safe." Article Link: http://www.fox6.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=ee72120c-e184-491e-bd18-2a9eecff9d69

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Highlights of IPSSA, Inc. – R7

Regular Board Meeting

SCP Conference Rm, San Diego

July 10, 2007

Chapter Reports

Carlsbad **Doug Hausman**:

- 1) The chapter has had some really good guest speakers; reps recently spoke on salt systems and speed monitors.
- 2) One new member; just waiting for him to take the chem test.

- 3) Asked for guidelines on chapter supporters; **Mike Gregg** will send him a copy.

Escondido: No report.

N. County Coastal No report.

Rancho Del Mar Lance Clifton:

- 1) Has had some good guest speakers.
- 2) No prospective members at this time.
- 3) Chapter meeting date is changing from the third Monday to the second Monday.

San Diego Mike Gregg:

- 1) A suggestion was made at his chapter that every member be required to take a certain amount of classes per year to keep up to date, perhaps 10 credits every two years, with the program to start January 1, 2008. Some of the chapter meetings are designated educational, so members will receive credits for attending those meetings. The vote will be taken in October at the chapter's mandatory meeting. Mike has received pretty good feedback so far on this proposed educational requirement and thought other chapters might be interested.

SD East County Dick Allen:

- 1) Another prospective member. Three prospective members are already attending their required three meetings. **Mike Gregg** asked if other chapters adhere to the membership requirement of a minimum one year experience; response was that it was difficult to prove how many years experience a person has, and most new members come from recommendations.

- 2) Dick asked his chapter for feedback on the upcoming picnic, but all he heard was what they didn't want.
- 3) A member has not appealed a recent decision.

SD Metro Ken Settles:

- 1) Two new members, three prospective members, losing one member.
- 2) Ken filed a grievance last month, then stayed out of the resolution of that grievance.
- 3) This year three members were out on sick leave at one time.

Director's Announcements

- 1) CPO Instructor – IPSSA is training one CPO-certified member from each region to become an instructor in order to make the CPO course available to IPSSA members at a reduced rate. As an independent contractor, the instructor can then charge to train others to be CPO certified. The next class is in October

Calendar of Events

- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., Aug. 4, Sheraton Yankee Trader Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Contact IPSSA executive office, ipssamail@aol.com or 888-360-9505.
- **R7 10th Annual Picnic** – *Cirque de IPSSA*, Sun., Aug. 19, 10 am – 3 pm, DeAnza Cove, Mission Bay.
- **Pool Industry Expo**, Sept. 27-29, Monterey Conference Center, Monterey, CA. www.poolindustryexpo.com
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., Oct. 9 (2nd Tues. of the month), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room, 5648 Copley Drive, San Diego (858-467-9495).
- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., Nov. 3, Sacramento. Contact IPSSA executive office, ipssamail@aol.com or 888-360-9505.

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2007. **Vickie Lester**, IPSSA Inc., has all the details. An instructor is needed to represent R7, as **Jim King** cannot do it. Bring this to your chapters and give Javier names of qualified people to consider.

2) Benevolent Fund – At least 15 years ago IPSSA Inc. formed the Benevolent Fund, which pays \$2,000 to a member's beneficiary if the member dies. At the end of that year, all beneficiaries from that year get additional funds as available, with 25 percent held back as seed money for the next year. It is a good deal. Beneficiaries get an immediate \$2,000 – not like life insurance, which takes longer. Now, because the membership is older, there will be more payouts.

The IPSSA Inc. Committee suggests life insurance in its place and is recommending a \$3 increase in dues to cover it. We can get a better value with life insurance for the same money. A \$5 rate increase would give \$20,000 more in benefits. **Ray Arouesty** pointed out that the money is tax deductible. By going with insurance instead of the Benevolent Fund, you save on taxes. Death benefits usually take 30 days minimum to pay, but Ray says it will be payable in a couple of days.

3) R7 10th Annual Picnic Sunday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., DeAnza Cove, Mission Bay.

4) Web site – IPSSA Inc. is working on getting the IPSSA Web site upgraded and will go to bid for a Web master.

5) Term limits – In November the general membership will vote on term limits. The proposal is to change from the present maximum two non-consecutive terms in 10 years to a maximum two terms in 10 years, with back-to-back terms acceptable. Information on this will go out to the membership. *Motion* was made by **Dick Allen**, seconded by **Doug Hausman**, and carried to approve the proposed change in term limit of a maximum two terms in 10

years, with back-to-back terms acceptable.

6) Public Relations – a) As mentioned in the July Region 7 Review newsletter, because of the efforts of the PR firm hired by IPSSA Inc., IPSSA and water safety got some more exposure, this time on Fox 6 San Diego, Friday, June 29 at 10 p.m. Fire Captain **Jon Hannibal** and **Javier** were interviewed for "Swimming Safe." **Mike Gregg** gave kudos to Javier. b) In April, **Terry Snow**, IPSSA Inc.; **John Silcox**, San Diego chapter; and Javier attended the 6th Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium in Phoenix. They met **Alan Korn**, General Council for Safe Kids Worldwide, informed him of what IPSSA is doing to promote water safety, and gave him water watcher tags and information. c) **Javier** was approved to serve on the advisory panel for the National Drowning Prevention Alliance and will serve as a voice for the pool service industry. d) **Dan Burns**, president and CEO of the California Spa and Pool Education Council (SPEC) has said that IPSSA is the *only* pool organization doing anything for water safety.

Region Director

Javier stated that this is his last year as R7 director, and he will have served for four years. It has been exciting. Those serving as director get treated well, with hotel rooms, meals, and trade shows taken care of. We need a nominee for 2008, so start thinking of who you want. Bring your nominations to the October R7 meeting, and we will vote then. *Motion* was made by **Doug Hausman**, seconded by **Dick Allen**, and carried (NO Mike Gregg) to nominate **Mike Gregg** as the next R7 director.

B.O.R.D.

1) May 5 meeting – **Mike Gregg** reported on attending the eight-hour May 5 meeting. **Javier** thanked him

for attending at the last minute. a) The B.O.R.D. used to always meet at the same location in Orange County. They are now alternating locations. b) F.P.S.I.E. – The proposal to donate \$40,000 to the Foundation of Pool and Spa Industry Education did not pass; consensus was that it was a pool building association and did not focus on pool service.

2) Next meetings – a) August 4, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. **Mike Gregg** will attend. b) November 3, Sacramento.

NPC Plaster Study

1) IPSSA Inc. has donated a lot of money to the plaster study. In the past there had been some animosity by some towards NPC. Now, with **Dan Gossage** as IPSSA's liaison to the NPC Plaster Study, and **Mike Denham** as R5's rep, we are well represented.

2) In a resolution dated April 28, 2007, the National Plasterers Council Inc.: a) stated that its mission is to promote the interests of its members in pool plastering and related activities, b) called for continued collaboration with all major pool and spa associations, c) resolved that it is fully committed to working in cooperation and collaboration with IPSSA, d) resolved that it will encourage the Cal Poly National Pool Industry Research Center to publish a more timely and industry-friendly explanation of the research conclusions, and e) invited IPSSA and **Terry Snow** as NPC's special guests (waiving registration fee) to the 19th Annual NPC National Conference, February 13 to 16, 2008 at Disney World's Coronado Resort in Orlando Florida.

New Business

1) **Javier** acknowledged **Nancy Gillespie** for getting the monthly newsletter out in a timely fashion. Nice job!

2) Next R7 mtg – Tues., Oct. 9, 2007.