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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2009

President's Message

Happy Holidays everyone.

Thanksgiving (my favorite holiday) is behind us and the holiday season is fast approaching. Now that the phone doesn't ring quite as often and your customers aren't thinking about their pools as much as they do during the swimming season, take some time to be with your loved ones.

I'm writing this message to you from Chicago where my son Josh lives. He graduated from college two and a half years ago and has been living and working here ever since. One visit to Chicago during this time of year is a reminder of why I call San Diego home and will continue to call San Diego home. My usual visits are between the months of May through October and now I realize why those months were a better decision. The day of my flight out of San Diego, Josh informed me that he had good news regarding my arrival. He said the temperature would be ten degrees warmer than the day before. Sure enough he was accurate as usual. It was a balmy 13 degrees, up from the previous day's high of 3. Of course he didn't mention the constant wind which brings that cold right through whatever you're wearing. Oh well, you live and learn. This city is one of the best in the world...in the summer time.

My hope is that all of you take the time to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends. Maybe take a trip or two and get away from the daily grind. You know, recharge the batteries, so to speak. Then you come back ready to start the New Year with a renewed focus and drive. The coming year should be better than the last as the economy slowly recovers.

Best wishes for a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Cheers, Mark.

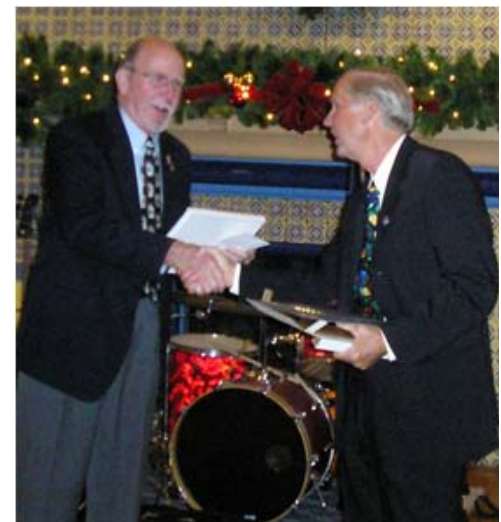
Christmas Party Recap

This year's Christmas party was a rousing success. Many members and their guests, along with Chapter Supporters and their guests, along with past members and their guests, along with local supply house members and their guests, along with guests and their guests, along with uninvited guests and their guests, enjoyed a very well planned evening that included a nice gift for each attending member of the chapter, a cocktail hour, a live band that was terrific and well received, a wonderful buffet dinner, a casino night that was obviously enjoyed by everyone, and a brief awards ceremony hosted by the President of the chapter, the Region 7 Director, and the recipient of the B.K. Taylor award winner. The feedback given throughout the night to both Mike Lewis and Jim Holmes who planned and coordinated the entire event was nothing but positive. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed all of the night's festivities. Jon McArthur was presented with the San Diego Chapter B.K. Taylor award plaque by President Mark Curran. Then Chuck Gough, Region 7 Director presented Jon McArthur with the Region 7 B.K. Taylor award check of \$500 and plaque. Followed by a very meaningful speech by Jon McArthur who spoke about the chapters' current board of officers and the job that they have done, the challenges they have faced, the decisions they've had to make, the history of the chapter, the future of the chapter, and his appreciation for everything that he has gotten from being a member of the San Diego Chapter of IPSSA. It was a memorable and meaningful speech that will be remembered.

There was a mention of the unfortunate incident that occurred the day of the event involving chapter supporter Brandon Chase who had fallen off of a roof earlier that day and

was taken to the hospital unconscious. Everyone was asked to keep him in their thoughts and prayers. The latest report a week and a half later is that he will be alright with a little more time and therapy. It was a close call that could have been much worse.

David Courey was also remembered. The chapter is providing his family with pool service through the end of the year, Bob Fowler and his family is providing the Courey's with firewood that will last them a year or more, the chapter has initiated a new annual award along the same criteria as the B.K. Taylor award for the chapter supporter roster that will be called the David Courey award, and the Region 7 picnic will be named after David. After these announcements were made, David's widow Julie was introduced to those in attendance. Overall it was an enjoyable and meaningful evening that everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy.



