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IPSSA, INC. – REGION 7 Regular Board Meeting SCP Conf. Rm, SD, CA Wed., June 22, 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; **Jordan Nelson**, N. Cty Coastal Pres; **Brian Lindlar**, N. Cty Coastal VP; **Lance Clifton**, Rancho Del Mar Pres; **Joshua McKee**, Rancho Del Mar VP; **Mark T. Curran**, SD Pres; **Bill Peck**, SD; **Joe Lukacik**, SD E. Cty Pres; **Javier Payan**, SD Metro Pres; **Steve Elbik**, SD Metro; **Nancy Gillespie**, Recording Secy.

Not Represented – All chapters were represented.

Minutes – *Motion* by **Brian Lindlar**, seconded by **David Talbot**, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2011 meeting as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – **Dan Ruiz** -- as of 5/31/11: General Fund \$3,353.96, Emergency Fund \$3,964.16, and Money Market \$8,642.22, for total current assets of \$15,960.34. Total income 1/1 – 5/31/11, including fines and dues \$2,413.30, expenses \$743.95. Accounts are online and accessible for viewing by **Gough**, **Gozdeck**, and **Ruiz**; only **Ruiz**

can make changes. **Gozdeck** continues to provide financial services at no charge to R7. *Motion* **Brian Lindlar**, seconded **Javier Payan**, and carried unanimously to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Chapter Reports

Carlsbad **David Talbot**:

- 1) Membership – a few prospects. A supplier recommended Carlsbad chapter to several people.
- 2) Chapter once had a bad reputation, and vendors did not want to be chapter supporters. Things have turned around. Bank balance is up, chapter has eight supporters, speakers are coming back, and chapter has a monthly newsletter prepared by **Nancy Gillespie**.
- 3) Drain covers – held several roundtables. Discussed drain cover recall and replacement covers. The law will not be enforced until Sept., and the rules will probably change before then.

Escondido **Matt Hughes**:

- 1) Padres Game outing Sat., 6/4 went well. Annual event; chapter pays half.
- 2) Charity – Auction at May meeting; vendors donated items, with proceeds to go to National Ataxia Foundation. Not sure how much was raised; at last report it was \$2,000, but since then raffle winners have been donating their winnings.
- 3) Membership – Several prospects have been voted in, but they are not yet official. One attended three meetings but has not yet taken the test.
- 4) Meetings are held at PEP, with Superior as an alternate. It works out well.

N County Coastal **Jordan Nelson**:

- 1) Everything is fine and dandy.
- 2) Chapter supporters – two are being dropped, as they are also doing pool service. Certain vendors have a monopoly. They are the only ones allowed to work on equipment and won't let anyone get trained to do the work.

Rancho Del Mar **Lance Clifton**:

- 1) It is all good.

San Diego **Mark Curran**:

- 1) Membership – **a)** three new members, several prospects. More interest from the outside lately, getting calls from the website, people seem interested in

becoming more professional. **b)** Member **A.J. Wilson** has become swamped with the military programs he is involved in. His wife **Cindy** has taken over the business. **A.J.** is now an honorary member.

- 2) Chapter supporters – roster continues to grow.
- 3) Election in October. Board and all committees will change. A nominating committee was formed months ago to find willing volunteers. We hope to have at least two candidates for each position.
- 4) Annual dinner meeting for members, supporters, vendors, and reps Wed., 8/17, Admiral Baker Golf Course. R7 Board is invited.
- 5) Sick leave – one member was out nine months with cancer; he is now back. One member is just now going on sick leave.
- 6) Change of address – post office box address is being changed to be more convenient to chapter secretary **James Morketter**.
- 7) Meetings – slide shows play during meetings. They add interest.
- 8) Product testing committee has been formed to test products. Now being tested are: **a)** Zodiac MX8 pool cleaner, with **Mike Ramey** repping and, **b)** robotic cleaner, with testing by **A.J. Wilson's** wife **Cindy**, who presented a Facebook presentation to the chapter.
- 9) Pentair Incentive Program – encourage your members to participate. Application is on our website at www.ipssaSanDiego.com/links.html.
- 10) Expulsion – one for non-attendance and non-payment; member is still paying dues. Member abandoned one account of sick coverage. The customer was a flight attendant who got home after dark, so the problem was not discovered for several months. The expulsion is a long process.
- 11) Child Safety and Drowning Prevention Committee has been involved throughout the county in water safety issues.

SD East County **Joe Lukacik**:

- 1) Election – chapter needs to have its election of officers early, by 10/15, as IPSSA Inc.'s planning meeting is in November.
- 2) Picnic – will be held in September. PEP has volunteered to do it.
- 3) Everything is good.

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SD Metro Javier Payan:

1) Brochure – Chapter now has a brochure listing officers, meeting dates, chapter supporters, and code of ethics. Any revisions will be easy to make.

2) Newsletter – now being e-mailed, which is easier and saves money.

