



# Region 7 Review

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## IPSSA, INC. – REGION 7 Regular Board Meeting SCP Conf. Rm, SD, CA Wed., March 23, 2011 Minutes Highlights

**Attendance** – **Chuck Gough**, R7 Dir., Clsbd; **Dan Ruiz**, R7 Treas, SD E. Cty; **Peter Gozdeck**, R7 Billing Agent; **Dustin Moors**, R7 Secy, Clsbd VP; **David Talbot**, Clsbd Pres; **Matt Hughes**, Esc Pres; **Brian Lindlar**, N. Cty Coastal VP; **Lance Clifton**, Rncho Del Mar Pres; **Jerry Billuni**, Rncho Del Mar; **Mark Curran**, SD Pres; **Bill Peck**, SD; **John Silcox**, SD; **Joe Lukacik**, SD E. Cty; **Nancy Gillespie**, Recording Secy.

**Not Represented** – SD Metro.

**Minutes** – *Motion* by **Brian Lindlar**, seconded by **Lance Clifton**, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the 3/15/10 meeting as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dan Ruiz – total income 1/1/11 – 3/12/11, including fines and dues, was \$1,042.12. General Fund has \$2,723.91, Emergency Fund \$3,964.16, and Money Market \$8,642.04, for total current assets of \$15,330.11. By *unanimous consent*, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report as presented.

### Chapter Reports

**Carlsbad David Talbot:**

- 1) One new chapter supporter.
- 2) April meeting at PEP/Vista branch for their "buy night", which gives discounts on all items purchased that night.
- 3) Membership – 1 old member returned.

**Escondido Matt Hughes:**

- 1) April meeting will be at Superior.
- 2) Charity auction at May meeting for National Ataxia Foundation. Donations so far include a Jandy 2 HP pump, Pentair salt system, Pool Shark, and a basketball game. Chapter is paying for a power center for the salt system.
- 3) Membership – lost a few (one quit, one retired), gained a few.
- 4) Stipend status – Officers (except for **Hughes**) accept a \$50/month stipend.

**N County Coastal Brian Lindlar:**

- 1) All is going well.
- 2) Chapter supporters – 5 at last meeting.

**Rancho Del Mar Lance Clifton:**

- 1) Membership – same.
- 2) Chapter is pretty low key.

**San Diego Mark Curran:**

- 1) Membership – one new, one old member coming back, a few prospects.
- 2) Water Safety – **John Silcox** is organizing an event for April 1, will provide details.
- 3) Sick leave – A member with cancer has been on sick leave eight months and will probably be out a few more months.
- 4) Western Pool and Spa Show 3/31 – 4/2. This year the traditional Fri. evening dinner will be limited to members, with the chapter paying \$30 per diner.
- 5) Election of officers in October. A nominating committee has been formed.
- 6) Chapter supporters – chapter has about 30 to 40, plus a few new ones.
- 7) Manufacturers rebate will be about \$8,000 this year. Funds go towards chapter continuing education pay for members to go to seminars, shows, etc.
- 8) Chlorine tabs (leaky tab bucket lids) – a member is researching results of water getting in some of the 50-lb buckets. Potential for getting blasted with gas when you open a bucket. Share with your chapters. Any comments, contact **Stephen Heyer**, 619-563-6566, [poolboy54@cox.net](mailto:poolboy54@cox.net).

**SD East County Joe Lukacik:**

- 1) Membership – one quit, two new members.
- 2) Chapter supporters – working on getting more.

**SD Metro** No report

## R7 Director's Report

1) Water Safety – Will attend Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium in Colorado April 14-15 sponsored by National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA).

2) Water Safety Research – Florida and Texas are the two worst states for drowning incidents. A Florida study found that the categories of people most at risk are: **a)** Asians – not a swimming culture, **b)** those with a criminal record, **c)** Hispanics – incidents of children drowning in buckets of water used for mopping floors.

