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Board Officers

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Director's Corner

I enjoyed meeting all the past and future presidents of Region 7. Thanks to Brian Davis for volunteering to be our R7 Treasurer. I hope that others will volunteer to assist in finding a permanent location for our meetings and encouraging their chapters to purchase the water watcher tags.

Please fill out the chapter information form which you received on January 22 and either mail, e-mail or fax it to me by the middle of February. Also, will you please send your monthly newsletter to me?

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the B.O.R.D. Installation Dinner in Long Beach.

Board Meeting Notes –

IPSSA, Inc. – Region 7

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002

Benevolent/Region Emergency

Fund Report: Ray Duchene -- five deaths in 2001; each spouse received \$2,000. As of December 31, 2001 Balance is \$36,700.86, with \$22,806.05 available for distribution. When Margaret Schofield's husband passed away in June 2001, a Board officer told her she had to continue to pay dues to receive benefits. She talked to Sally in December and consequently received a \$2,000 refund. Rick Bishop thanked Ray for preparing the reports.

NSPI Liaison Report: AJ Wilson -- NSPI held a meeting in December. FPSA (Florida Pool Service Association)

has broken with NSPI, and NSPI is going through some changes. AJ asked those present what benefits they see in NSPI, or if they think it should combine with IPSSA. Rick Bishop thanked AJ for all his work for IPSSA and NSPI and planning the golf tournament.

Treasurer's Report: Gordon Pithart - income since 11/22/01 \$672.96, and expense \$61.71 for the meeting meal. Picnic Account balance is \$5,000. There is \$5,622 in the Emergency Fund and \$7,800 in CDs. Several chapters still owe for water watcher tags. Rick Bishop thanked Gordon for serving as Treasurer.

Chapter Reports:

Carlsbad Brian Kattke --Chapter Board met in January; everything went well. Meeting place is being remodeled, but the Chapter will still meet there.

East County Don Wall -- Geoff Matthews is the new chapter president. The chapter held no meetings in December or January but instead held a Casino Night, which was a big hit.

Escondido Loyal Johnson -- Chapter is in good shape. Rick Bishop pointed out that outgoing officers of all the chapters should guide the new officers while they are learning the ropes; if your chapter has by-laws, make sure your new chapter president has a copy. Prepare a timeline for the new officers of when things need to be done throughout the year.

Metro Barry Seems/Javier Payan -- Very successful Chapter Christmas party; it had probably the best turnout ever. Chapter has a completely new Board. They are looking forward to a good next two years and are gearing up to go to the Installation Dinner. The new Board met last week and is ready to roll.

N. County Coastal Ted Wilson -- Christmas party was canceled; the \$1,000 it would have cost was donated to NY Firefighters. Table Top was the January meeting; quite a few members attended.

Calendar of Events

- **Western Pool & Spa Show**, Thur. – Sat., Feb. 7 – 9, Long Beach Convention Center. General Info (800) 787-7727, Exhibitors (800) 746-9772.
- **B.O.R.D. Meeting**, Fri., Feb. 22, Long Beach Marriott, (888) 360-9505.
- **Leadership Seminar & Annual Installation Dinner**, Sat., Feb. 23, Long Beach Marriott, (888) 360-9505.
- **SecuraMatic Seminar**, Mar. 7, Mar. 8, Blake Sales Associates, (619) 246-9377, fax (619) 226-2259.
- **Walk for MS**, Sun., Mar. 17. SD chapter encourages everyone to attend.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., April 23, 7:00 p.m., Holiday Inn, SD.

Rancho Del Mar Wayne Maynard -- The new officers are working out great. Wayne is now chapter Treasurer. Two chapter members are going to the Western Pool and Spa Show; the chapter will pay for their hotel rooms. The chapter is in really good shape.

San Diego John Nichol --Chapter held general and Board meetings in January. They voted against having the Table Top count as a meeting. Chapter is gearing up for its annual MS Walk to be held March 17; they encourage everyone to attend.

Director's Corner:

1. By-laws -- Rick Bishop -- clarification being made in the by-laws. Region directors do not vote at region meetings -- only the representatives do. Directors only vote to break a tie.

2. Installation --Feb. 22 - 23, Long Beach Marriott. Attendance mandatory for chapter presidents and treasurers. Loyal Johnson his chapter's treasurer cannot attend. Rick suggested it is up to Mike Gregg, new R7 Director, but suggested the chapter find a rep to stand in for him.

3. Travel expenses -- AJ asked if he could get the \$100 travel allowance

available from the Region for attending the B.O.R.D. meeting. Rick advised that the allowance is for R7 Board members if they travel more than 100 miles. Some chapter reps said their chapters normally reimburse for the hotel room; others reimburse for the room as well as travel expense, since attendance at the B.O.R.D. is mandatory. Don Wall suggested clarifying with Sally Ryan.

