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Director's Corner

B. K. Taylor Memorial Award - R7 received outstanding nominations at its 10/26/04 Board meeting. This year's winner of the "Technician of the Year" award is **Bert Vexland**.

Congratulations, Bert!

This yearly award is given to one member who is held in high esteem by the membership for unselfish contributions to IPSSA and their community. The honor is named after **B. K. Taylor**, a pool service tech whose tireless contributions to IPSSA and his community was a passion up until his death May 19, 1997 when he was 81 years old.

Highlights of IPSSA, INC. – R7 Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, October 26, 2004

Chapter Reports:

Carlsbad Doug Hausman – 1) Membership increasing. Black Angus Restaurant certificates incentives to bring in new members. 2) Sick Leave – anticipate two members going down. 3) Once a year a dermatologist attends chapter meeting. 4) Will have Christmas party. 5) Probably new meeting location. 6) R7 Annual Picnic – members had fun. 7) Two months ago the grandson of former chapter member drowned. Chapter donated \$250, Superior \$500, R7 \$1,500.

East County Don Wall – 1) Meeting at Carlton Oaks Country Club. Just started meals at meetings; costly but good. 2) Speakers – hard to find ones who have not already spoken at the meetings. 3) Sick leave – one; we have been getting compliments on the sick leave coverage.

Escondido Loyal Johnson – 1) Chem test – two members passed. Loyal administering test after chapter meetings. 2) Membership – a lot of new members. 3) Mandatory meeting in November. 4) Christmas party – no plans. 5) Picnic surveys will be passed out at next chapter meeting. 6) Sick leave – none. 7) **Jack Baxter** had four heart bypasses.

Metro Ken Settles – 1) Done with summer. 2) Membership – one new member, one potential. 3) Sick route coverage – one. 4) Chapter will have Christmas party.

N. County Coastal Jim Lawson – 1) Jim is new chapter president. Will form committees, get good things started next week. 2) Chapter getting young new members. 3) Will get guest speakers for meetings.

Rancho Del Mar No report.

San Diego Jim Bradbury – 1) Three members retired. 2) Four people joining. One is transferring from San Gabriel chapter. Old-time member in the process of rejoining. 3) New chapter advisor to call if there are problems; he can meet with customers. 4) Member **Peat Burke** recently had a heart operation. Some setbacks but doing well now. 5) San Diego is fourth largest chapter in IPSSA. 6) October meeting mandatory, so 100+ members were present. Photo sent to IPSSA, Inc. for possible publication. 7) A committee reviewed chapter Sick Leave Plan, approved at last

Calendar of Events

- **B.O.R.D.**, Sat., Nov. 6, Van Nuys Airtel, Van Nuys, CA. For information, contact IPSSA executive office, (888) 360-9505, or visit www.ipssa.com
- **Aqua Show**, Nov. 9 – 11, Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV. For info, visit www.aquashow.com
- **Int'l Pool and Spa Expo**, Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV. For info, visit www.poolandspaexpo.com
- **TableTop**, Jan. 15, 2005.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., Jan. 25, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Filippi's Pizza Grotto, (858) 748-1800, 13000 Oak Knoll Dr., Poway, off Hwy 15 and Poway Rd.

meeting. 8) Safety Committee making presentations in the community. 9) Blood Drive every two months. 10) 15 members taking CPR training. 11) A chapter member tests new products and submits reports to the chapter. 12) Chem test – six members recently passed.

Committee Reports:

Benevolent/Region Emergency Fund Ray Duchene - balance as of 9/30/04 \$12,078.68, contributions added of \$32,598.34. No deaths last quarter; \$27,629.03 available for distribution.

