

## Prospective Member update

In September we had four new prospective members show up. In October, three of these returned. We received a check from one, Matthew Wannamaker, employee of Weiser Pools. The other two have not yet paid or received a New Member packet. So we have one prospective member in process of joining, and two additional who have attended two meetings in a row. These are: Ryan Donnelly, & David Lipe. Bill Peck

The Financial Office recently received a check for \$87 for one months dues from a check sending service. The only name appearing on the check was "Brilliant Blue Pool Service", no member name, no member account number. Well the FO has NO idea who this is for So the FO contacted the only two chapters in all of IPSSA which have monthly dues of \$87 but could not find out who the check was from. After spending way too much time on this they decided to send the check back and since the bank wouldn't reveal who the check was from, privacy matter Brilliant member will end up with a late fine.

The Financial Office would like to remind everyone that your member NAME and ACCOUNT NUMBER should appear on all payments so they can credit them to the proper account. Lacking such necessary information can result in a late payment fine. Also, you may want to simplify dues payments by signing up for automatic dues payments from your bank account or credit card. Forms for this are on our website at: <http://www.ipssasandiego.com/links.html>, look under "Forms" for the proper form. (ipssasandiego.com, click "Members" on left, click "Links-Rules-Forms". Bill Peck

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## Director's Notes

### I STILL NEED:

1. Results of all chapters' (except San Diego's) recent elections: name; address; phone number; e-mail address of your president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

2. Input from all chapters on the draft Region Standing Rules to be adopted at the Region meeting in December. If your president does not have the draft handed out at the September meeting, please contact me for a copy.

3. Chapter Standing Rules from (a) North County Coastal and (b) Rancho Del Mar. These are required to be on file at IPSSA, INC.

4. Sick Route Rules/Plans from Carlsbad. Again, these are required for IPSSA, INC.

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# Region 7 Review

## Nov BORD Meeting

1. Anticipate a dues increase on April 1 of about \$2.25 for Liability Insurance and \$1.25 for increased Hazmat coverage from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. This is necessary due to the increased cost of Hazmat cleanups. The last Liability increase was 4 years ago. During that time inflation has increased by 9.94%, not including the final for 2009, and this increase is only 4.7% of the 2006 rate.

2. Three bylaw changes are being proposed. You will receive a ballot in your December dues billing. Please be aware that completed ballots need to be received in the Financial Official by December 31, 2009 to be counted.

3. Once again, remind your members to file/update their beneficiaries (Financial Office) for their IPSSA life insurance. Even with a large response to the last request, less than 60% of all members have them on file. Most of the response was from members updating, not initiating. This could be disastrous if a family is in need because of the death of the member!!

4. Remember: any discussion of prices charged for service, talks of boycotts, etc., be it customers or suppliers, is a violation of anti-trust laws.

5. Reminder that any sexual harassment complaint by your employees and/or customers **must** be investigated. That's the law!

6. A reminder that all officers of local chapters and Region Officers are covered by IPSSA's blanket policy for Errors And Omissions insurance.

**Chuck Gough**

## Calendar of Events

- **Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 16 (a week early), 7:00 p.m., SCP.

## Veterans Charities – A Scam?

With the holidays and the end of the tax year coming, some of us start thinking of giving to our favorite charities.

The AIP (American Institute of Philanthropy) analyzes charities.  
<http://www.charitywatch.org>

In their own words:

*Groups included on the Top-Rated list generally spend 75% or more of their budgets on programs, spend \$25 or less to raise \$100 in public support, do not hold excessive assets in reserve, and receive "open-book" status for disclosure of basic financial information and documents to AIP.*

Check this blog for further links and one person's opinion of scammers:

<http://marjorieandrake.blogspot.com/2007/12/veterans-charities-scam.html>

Keep in mind, though, that just because a charity does *not* make it to the Top-Rated list does not necessarily mean it's bogus. It could be that the charity is just inefficiently run or top heavy with management. Ultimately up to you where you send your donations.

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