Region 7 Director Chuck Gough presents Jon McArthur with a plaque and check for winning the Region's Annual B. K. Taylor Award

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Aaron Ryan's Condo Auction Still Open for Bids

Aaron Ryan has been inspired by Kevin Wallace's generosity and has donated his condo in Big Bear at the foot of Snow Summit. The two bedroom, two bath, and a loft unit sleeps nine, has four parking passes, a clubhouse, sauna, ping pong, and more. It is within one hundred yards of the lifts at the base. The generous donation of his condo is available for five nights, beginning Monday March 22nd through Friday night March 26th. Check out Saturday March 27th. A \$1110.00 value. Additional weekend nights are available at \$250.00 per night, weekday nights are \$200.00. You can see more at the website. www.stayatthebase.com. We will hold an auction like before with the money raised going into the Child Safety and Drowning Prevention Fund. The bidding will end at midnight December 31st. Bids can be submitted at mtcurran@cox.net or 619-579-1720. Starting bid is \$500.00.

General Meeting Minutes November 18, 2009

Call to order 7:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance- Jim Bradbury
Treasurer's Report- Jim Bauer:

We're in good shape financially. See financial information in this issue.

Secretary's Report- James Morketter: Board meeting minutes were approved.

Vice-President's Report- Phil Gardiner: Applications for 2010 chapter supporters have been sent out.

Chapter supporters and supply house representatives were called to the front of the room. Present included:

Matt Castillo, Dave Ogren, Lori Bloom, Ed Mumford, Brandon Chase, Daniel Nicholas, Don Wall
Krista Hudson, Mike Gersch, Kirk Chapman, Chuck Conti, Mike Galagan.

Potential members were called to the front of the room. Present included:

Matt Wannamaker, David Lipe, Rob Crutchfield

A reminder was issued that proposed by-law changes will be sent out in December to all members.

Jon McArthur spoke about the upcoming table top show.

Mark Curran recognized Jim Hines for his contributions to the sick leave committee. Jim was presented with a

check for \$1000.

Raffle:

\$50 John Silcox

\$25 Jon McArthur

\$50 Gas card Robert Gibson

50# Tabs Kenny Childs

Adjourn 7:50 PM

Board Meeting Minutes December 2, 2009

Jim Bauer, Paul Grimes, Phil Gardiner, Bill Peck, Mark Curran, James Morketter
Call to order 7:30 PM

The board discussed final preparations for the end of the year Christmas party.

We reviewed photo changes for the 2010 photo directory.

We discussed the need for a nominating committee as per our bylaws.

We discussed whether or not we should continue to contribute money to the Guy and Gloria Muto fund. We decided to discontinue contributions until we can determine if there is significant interest from other chapters.

Adjourn 9:20 PM

Christmas Party Photos



Education Opportunities

1/21 20th Annual Region 7 Table Top
Four Points Sheraton, 8110 Aero Dr
1 to 5 Education Points Available

2/2 & 2/3 Pentair Training

Launch Pad, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
Courtyard by Marriott Mission Valley
(619-291-5720), 595 Hotel Circle So.,
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Up to a full day of educational points.

2/25-27 Western Pool & Spa Show

Long Beach Convention Center
www.westernshow.com
Multiple educational point opportunities

Calendar

12/16 Region 7 Board Meeting 7 pm
SCP Conference Room
5648 Copley Dr 858-467-9495

1/6 Chapter Board 7 pm
Kensington Grill

1/16, Blood Drive 8 am
Antique Row Café, Lemon Grove
3521 Lemon Grove Av
NOTE: a week earlier than usual due
to Table Tops Show conflict.

1/20 General Meeting 7pm
Mission Valley Resort
875 Hotel Circle North

1/21 20th Annual Region 7 Table Top
Four Points Sheraton, 8110 Aero Dr

Future Board Meetings:
1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7

Future General Meetings:
1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21

Future R7 Board Meetings:
(All 7pm SCP): 12/16



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THEATER	Seminar Schedule ROOM I	ROOM II
9:00 - 10:50 Water Chemistry for the pool tech John Puetz Advantis Technologies	Ways to Run a Successful Business Panel of Local Pool Business Owners	Practical uses for Variable Speed Pumps Mark R. Lane Pentair
11:00 - 1:00 Improving Your Customer Service David Hawes	VGB Pool & Spa Safety Act Safety around the Pool Panel of Safety Experts & Product Manufacturers	Salt Systems Installation to Problem Solving John Rodriguez Hayward

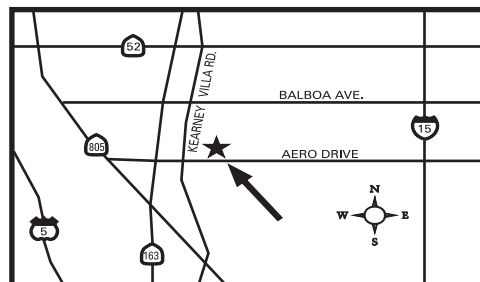
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Course/Seminar/Program Date: _____ **Cost: \$** _____

