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Director's Corner

B. K. Taylor Award - bring your nominations for this award to the Oct. 25 R7 Board meeting. A nomination form is enclosed.

A word to the wise... Summer is here - don't forget to wear sun screen and drink lots of water.

Highlights of IPSSA, INC. – R7 Regular Board Meeting July 26, 2005

Chapter Reports:

Carlsbad Sherry Larson – 1) Water chem test – every chapter member except two has passed.

East County Don Wall – 1) Election – looking for new chapter president. 2) Guest speaker – 3M rep gave a presentation and brought samples of products – great presentation.

Escondido Loyal Johnson – 1) Water chem test – three recently passed, two of those pretty close to 100%. 3) Membership, expulsion – chapter will develop procedures in writing of how to kick out members. If they do not meet the guidelines, they will be out. Maybe we need clearer procedures developed by the B.O.R.D. 4) Sick route coverage – Again, our rules do not specify guidelines to expel those who refuse to do sick route coverage cooperate.

Metro Ken Settles – 1) Election – vice president and treasurer will stay another term. 2) Membership – had two prospects.

One rejected for not meeting all the qualifications. The other met all of the qualifications. Javier added that San Diego chapter has an additional test for prospective members, so that sets the bar higher. Any time you have any doubt, talk to the attorney. 3) Chapter meeting – **Javier Payan** covered the last meeting for Ken.

N. County Coastal Jim Lawson – 1) Salt tester – chapter got a salt tester for \$50. 2) Water chem test – two passed and were accepted into the chapter. 3) Membership – two more new members. 4) Picnic will replace the August chapter meeting.

San Diego Bill Peck – 1) New meeting location – Mission Valley. 2) Sick leave – No members down. 3) Sick route coverage – two members screwed up by having subs do coverage for them. 4) Sick leave policy – Will soon publish chapter's revised policy. 5) Membership – three new members in June, two in July, about to lose one. 6) Bank account – someone (not an IPSSA member) had checks printed using the chapter's account number; person was caught, and bank gave us our money back. 7) Election – forming an election committee of past chapter presidents to screen nominees. 8) Chlorine generator – chapter is developing a program. 9) Web site – **Paul Grimes** is updating the chapter's Web site.

Director's Announcements:

A. Election Year – **Javier's** term as director is for two years. He has one year left, but because of family obligations the position is available if someone wishes to step up. He is trying to get new people involved.

Calendar of Events

- **BORD Mtg.**, Sat., Aug. 6, Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Oakland, CA. Contact IPSSA executive office, (888) 360-9505, or ipssamail@aol.com.
- **R7 Picnic**, Sun., Aug. 28, De Anza Cove, Mission Bay. Hawaiian theme. For info, call 619-461-5316. **Don't miss it** – tickets for a Hawaiian vacation for two will be given away!
- **World Aquatic Health Conference**, Mon., Sept. 19 – Wed., Sept. 21, Pacific Palms Conference Resort, City of Industry, CA. Contact www.nspf.org.
- **Pool Industry Expo**, Thurs., Sept. 29 – Sat., Oct. 1, Monterey Conference Center, Monterey, CA. www.poolindustryexpo.com
- **Spa & Pool Industries Memorial Golf Tournament in Honor of Jock Hamilton**, Sat., Oct. 22, Hollister, CA. Contact Ivan Vance, 818-376-8541.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., Oct. 25, 7:00 p.m., Filippi's Pizza Grotto (858) 748-1800, 13000 Oak Knoll Dr., Poway, off Hwy 15 and Poway Rd.

B. IPSSA Life Insurance – IPSSA has a new carrier. The benefits have been increased to \$30,000.00. Some members still need to submit beneficiaries to their life insurance and Benevolent Fund.

C. IPSSAN Article – The following disclaimer was printed in the July 2005 issue of *The IPSSAN*:

In the story "Another man's opinion about slow-paying customers" which appeared in the June 2005 issue of The IPSSAN, the author, Steven D.