Unfinished Business:

1. B. K. Taylor Award – Al Daugherty was presented with a plaque for Service Technician of the Year. The award includes dinner tickets and hotel room for Al and a guest to attend the next Installation dinner. Al has served as R7 Treasurer for many years and is considered the Region “historian.” Al thanked the Region for the honor, said he had been in the business for 31 years, he is retiring at the age of 71, and his sons will continue in the business. He declared that it has been a good 30 years.

2. Some More Thanks – Rick Bishop’s term as Director is over. He distributed gifts of appreciation and thanked: Nancy Gillespie for bringing more professionalism to R7 with minutes and newsletters; Gordon Pithart for diligence in preparing the Treasurer’s Report; AJ Wilson for informing R7 on NSPI and planning the annual Golf Tournament; Don Wall for reserving the meeting room and bringing dinner, as well as planning the annual picnic; and Ray Duchene for his support and reports on the Benevolent Fund for 12 years.

3. Table Top – 380 to 390 attended Table Top. Rick said other regions are doing very well with theirs and asked if there was any way to spice it up. John Hackett said attendance seems to be getting less, and he would like his chapter to make attendance mandatory. He also suggested having it right after the holidays affects attendance. Wayne Maynard suggested there be more time between the Table Top and Western Pool and Spa Show. AJ said attendance was down a little, but more pool people attended and there were more seminars, and the raffle took in \$1,700, more than ever before. Next year’s Table Top is tentatively scheduled for 1/25/03. Al Daugherty pointed out that weekend reservations

for such a large area must be made five years in advance; if the Table Top was held on a weekday, we could save \$1,000. Don Wall proposed getting keynote speakers to draw people and suggested charging more for exhibit tables to offset the cost of speakers.

New R7 Director:

Rick turned the meeting over to Mike Gregg. Mike handed out his mission statement for his term:

1. Meeting location -- Find suitable location that serves food; he is still checking on a location in Scripps Ranch.

2. Treasurer -- Find a replacement for Gordon Pithart, who wishes to step down. The Board approved Brian Davis as the new R7 Treasurer.

3. Water Watcher Tags – Find ways to distribute. Suggested mailing the tags to clients in March. Brian Davis said Dr. Laura distributes goody bags to kids; the tags could be added to inform about water safety. Doug Hausman declared that the Carlsbad chapter thinks the tags are a waste of money. AJ replied that he has found them to be very beneficial; he purchased a lot and distributes to people he meets. Javier Payan added that he likes the tags; it’s not about us – it’s about getting the tags into our customers’ hands. Rick suggested that perhaps suppliers would buy some. Don Wall agreed and added that a box of free tags could be put out at supply houses. He stressed that if the tags save even one life, they are worth it. Mike added that pool builders could purchase the tags, and AJ suggested supply houses could sell the tags for us. Nancy Gillespie has copies of the press releases she wrote on “Designated Water Watcher” and “Summer Water Safety Tips.” These may be copied onto your letterhead.

4. Chapter reps – Wants to see two reps from each chapter at the R7 meetings, as required by the by-laws. Rick added that the benefit of having two reps is that information gets back to the chapters with two viewpoints.

5. Purpose of R7 meetings – To educate, hear grievances, promote goodwill among chapters, and bring ideas to the B.O.R.D.

Mike’s long-terms goals were:

1. Interaction among chapters – Will report what he gets at the B.O.R.D. for the reps to bring to their chapters.

2. Increase membership – IPSSA’s membership should grow at the same rate as that of the general population.

3. R7 web site – Will investigate the potential for an R7 web site.

4. Contact information – Distributed a form to complete with chapter rep names, contact info, and service area.

5. Chapter reports -- Distributed a form to complete before each meeting.

Mike presented Rick Bishop with a plaque of appreciation for his two years of service as Region Director. He said Rick had done a good job and he hopes he can maintain the same enthusiasm.

New Business:

1. Picnic – Motion carried unanimously to appoint Don Wall as R7 Picnic chairman. Red Barrett wants to continue to help. Next planning meeting 2/26. Members agreed Mission Bay location is okay. Don thanked Wayne Maynard for helping him at 4:00 a.m. the day of the picnic. Rick Bishop volunteered to again do the auction for the Emergency Fund.

2. Next R7 meeting -- 4/23/02.

Open Forum Discussions:

1. Plaques of Appreciation – Rick Bishop distributed plaques for the new chapter presidents to give their outgoing presidents.

2. Recording Sec’y/Newsletter Editor – Rick Bishop said he wanted Nancy Gillespie to continue, saying she disseminates news to the chapters, keeps things on schedule, and writes some of the articles. He suggested ads to help defray the cost. Mike Gregg said he was looking to save money, and he had talked to someone who was interested in volunteering. Two motions made to retain Nancy. Ted Wilson and Doug Hausman suggested chapters kick in a little more money, because no one else will do the job. Most members indicated they use the newsletters for their chapters. Motion carried unanimously to table until next meeting.