Note: The Education Committee Chairperson (ECC) must receive Application within 30 days of course Completion. Receipt or proof of attendance must be submitted to ECC before reimbursement will be made. Give/mail to Education Committee Chairs – Stephen Heyer 4434 34th St San Diego, CA 92116-3389 or Brian Davis 8070 La Jolla Shores Dr. #421 La Jolla, CA 92037

San Diego Chapter Financial Report – Nov 1-30, 2009

	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Expense Description</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Education</u>
Cash on Hand (Beg. Bal.)	15,356.56	14,130.39	Cash Disbursements		
CD & Savings		10,917.92	Bank charges		
Total	15,356.56	25,048.31	Continuing Education		549.99
Combined total	40,404.87		SPEC	200.00	
Cash Receipts			Awards		
Dues collected by IPSSA	2,038.00		Door prizes Raffle	75.00	
Newsletter Advertisement	25.00		Newsletter	225.54	
Chapter Supporters			Legal/Professional Computer consulting	100.00	
Member fines	375.00		Meeting expense:		
Interest earned		7.06	- General meeting	476.09	
Rebate Program			- Entertainment: Casino Knights	2985.00	
CD Interest			- Chapter Board	357.79	
			- Regional Dues	357.00	
Other –H2O Watcher Tags			- Water Watcher Program		
Fines: -			Office expense:		
			Phone	19.04	
			Postage & Copies	65.84	
			Mileage		
New Member	300.00		- Product Testing		
Education Fund			-		
Water Watcher tags			- Blood Drive Breakfast	81.35	
Directory advertising			Total Expenses in Month	4,936.41	549.99
Transfer from savings for Educ.			Cash on Hand (End Balance)	13,581.55	14,007.33
Total Income in Month	2,738.00	7.06	CD & Savings		10,924.41
Child Safty/Drowning Prev Fund			Total	13,581.55	24,931.74
Proceeds: Kevin Wallace Condo	850.00		Combined Total	38,513.29	

IPSSA Inc. Bylaws Proposed Amendment Ballots have Dec. 31 Deadline

Members have until December 31, 2009 to return their ballot on the three proposed Bylaw changes. See your ballot or the December IPSSAN for more information and arguments for and against each proposed amendment. The IPSSAN is on-line at www.ipssa.com if you've misplaced your copy.

Schwarzenegger signs Assembly Bill 1020.

On October 11, 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law [Assembly Bill 1020](#). This places anti-entrapment devices and systems into the existing California public pool safety law. In San Diego County, the Department of Environmental Health, Food and Housing Division (FHD) is the lead enforcement agency for the implementation and enforcement of this bill as it pertains to public

pools. Our advisory notice (see attached) includes a summary of the changes to the law and the requirements for the anti-entrapment devices for new and existing pools, as well as information on the new compliance form and the collection of an annual surcharge for the state Department of Public Health. Please visit our website at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/deh/ or contact us at (619) 338-2379 for more information.

County of San Diego

Excerpts from the December 2009 Region 7 Review

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Director's Notes

Happy Holidays to all Region 7 Presidents and Chapter Representatives!!

Remember, our December 16 Region 7 Board meeting is a joint meeting of the old chapter boards and the newly elected ones. In addition to cleaning up some old business, we have to organize for the coming two years.

Attached is an updated draft of the Region 7 Standing Rules originally handed out in September. Changes and/or additions are in **RED*******. Please review and be prepared to vote on them. Our Region is the only region in IPSSA that does not have their Standing Rules on file. I am trying to correct that!!

If you have additional changes or comments, please get them to me prior to the meeting.

Chuck Gough
Region 7 B.O.R.D. Representative

DRAFT- IPSSA REGION 7 - REGIONAL STANDING RULES - DRAFT ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the Region 7 Board shall be to:
 - a) Administer the business of Region 7 and provide oversight to its independent committees
 - b) To inform the Region 7 chapters of the activities of the IPSSA B.O.R.D.
 - c) To develop standards of quality and improve professionalism within the region
 - d) To provide a quarterly forum to exchange ideas, improve education and generate a spirit of fellowship among chapters/members
 - e) To submit recommendations and chapter concerns to the IPSSA B.O.R.D.
 - f) To hear appeals that come forward from the chapters
 - g) Elect a Region 7 representative to the IPSSA B.O.R.D
 - h) Elect a Secretary and a Treasurer although the job may be combined into a Secretary/Treasurer position *****