3) Meetings – a) Several roundtables have been held, at which members brainstorm, share what is working with their businesses, etc. b) Pool Safety MOM Mary Ann Downing spoke at a meeting. c) July meeting will be at PEP El Cajon.

4) Operation Homefront – At its 12/10 meeting, chapter sponsored two military families. Money was collected all year to present to them. Very rewarding. **Gough** noted that IPSSA Inc. has matching funds, which Metro takes advantage of yearly for Operation Homefront. Every chapter should use your share -- use it or lose it.

5) Al Daugherty, longtime member, passed away in Feb. At its Nov. mandatory meeting, chapter had a send-off and paid respects. He was a good guy.

6) Sick leave – a) **Kelly Halley** was recently in a highly publicized accident in the desert. In a coma for a week, had sick coverage for one week. Getting better but not released to work yet. Her employees are covering her route. b) Another member down; cards are up to date.

7) Yellow cards need to be up to date in case something happens. In one case when a member was down, friends had to search the member's computer to get updated information for the cards. Remember to list details on each account, such as dogs, keys, etc.

8) Chapter has a Facebook page. It is not used a lot, but it is there.

R7 Director's Report

1) From the May BORD meeting in Tampa – Explanation of insurance options for those extending their businesses into more than service. Application form will change for new members. One does not automatically get Arrow Insurance unless he chooses to – a new member just has to prove insurance coverage. Certain requirements, but other insurance companies probably can't cover what Arrow covers. Check *The IPSSAN* for details.

2) August BORD meeting is in Riverside.

3) Water safety – Attended a Swim Safe event and roundtable at Liberty Station in San Diego last month. A press conference was held the next day.

4) Drain covers – Talked with **Bob Nichols**, past BORD member. He says the manufacturer will supply technicians to replace. They do not have a procedure in place. Details to be worked out.

5) **Gough** advised the Board that the region needs a vice/assistant Region representative, as proxies are not allowed to

vote at BORD meetings by California Corporate Law. They may attend, participate in discussions, but not vote. Having an elected second will allow the person to vote in the absence of the Region Representative.

Unfinished Business

1) Review of IPSSA NPIRC input procedures, Salt Study – **Bill Peck** said that last year IPSSA hired the NPIRC to do the salt study. **Lance Sada** is the liaison. His concerns are: a) IPSSA did not get input, that we were stonewalled by Cal Poly – not good science. **Gough** replied that every month THE IPSSAN publishes a request for input and has received almost no feedback. **Gough** will provide Lance's contact information. **Peck** countered that he has been in contact with Lance, and the response has been inadequate, and information on the IPSSA website Research FAQ is incorrect. b) **Peck** asked who designed the protocol. **Gough** said it was people like **Peck**. **Payan** suggested a collaboration to gather specific questions, with **Gough** as R7 rep.

New Business

1) SPEC – a) IPSSA distributed \$40.00 per member in May to all chapters that had *all* their tax data in on time. All R7 chapters received theirs by direct deposit. **Gough** suggested that you donate some or all of your windfall to SPEC or a charity of your choice. We are not supporting SPEC as well as we had in the past. b) **Gough** displayed the certificate R7 received for its donation to SPEC last year and asked where to display it. **Curran** suggested SCP and said he would follow up.

2) Expulsion from R7, Metro Chapter – *Motion* was made by **Curran** and seconded by **Lukacik** to expel Metro chapter from R7 for non-attendance.

Curran said Metro was not represented at R7 since Sept. 2010. In the last 1½ years R7 has improved professionalism and is running at a higher level. There is a different culture, and meetings are more productive. Those who do not attend R7 meetings are an insult to the officers who do. If Metro had grown in the last 10 years, this would not be an issue, but Metro has not grown, is redundant, and could easily be absorbed by San Diego or East County chapter and become stronger.

Payan expressed disagreement to his statement and countered that the average size of a chapter is 20 to 30 members. Metro has great camaraderie, and everyone knows and respects each other. Six members have been B. K. Taylor Memorial Award recipients, which were voted on by the R7 Boards. He questions

the statement that past R7 boards were ineffective. He is proud of the previous boards.

Talbot said all chapters overlap. To expel a chapter for non-attendance seems extreme. Perhaps probation would be appropriate. He asked if Metro had paid its fines; **Gozdeck** confirmed they had.

Lukacik asked the reason for non-attendance. **Payan** responded that throughout this process, he was disappointed that no one had asked that. Dec. – he had a conflict, called backups, and they also could not attend. March – he admitted that he just blew it, failed to put it on his calendar, no excuses. **Payan** continued that Metro was formed in 1988 and does not have a history of this. He is not normally a flaky person; he is embarrassed and apologizes. In the future if something like this happens, please pick up a phone and communicate.

Gough said that IPSSA bylaws state that every chapter should have a second representative to the Region Board. The purpose of attending R7 meetings is to benefit your chapter with improved communications and opportunities to have input to the IPSSA BORD. R7 newsletter lists all R7 meetings for the year.