Riley, jokingly suggested neutralizing the chlorine in the pool of a slow-paying customer. Of course, it was just a joke. No professional pool service technician would knowingly sabotage the safety of any pool water. Any member of IPSSA who might do so would be in violation of the IPSSA Code of Ethics and would be removed from membership. Further, such an action would be extremely dangerous and could result in serious bacterial infections, not to mention costly insurance claims.

D. Research Donations – Recently IPSSA, Inc. approved a \$10,000 donation to NPC research. Consensus by the R7 Board to donate \$2,500.00 of that to OnBalance. **Javier** suggested that IPSSA should support anyone who is doing research. **Bill Peck** said that if we make another donation to NPC, IPSSA should make sure we get a copy of the report. Javier indicated that the researchers welcome feedback from IPSSA technicians and appear to be unbiased.

E. Chapter Standing Rules – all chapters have turned them in.

F. Next B.O.R.D. – Sat., 8/6.

G. B.K. Taylor Award – Bring nominations to Oct. R7 Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

A. Picnic Committee – 1) **Loyal Johnson** and **Sherry Larson** gave an update on the grand prize.

B. APSB (NSPI) Liaison Don Wall – If you have issues you would like brought to their attention, tell Don.

Old Business:

A. IPSSA Bulletin Board – **Javier** will get artwork laminated for placement in the supply houses.

B. Water safety – At the May R7 meeting, **John Silcox** announced that he had additional free water watcher tags and brochures if anyone needed them. About fifty people got them. The materials are available, but people do not follow up.

New Business:

A. IPSSA study guide – 1) IPSSA received a quote of \$14,000.00 to print an IPSSA chem test study guide, which would help ensure consistency in training. This is part of the vision of the Strategic Plan. Long term plan would also include a repair manual. At its next meeting, B.O.R.D. will review the budget and the legality of having our own study guide. 2) **Feedback** from R7 -- an IPSSA study guide would be no different from manuals already in existence and would only serve to get our name out there. We would get more bang for our buck by collaborating with others – such as Service Industry News – who have already developed a study guide and getting our IPSSA logo printed in their manual. Having our own manual could open us to lawsuits. If there is a long-range plan, perhaps an IPSSA study guide would be okay, but we need a lot more information.

B. Emergency Fund – 1) **Funding** – **Loyal Johnson** said the balance is getting low because we have not funded it but have paid out for the fires last year, etc. However, this year's silent auction – which funds the Emergency Fund – will be good. **Javier** added that in the past **Rick Bishop**, Escondido chapter, did an awesome job organizing the silent auction. 2) A former member of Metro chapter suffered a stroke a few years back and is having money challenges. Perhaps his unused pool equipment could be included in the Silent Auction and some money given to him. Some suggestions from R7 Board members included having him set up a separate tent at the picnic to sell his equipment, and paying him as a consultant so he could share his pool knowledge with the chapters. It will be discussed further at the Picnic Committee meeting. 3) The brother of an IPSSA Employee member who works for **Javier** has become paralyzed from the waist down. He is unable to get assistance because he was self employed. He

has a young family and had worked all his life. Javier asked for feedback on giving him \$500. Feedback from R7 Board members included: a) Fund the Fund first. **Loyal** added that he does not want to be heartless, but the reality is that we need to build up the Fund. b) Come up with criteria for giving assistance. Should it be for IPSSA members and associates only? c) The dollar amount is too small to really help. Maybe we could instead meet a specific need, like pay a utility bill or mortgage payment. **Javier** indicated we could not tell a recipient how to spend a donation.



R7 picnic

When: Sunday, August 28.

Where: De Anza Cove, Mission Bay.

Theme – Hawaiian. Mai Tais, teriyaki beef and chicken.

Grand prize: Drawing for a trip for two to Hawaii – you must be present to win. Only members, not employees, are eligible to win. Prize includes airfare and four nights at a hotel; bring your own spending money. The trip will be scheduled for sometime after fall starts and after our busy summer season. If prices drop a lot, hotel accommodations might be for one week. Maximum value is \$1,500.