ARTICLE II – GOVERNANCE

1. Meetings shall be run using modified Robert's Rules of Order
2. The administrative & fiscal year shall run from January 1 to December 31.
3. The Regional Director shall submit an annual budget at the March meeting.
4. For purposes of a legal vote, a quorum shall be considered to be 5 of the 7 chapters.
5. The chair (Regional Director) shall not have a vote or be considered in the quorum count. *****
6. No expenditures shall be made from the Region Board account, or the Emergency Account without prior approval of the board in either a scheduled or special meeting

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

1. Meetings shall be held quarterly, a minimum of four(4) weeks prior to an IPSSA B.O.R.D. meeting
2. Chapters shall not schedule events to conflict with Region 7 meetings. Region 7 meetings are scheduled for the months of March, June, September and December close to the 24th of the month, with the exception of December when it is held one week earlier
3. All chapter presidents will be informed of region meetings not less than 30 days prior to the Region Meeting
4. All agenda items shall be submitted to the Regional Director at least two weeks prior to the scheduled Region Meeting
5. Each chapter shall have a minimum of **two** representatives at each Region meeting, preferably the president and a designate. Each chapter shall have one vote Chapters not represented at two consecutive Region meetings may be subject to expulsion at the discretion of the board

6. Chapters may be excused (for exceptional circumstances) from Region meeting attendance at the discretion of the board
7. Special meetings may be called by the Regional Representative to handle issues requiring urgent action prior to the next regularly scheduled Region Meeting Notice must be given by e-mail and telephone at least 48 hours prior to the meeting Meeting may be face to face or by teleconference Votes may be taken by teleconferencing, confirmed by e-mail.

**ARTICLE IV
ELECTION OF B.O.R.D. REPRESENTATIVE**

1. Nominations for B.O.R.D. representative shall be made at the 2nd(June) Regional Meeting in odd numbered years
2. The B.O.R.D. Representative nominees shall be a past chapter president or prior Regional Representative and may not serve con-currently as president and Regional Representative
3. The B.O.R.D. Representative shall be elected by the Regional Board, not the chapters at the 3rd (September) Regional Meeting)
4. B.O.R.D. Representative elected by a simple majority of the quorum present at the election meeting
5. If multiple nominees, and no majority is reached on the 1st ballot; the low man is out and a 2nd ballot is taken, continue until one nominee receives a majority

**ARTICLE V
REMOVAL OF THE B.O.R.D. REPRESENTATIVE**

1. Removal of the B.O.R.D Representative may take place at a regularly scheduled Region Meeting or at a special meeting called by the Secretary. The removal must be an announced agenda item. All presidents must be given a minimum two week notice of any special meeting for this purpose
2. Removal of the B.O.R.D. representative shall be by a simple majority of the quorum present
3. If the B.O.R.D. representative should resign or be recalled as outlined by this Article then a replacement shall be elected from among the board members present at the meeting in which the action takes place, subject to Article IV, paragraph 2.

**ARTICLE VI
ELECTION OF REGIONAL OFFICERS**

1. Regional officers in addition to the Region Representative are: a Secretary and a Treasurer
2. The election of the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be held at the 1st meeting of the new Regional Board at the 4th Regional Meeting (December) of an odd numbered year
3. The Regional Representative, Secretary, and Treasure shall not be from the same chapter

ARTICLE VII – DUES

1. The Region Treasury shall be funded by chapter dues in the amount set by the sitting Region Board (currently \$1.00 per member per month) The census supplied by The IPSSA Financial Office shall be the source of the head count
2. Dues shall be billed quarterly in advance by the treasurer or a designate approved by the Region Board
3. Independent committees shall be responsible for their budgets and funding

ARTICLE VIII – FINES

1. Missed Scheduled meetings:
 - a) Any chapter not having at least one representative at a Regional meeting shall be fined \$250.00
 - b) Any chapter missing two consecutive Regional meetings may be subject to expulsion. Decision to expel by a majority of the quorum present at a Regional meeting in which expulsion is on the agenda
2. Missed Special meetings:
 - a) Any chapter not responding to a special meeting (face to face or tele-conference) shall be fined \$250.00
 - b) Special meeting notices will be by e-mail and telephone
 - c) The issue of a teleconference will be resolved by a voice vote confirmed by an e-mail.
3. Missed representation at the annual leadership seminar in February shall be fined \$250.00 in accordance with IPSSA Policies and Procedures (Pg10). In addition a minimum of one representative from each chapter shall attend in off years. *****

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

Contractors State License Board Stresses Importance of Carrying Appropriate Workers' Compensation Insurance for Employees

SACRAMENTO -The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) is urging its 315,000 licensees to make sure all employees are covered by the appropriate amount of workers' compensation insurance. By law, employers are required to carry insurance that covers employees who are injured on the job or become ill due to the job. That's the case even if they have as few as one employee or if the employees are temporary. All Roofing (C-39) licensees are required to carry workers' compensation insurance, even if they don't have any employees. In addition, the Employment Development Department considers most home improvement salespersons to be employees. Carrying less than the required amount is considered to be insurance premium fraud.