Nelson read from the R7 Standing Rules that a chapter *may be*, not *will be* expelled. He suggested that there might be a conflict of interest in suggesting Metro be absorbed into San Diego chapter. Average chapter size is about 30, so size is not an issue. He conceded that **Curran** has a business mind, but **Nelson** wants business to be *fun*. **Nelson** also suggested a *motion* be made to split a chapter once it reaches 80 members because there are many drawbacks to having a large chapter. There was no second to the motion.

Attendees voted by ballot, with **Gozdeck** and **Gillespie** counting. Vote was as follows:

AYES: 2

NOES: 11

The motion to expel Metro chapter from R7 for non-attendance did not carry.

3) Pool Safety – **Gough** discussed participation in the Pool Safety campaign. He will e-mail criteria. Let him know which you qualify for.

4) Nominations for R7 Director – **Nelson** nominated **Javier Payan**. **Payan** nominated **Joe Lukacik**. Nominations will be accepted until September 1, with the vote taken at the September 28 R7 meeting.

5) B. K. Taylor Memorial Award – Nominations will be accepted until September 1, with the vote taken at the

September 28 R7 meeting. Ask Gillespie for a nomination form.

6) Backup for R7 Director – Lukacik suggested that whoever becomes the new R7 Director should appoint a backup, to be ratified by the R7 Board. Gough will bring a Standing Rule addition for approval at the next Meeting.

Good of the Order

1) Membership – Attendees discussed several membership issues. a) **Payan** said that Metro chapter once had a prospect who passed the test, attended three meetings, then showed up drunk. Chapter wanted to reject this person for membership for not being a quality prospect but was told they could not do that since that individual met the minimum requirements. **Gough** suggested that if a person meets the requirements and passes the test and chapter rejects that person for membership, chapter could be walking on thin ice. Suggestions: i) Usually insurance underwriters will tell you who to accept. ii) Interview prospect. iii) Keep good minutes. b) **Hughes** said Escondido chapter cancelled a member for non-payment of dues. He wants to be reinstated. **Gough** suggested Hughes should listen to member’s sad story, discuss with chapter board, and charge the \$50 reinstatement fee. IPSSA is worth well more than the reinstatement fee. **Gozdeck** asked if chapter has an application form and whether it addresses such issues. **Curran** said that San Diego has an extensive membership process. Essentially, the chapter is the underwriter for **Ray Arouesty**. You are welcome to have a copy of San Diego chapter’s application form.

Adjournment

1) Next R7 meeting – Wednesday, September 28, 2011.
 2) *Motion* was made by **Nelson**, seconded by **Lindlar** and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Gillespie, Recording Secretary

COOL WEBSITE

Pool Safety Tips 1 of 7 with special guest **Mary Ann Downing**.

<http://www.watersafetymagazine.com/safety-mom-videos/pool-safety-tips-1-of-7-with-special-guest-mary-ann-downing>

Cohen: 'Pool is Clear'

By [Kelly Mello](#)

Many public pools are under careful scrutiny lately, due to the drowning of [Marie Joseph](#) at Veteran’s Memorial Pool in Fall River Tuesday. Joseph’s body wasn’t discovered until more than two days later, despite her [sic] 9-year-old son reporting her missing and the pool still being used by the public.

Norton Parks and Recreation chairperson **Sheri Cohen** said that local residents do not need to worry about a similar incident happening at the Everett Leonard Park public pool.

“The pool is clear,” she said. “Any time it’s cloudy, we have to shut it down.”

The murkiness of the Fall River pool was said to have been one factor on why Joseph’s body was not found right away.

Cohen said that a pool technician comes by several times a week to look at the pool’s condition, while vacuuming it once a week. The Board of health also comes by on a regular basis.

With temperatures in the 90s Tuesday, the Everett Leonard Park pool was a popular place to be. Swimmers did not seem concerned for their safety.

“You can see the bottom of the pool,” said **Suzanne Antosca** who brought her daughter for a swim.

To further ensure the safety of swimmers, Cohen said that five Red Cross certified lifeguards work for the town, with two or three of them at the pool during operational hours. They are placed in elevated chairs so that they can see the entire pool, and have rescue tubes in case of an emergency.

“We are well-watched,” said parent **Sara Lyons**. “We came last year too and there was never an incident.”

Lifeguard **Chris Jordan** said that in his five seasons working at the Norton public pool, there have been no major accidents.

“We keep a very close eye on the clarity of the water,” said the 21-year-old. “We also switch positions when we can to stay alert.”

Family and friends are also encouraged to lookout for one another.

“My experience has been that most parents closely watch their children as well,” said **David Bamford** on Norton Patch’s Facebook page.

<http://norton.patch.com/articles/cohen-pool-is-clear#video-6897130>

Calendar of Events

- **BORD**, Aug. 13, Mission Inn, Riverside, CA. www.IPSSA.com.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Sept. 28, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conf. Rm (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., SD. Elect new R7 officers. Select recipient of B.K. Taylor award.
- **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.



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