



Region Seven Monthly Newsletter

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Director -- "On Tap"

I have not yet received the agenda for the BORD meeting in February. As soon as I get it I will send it to you so that you can look it over and discuss any important issues with your chapters prior to our R7 meeting this month. Don't forget to discuss the BORD'S proposal to require prospective members to pass the IPSSA water chemistry test during the time they are applying for membership. I have appreciated your input with the Region 7 Chapter Reports. Please fill out the one that is enclosed and return it to me before our next meeting. I will be giving the next water certification test at the table-top show at 4:00 PM on Jan. 16th. Congratulations to the 3 members who passed at the SD Chapter meeting.

Please note: Our next R7 Board meeting will be at our old location at the Holiday Inn on Kearny Mesa Rd. The restaurant has reopened as a Chinese restaurant and is willing to give us a special spot for our meeting.

Mike

Changes at IPSSA.com

Our new look will include updates in the following areas:

Home page information
Benefits and Information
Regions and Chapters with phone numbers and email addresses
Information on joining IPSSA
For Members Only Section
(If you wish to have your information available to consumers you should register your data via the "For Members Only" section, even if your information was on the earlier version of the on-line database).

Welcome New Members

Region 7 welcomes To Carlsbad: Dusty Storck
To Escondido:
Nicolas Petranzi, Ron Sowers, & Brian Stothart
To San Diego: Steven Weaver
To San Diego East County: Joshua Smith

News from the 2003-2004 Legislative Session

Upon swearing in of the newly elected members the first of 4,000 (more or less) measures were introduced. Those expected to affect the pool and spa service industry include:

A reintroduction of legislation requiring two, rather than the present one, safety device on new pools and on all pools which are repaired or renovated. (IPSSA will play a major role in SPEC's efforts to defeat the bill).

A positive one is legislation anticipated to create a new home improvement repair contractor classification. The new license category will allow a licensed service technician the ability to do emergency repairs up to a yet-to-be determined cost without having to comply with all of the requirements of present law.

Of major concern will be keeping the CSLB's enforcement team fully staffed in the coming year. With a \$22 billion shortfall predicted, the Contractors State License Board will face major cutbacks in funding for enforcement activities. California's pool industry through SPEC has fought for years to see that the CSLB has enough money to hire investigators to quickly settle consumer disputes. Major cutbacks could offer unscrupulous & unlicensed pool contractors virtually a free hand to injure homeowners.

Among all the legislative proposals being drafted for the new session, you can count on a large number of bills which will have to be vigorously opposed by the IPSSA & SPEC. Of course there will also be many deserving of our support.

(All information taken from the December issue of the IPSSAN).

Coming Up.

Table Top Show, Thurs. Jan 16th

Four Points Sheraton, San Diego

R7 Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 28th

BORD meeting (leadership training) Feb. 7-9

Hyatt Newporter, Newport Beach, CA.

25th Annual Western Pool & Spa Show

Feb. 27-March 1 (Info: 1-800-787-7727)

At the Long Beach Convention Center

Directions to Region 7 meeting: Holiday Inn on Kearney Mesa Rd. Take I-15 to Miramar Rd. West. The Holiday Inn is the first major intersection on your left.