CSLB licensees must submit proof of their workers' compensation insurance coverage to CSLB (Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance from insurer or Certificate of Self-Insurance from the Department of Industrial Relations). This proof must be received by CSLB within 90 days of hiring someone. If the licensee does not have any employees, they are required to submit to CSLB an Exemption from Workers' Compensation form, under penalty of perjury.

"We understand why businesses try to cut expenses, but cheating on workers' compensation insurance is illegal," said CSLB Registrar Steve Sands. "Employees are left unprotected if they get hurt, and contractors who break the law have an unfair business advantage over those who follow the rules. Fraud also drives up the price of insurance for all of us."

In the coming months, CSLB and other state government agencies will concentrate some of their enforcement efforts—including sting and sweep operations—on companies that either don't carry workers' compensation insurance, or misrepresent the number of employees they have in order to get lower insurance rates.

Penalties for not carrying workers' compensation insurance can be severe. The penalty for a first offense of Labor Code Section 3700.5 is up to one year in county jail and a \$10,000 fine. A stop order can also be issued on work projects, with fines of \$1,000 per employee on the payroll at that time, up to \$100,000. There are additional penalties if an injured worker files a workers' compensation claim and the employer doesn't have the proper insurance. That employee can also file a civil action against the employer.

The penalties for workers' compensation insurance premium fraud are even stiffer. In addition to felony charges, failure to maintain the appropriate workers' compensation insurance can result in a company's CSLB license being suspended. In addition, any work performed with a suspended license is considered to be unlicensed and CSLB can take disciplinary action against the license.

Getting Workers' Compensation Insurance

There are a number of ways to purchase workers' compensation insurance in California. Policies can be purchased through an agent or a broker from any of the privately licensed insurers that are authorized to write policies in California. A list of authorized insurers is available on the California Department of Insurance Web site (www.insurance.ca.gov). If a company can't find an insurer willing to cover them, the State Compensation Insurance Fund (www.scif.com) is required to provide coverage. Some trade groups negotiate special rates for members. A local chamber of commerce may also be a source of good advice. Companies can also choose to be self insured. Historically, only large companies could do this because of legal requirements; however, in recent years group self insurance, in which several small employers pool their workers' compensation liabilities, has become available. Learn more from the California Department of Industrial Relations (www.dir.ca.gov/SIP/sip.html).

Contractors State License Board Alerts Contractors to Renewed

Enforcement of Building Permits in January 2010 State and local agencies ready to take action against those who fail to pull permits

SACRAMENTO – Accelerated building permit enforcement efforts will begin in January 2010, following the Contractors State License Board's (CSLB) unanimous vote to make this a higher priority. Building permits are a critical element to any construction project, helping to ensure that construction is performed according to established state and local code, and safety standards. Sections 7090 and 7110 of the California Business and Professions Code mandate that CSLB help regulate these laws and safety standards, and discipline violators.

Permit violations are not only a health and safety issue for the property owner, but can also become a financial liability if someone is injured. When a contractor performs work that requires a permit and doesn't have one, a local building department can issue a "Stop Work" notice and assess fines against the property owner. Contractors who violate the permit process may be held responsible for any fine issued to the property owner by the building department, as well as the cost of complying with the code requirements.

Contractors who break these laws are subject to disciplinary action by CSLB. The contractor may be subject to civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per citation and/or suspension or revocation of their license. The contractor's complaint history and seriousness of the violation are factors considered when determining the appropriate level of discipline.

CSLB has partnered with the California Building Officials (CALBO) to effectively work with local building departments, help identify suspected offenders, and perform proactive investigations of violations. CSLB also has begun more stringent enforcement of permit requirements when performing regular investigation of consumer complaints. Permit complaints can be filed by consumers, contractors, or building department staff.

CSLB will continue to educate consumers and contractors during the mediation phase of the more than 20,000 complaints received each year, and during community outreach events. By stringently enforcing permit requirements, CSLB is complying with its mandate of public protection while preserving the integrity of California's construction industry.

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92024 - Encinitas	92109 - Pacific Beach	92103 - Hilerst/MsnHl	91911 - Chula Vista	91941 - La Mesa
92064 - Poway	92111 - Clairemont	92104 - North Park	91913 - Chula Vista	91942 - La Mesa
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