



# Region 7 Review

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Reminder: As per the bylaws, every chapter is required to have at least two voting members in attendance at the R7 Board meetings. Any chapters not having at least one rep in attendance will be fined for non-attendance.

## IPSSA, INC.

**Highlights of IPSSA, Inc. – R7  
Teleconference  
Mon., Oct. 27, 2008**

### Attendees

**Chuck Gough**, R7 Director, Carlsbad; **Doug Hausman**, Carlsbad President; **Mark T. Curran**, San Diego President; **Bill Peck**, San Diego; **Javier Payan**, SD Metro; **Bert Vexland**, SD Metro; **Nancy Gillespie**, Recording Secretary. Escondido, N. County Coastal, Rancho Del Mar, and San Diego East County had no rep present.

### Operation Homefront Request Revisited

At the September 24, 2008 R7 Board meeting, motion was made to approve \$680 from R7 to match funds from Metro chapter for Operation Homefront; the motion did not pass. Javier Payan and Bert Vexland of Metro requested that the request be revisited with input from Metro chapter.

Payan and Vexland:

1) Respect Board's decision; thanked the Board for revisiting this issue.

2) Were disappointed that their chapter president had not attended the R7 Board meeting to represent them, champion their cause, and clearly explain it.

3) Explained that their request was to assist soldiers through Operation Homefront with donations or by adopting a military family for the holidays. The family will be thanked for what they are doing, receive gift cards and, hopefully, attend the Metro chapter Christmas party.

4) Said the R7 Board's denial of their request was based in part on the opinion that perhaps donations should be limited to pool industry related causes. However, IPSSA B.O.R.D. guidelines for matching grants mention the "spirit" of matching grants. This request meets the spirit for community involvement and promotes IPSSA to the public, as they intend to write an article for THE IPSSAN to help bring attention to this worthy cause.

5) Said that IPSSA guidelines state: "The Region must approve the grant by either a Regional Board meeting, Regional Board Teleconference, or E-mail Ballot and the results posted in the regional minutes."

6) Explained that IPSSA Inc. has a Matching Funds Grant in which up to \$2,500 in matching funds is available to each region per fiscal year. Any chapter can request funds, as long as the region supports it; they do not need B.O.R.D. approval. If the funds are not used in that fiscal year, they do not roll over into the following fiscal year but go back into the budget.

7) Said they do not want R7 money, only support and endorsement of their request to IPSSA Inc. for matching funds. Asked if budget was the reason for the denial. Mark Curran said there had been some discussion of budget, but if this request does not affect the R7 budget, it sounds more doable.

The vote was taken, but because there was not a quorum, this issue was tabled until an e-mail vote can be included.

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*Save the date!*

IPSSA Annual Leadership Seminar and Banquet

Sat., February 7, 2009

Hyatt Regency  
Newport Beach  
Newport Beach, California

Details will be mailed in November.

## Calendar of Events

- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., Nov. 1, Region 8, with planning meeting Oct. 31. Contact IPSSA executive office, [ipssamail@aol.com](mailto:ipssamail@aol.com) or 888-360-9505.
- **Daylight Savings**, Sun., Nov. 2, 2:00 a.m., set clocks back. Remember: *Spring forward; fall behind.*
- **Intn'l Pool / Spa / Patio Expo**, Nov. 18 - 20, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, [www.poolandspaexpo.com](http://www.poolandspaexpo.com).
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 17 (a week early), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.
- **19<sup>th</sup> Annual R7 Table Top Show**, Sat., Jan. 24, 2009, Four Points Sheraton. [www.region7tabletop.com](http://www.region7tabletop.com).
- **B.O.R.D., Annual Business Mtg.**, Fri., Feb. 6, Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach, CA. Contact IPSSA executive office, [ipssamail@aol.com](mailto:ipssamail@aol.com) or 888-360-9505.
- **IPSSA Annual Leadership Seminar, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**, Sat., Feb. 7, Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach, CA.

## ➤Minutes

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[6:18 p.m. Doug Hausman departed.]

**Unfinished Business**

Gough said that those chapters not having a representative present at tonight's teleconference will be fined for non-attendance. Curran said he thinks members get fined for non-attendance at quarterly region meetings only. Gough promised to draft R7 standing rules.

**Adjournment**

The R7 teleconference was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

On October 29, an e-mail was sent to R7 Board members requesting that those not present at the teleconference vote by Monday, November 3, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

*Motion* was made by Doug Hausman, seconded by Bert Vexland, and carried to support the request from Metro chapter to IPSSA Inc. for matching funds of \$680 to assist soldiers through Operation Homefront with donations or by adopting a military family for the holidays.

The total vote was:

AYES:

- Carlsbad – Doug Hausman
- Escondido – John Hackett (phone vote)
- N. Cty Coastal – Brian Lindlar (e-vote)
- San Diego – Mark Curran, Bill Peck
- SD Metro – Javier Payan, Bert Vexland

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Rncho Del Mar; SD E. Cty.

**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 10:45 AM  
**Subject:** Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act

Chapter Presidents:

We are working to provide resources on [www.ipssa.com](http://www.ipssa.com) regarding the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.

More will be coming soon, but for now you can find a sample letter to send to your customers. The letter was created by Ray Aroeusty and can be customized to print on your company letterhead. It can be found on the members-only page of [www.ipssa.com](http://www.ipssa.com).

If you have not yet registered to create your own username and password, it's pretty easy to do so. You'll need to know your member ID number to create your account. Once you've created the account, you'll need to respond to an e-mail in order to activate it. If you have any problems, just let me know.

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**To:** <mailto:nancyjg5@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 1:11 PM  
**Subject:** WE WON! WE KEEP 760!



**OVERLAY!**

Your "Keep 760" emails did the trick! The CPUC Thursday voted 5 to 0 to reverse course and adopt an overlay in the 760 area code instead of the 442/760 split they had previously mandated. Thanks to your letters, motivating the efforts of Assemblyman Martin Garrick and his staff, the near-impossible was achieved. Please check the [Keep760.org](http://Keep760.org) website for more information as we get it...

**For the latest updates and much more, go to [Keep760.org](http://Keep760.org).**

**Quotes – Voting**

It's not the voting that's democracy; it's the counting. --**Tom Stoppard**, *Jumpers*

Politicians are like diapers. They both need changing regularly and for the same reason. --**Author Unknown**

Our political institutions work remarkably well. They are designed to clang against each other. The noise is democracy at work. --**Michael Novak**

The most important political office is that of the private citizen. --**Louis Brandeis**

George Washington is the only president who didn't blame the previous administration for his troubles. --**Author Unknown**

A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman thinks of the next generation. --**James Freeman Clarke**, *Sermon*

<http://www.quote garden.com/election-day.html>

**Operation Homefront**

*Our objective is to assist our military families left behind during deployments with the day to day issues that arise so our warriors are not pre-occupied with the goings on at home and can concentrate on the job at hand!*

Veterans, civilians and local businesses in San Diego County want to help fight the war on terrorism by showing their support of our military families! We have local businesses who are willing to provide pro-bono services, donated furniture, appliances, baby items, stuff! If you have a problem or a need, or if you would like to volunteer, please call the Operation Homefront hotline at (619) 606-2861 or email us at [sandy@cinchouse.com](mailto:sandy@cinchouse.com).

[www.operationhomefront.net/san diego](http://www.operationhomefront.net/san_diego)

Operation Homefront is the brainchild of CinC House, a local organization of military wives, and KOGO-AM/600 radio personality **Roger Hedgecock**, who promotes the program heavily on his afternoon show.

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