3) From Feb. B.O.R.D. – **a)** Pentair – Pentair's new PIP program for IPSSA members could provide IPSSA with up to \$20,000 for education/research. Hayward will continue their program. **b)** Taxes – Existing policy on chapters that do not file tax data by the deadline will be enforced. But the good news is: IPSSA will be distributing \$40/member in May to all chapters that have *all* their tax data in on time – not just 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2011, but *all!*

As this will be several hundred dollars per chapter, suggest you donate some or all to SPEC, your favorite charity or your membership. **c)** Census 12/31/10 3,661. **d)** All bylaws ballot measures passed.

**e)** Region directories will be published in house this year. Contact R8 Director **Kurt Schuster** (602-488-7335, [badgerpool@yahoo.com](mailto:badgerpool@yahoo.com)). In the past the R7 directory was done by Kelly Inc. at no cost; they made their money on ad sales. **f)** Original IPSSA protocol and final NPIRC report for protocol 1 and a FAQ section have been posted to the IPSSA website. **g)** \$7,500 has been approved for development of a second protocol. Comments, contact **Lance Sada** (951-837-6322, [npircipssa@verizon.com](mailto:npircipssa@verizon.com)), IPSSA liaison to the NPIRC. **h)** SPEC has a program for service technicians for \$9/mo. This is cheap for all that SPEC does for our industry. **i)** Director **Dave Durkin** announced that the National Electrical Code now requires all pumps/motors installed after 1/1/11 have GFCI protection. California has adopted this code, and it is expected other states will follow. No retrofit. Durkin is writing a manual. Suggest you inform customers with new pumps/motors; look at it as an opportunity to make additional money.

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## Unfinished Business

1) Attendance at R7 mtgs – Some people are not following R7 Standing Rules, which require that each chapter have one rep at each R7 meeting. Any chapter not having at least one rep present is subject to fine. Better for your chapter if both reps attend to give you double voting power.

2) Missed R7 mtg fines – **Peter Gozdeck** handles the fines, but late fees are not specified in the Rules. *Motion* by **Bill Peck**, seconded by **Mark Curran** and carried unanimously that, effective with the April 1 billing, fines are due within 30 days of the date of the invoice; penalty for not paying by the deadline is \$2 per day until the fine is paid. *Motion* by **Mark Curran**, seconded by **Brian Lindlar** and carried unanimously to approve **Gough** revising the Rules as discussed.

3) R7 special mtgs – Per the Rules, special mtgs may be called by the R7 Director, notice to be given by e-mail and phone at least 48 hrs. prior to special mtg. There have been complaints. **Gough** suggests telling him if you plan to be out of town; if a special meeting is scheduled, he can then contact your designate to attend. Also, make sure **Gillespie** has your latest contact information for R7 Officers List; some have not responded to numerous requests for updates.

4) Fines, appeals process – Sometimes an appeal to a fine comes months later. *Motion* by **Mark Curran**, seconded by **Lance Clifton**, and carried unanimously that, effective with the April 1 billing, the appeals process for any fine is as follows: chapter pays fine by the due date, adding a note that they plan to appeal. Chapter appeals to the Board; if Board approves the appeal, chapter will get a refund. Any chapter that does not pay the \$250 fine by the due date loses the right to appeal.

5) **Joe Lukacik** thanked the Board for the money to help with expenses related to the loss of his son, **Bryson**.

## New Business

1) Matching Funds, life vests – **John Silcox**, SD chapter, is organizing fairs in April for Pool Safety Month in SD, Claremont, Coronado, Chula Vista, Santee, San Marcos, and Escondido noon to 3:00 to encourage kids to swim and educate the community on water safety. He will distribute life vests at these events to be kept at community pools. These vests are not the ugly, bulky orange vests that we are familiar with, but more streamlined (1 pound each) and in more appealing colors, with different colors for different sizes. Navy SEALS will be on hand to demonstrate how to put the vests on. By doing these events we educate the

community, get a good feeling, and maybe get recognition in the community. For liability reasons **Ray Arouesty** discouraged putting the IPSSA logo on the vests. **Lindlar** questioned the safety of the vests. The vests cost \$25 each. *Motion* by **Mark Curran**, seconded by **Lance Clifton** and carried (NO **Brian Lindlar**) to approve matching funds from IPSSA Inc. of \$500 for life vests to match the \$500 donation from SD chapter.