Director's Announcements:

1. Affiliate membership – BORD considering as new membership category.

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2. IPSSA stickers – overstocked. If you need some, call **Vicky Lester** at IPSSA, Inc.
3. Safety program – **Javier** working to get BORD members enthused about water safety. Feels IPSSA Inc. should make safety items available to members at no cost; trying to get this in budget. **Jon Silcox**, San Diego chapter, will give presentation on water safety at Nov. 6 BORD meeting. *Chapter feedback* on water safety: 1) Carlsbad – Chapter became interested after the child recently drowned. 2) East County – Supports it and is handing out water safety brochures. 3) Escondido – Has distributed most of their tags; will hand out more at November mandatory meeting. 4) Metro – 30% of chapter interested. Start a water safety program at the beginning of the year.
4. IPSSA presence at trade shows – IPSSA Inc. wants at trade shows such as PIE, AQUA, Pool & Spa Expo, Western PSS.
5. Standing Rules – Reminder to chapters to review and update if necessary.

Recent BORD Meetings:

BORD is accomplishing a lot, with phone conferences between meetings.

1. PIE, Monterey – BORD upheld a chapter decision to fine, suspend a member spotted working on a pool while on sick leave.
2. Oct. 6 telephone conference –
 - a. Motion passed – replace attorney.
 - b. Motion passed – add to IPSSA Bylaws: 4.7, C-5 “No civil action may be brought against IPSSA until all procedures have been followed.”
 - c. Motion passed – newly elected BORD members required to attend the November meeting. IPSSA will pay expenses.

BK Taylor Nomination, Vote:

1. Bert Vexland, San Diego Metro chapter, eight years in pool industry. Held many positions in IPSSA, including education chairman of chapter, VP, Sick Leave chairman, BORD member. Organized CPR certification for R7 members.

Studied Business Law; continuing education and seminars in the industry, including Western Pool and Spa, Pool Industry Expo, various manufacturing industry seminars, SD TableTop.

Certified in Water Chem, Laars Heater and Controls, Jacuzzi Hydraulics, Pentair Pumps and Filters, Hayward Pool Cleaners and Products. Involvement in community, including church, Alpine Community Center, coached girls softball, assisted fire victims.

2. Paul Grimes, San Diego chapter, 13 years in pool industry, IPSSA.

Continuing education, seminars in the industry, including Western Pool and Spa, SD TableTop, IPSSA Leadership seminars. Cheerfully covers sick routes.

Created San Diego chapter Web site, www.ipssasandiego.com; managed, maintained, and increased its content over its five years. Created referral Web site, www.poolservicepros.com, for chapter members, supporters. Created, updated, improved, maintains database of chapter records. Third year as chapter secretary. Produces monthly newsletter; created contact list of chapter members, supporters, supply houses. Participated in chapter blood drives, Sick Leave Boundary Committee, R7 meetings, secretary of Standing Rules Update Committee, Water Safety Committee. Created Web site, www.waterwatchers.org, for this program.

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Unfinished Business:

1. IPSSA bulletin boards – previously distributed to chapters for display at places such as local pool supply companies as a way of informing pool service people about IPSSA. **Jim Bradbury** said his chapter’s board is updated regularly; includes chapter newsletter, announcements, dates of upcoming chem tests, etc.

New Business:

1. BORD term limits – At present no one can serve on the BORD more than two times in 10 years, and you cannot succeed yourself. Upcoming motion to BORD that it is okay to succeed yourself. By a majority vote, R7 Board approved succeeding oneself on the BORD.

2. Donation to NPC research – The National Plasters Council (NPC) and IPSSA have recently agreed to cooperate to find out what causes etching on pool surfaces. A new facility with eight segmented swimming pools has been constructed on the campus of California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo so expert researchers can conduct tests to study this issue using scientific methods, research estimated to cost \$250,000. By a majority vote, the R7 Board approved a donation from IPSSA Inc. not to exceed \$5,000.

3. North County Coastal – new chapter president, **Jim Lawson**, and new Board members.

4. Revised IPSSA R7 Directory –

Jim Bradbury reported that the person who was going to update the 1999 directory now has other commitments. In addition, Jim gave suggestions for the new directory.

Don Wall explained that he had done the previous directory revision. Hard to get pictures of everyone, hard to sell ads, time consuming to do the layout, and not a lot of money came back from it. The consensus of the R7 Board was to wait for someone to offer to take on this project.