2) R7 2011 Budget – **Gough** presented budget and said it is not balanced, partly because he uses **Gillespie's** professional services more and more and partly because part of **Gillespie's** 2009 services were paid in 2010. Saved over \$650 last year by changing banks. \$1,720.91, Board account; \$3,964.16, Emergency Fund; \$8,641.92 in Money Market, totaling \$14,326.99. *Motion* by **Bill Peck**, seconded by **Brian Lindlar** and carried to approve the R7 2011 Budget as presented and make up the deficit from the Money Market account.

3) N. Cty Coastal – **Gough** said chapter does not pay fines or submit tax data on time and did not deposit a check. Mgmt at chapter is not up to snuff. He suggested **Lindlar** remind the chapter of the \$40/member IPSSA will be distributing in May to all chapters that have their tax data in on time, as that should be good motivation to submit the tax data. **Curran** asked what effect that chapter will have on the tax status of other chapters and suggested they need to get up to speed or get disbanded. **Lindlar** will follow up.

## Good of the Order

1) IPSSA protocol – **Lukacik** asked why R7 does not have a rep on NPIRC Council. **Gough** said Council does not run the research and does not have any say.

2) R7 Table Top – **Lukacik** reported that he got a call from **Sue Cramer** at IPSSA Inc. asking about the status of R7 Table Top; he suggested renaming it just "Table Top". **Gough** stated that it is an independent subcommittee of the Region. **Curran** pointed out that R7 Treasurer should not be involved in the finances of Table Top; he will have **Bob Fowler** call Cramer.

## Adjournment

1) Reminders from Director – a) appoint a second rep from your chapter for R7 meetings. b) start thinking about **Gough's** replacement. Nominations will be accepted at the June meeting for the election at the September meeting.

2) Thanks again for attending and participating tonight.

3) Next R7 meeting – Wed., 6/22/11.

4) Adjourned 8:59 p.m.

# Calendar of Events

- **Western Pool and Spa Show**, Mar. 31-April 2, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA. [www.westernshow.com](http://www.westernshow.com)
- **Annual National Drowning Prevention Symposium**, April 14-15, workshops April 16-17. National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA), Antlers Hilton, Colorado Springs, CO. <http://www.ndpa.org/home/>
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., June 22, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conf. Rm (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., SD. Nominations accepted for Sept. election of new R7 officers.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Sept. 28, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conf. Rm (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., SD. Elect new R7 officers.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 21 (one week earlier due to Christmas), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conf. Rm. (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., SD.

## Pool Safety Tips

1. Never leave a child unattended near water in a pool, tub, bucket or ocean. There is no substitute for adult supervision.
2. Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
3. The home should be isolated from the pool with a fence at least 60" tall, with a self-closing, self-latching gate. The gate should open away from the pool, and should never be propped open.
4. Doors and windows should be alarmed to alert adults when opened. Doors should be self-closing and self-latching.
5. Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are not safety devices.
6. Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone, and can call for help if needed.
7. Learn CPR and rescue breathing.
8. Keep a life-saving ring, shepherd's hook and CPR instructions mounted at poolside.
9. Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
10. Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
10. If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Seconds count.
11. Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
12. Don't use floating chlorine dispensers that look like toys.
13. Instruct babysitters about potential pool hazards, and emphasize the need for constant supervision.
14. Responsibilities of pool ownership include ensuring children in the home learn to swim, and that adults know CPR.
15. Do not consider children "drownproof" because they've had swimming lessons. [http://www.ndpa.org/home/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=20](http://www.ndpa.org/home/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=20)