



# Region 7 Review

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## Matching Funds

IPSSA Inc. has a matching grant fund of \$22,000 to assist individual regions and chapters for community involvement, safety programs, and promoting IPSSA to the public. The matching grant funds shall be allocated evenly by region in each given year. The BORD will match, dollar for dollar, up to the budget amount once a matching grant is approved by the BORD.

Submit requests for matching funds in writing to **Joe Lukacik**. Whatever is left can be taken advantage of by another R7 chapter.

## NSPF Launches Step Into Swim Campaign

[http://www.nspf.org/en/newsnew/12-05-31/NSPF\\_Launches\\_Step\\_Into\\_Swim\\_Campaign.aspx](http://www.nspf.org/en/newsnew/12-05-31/NSPF_Launches_Step_Into_Swim_Campaign.aspx)

In an effort to improve national health, reduce dramatic rises in healthcare costs, and reduce drowning tragedies, the non-profit, [National Swimming Pool Foundation](http://www.nspf.org/en/newsnew/12-05-31/NSPF_Launches_Step_Into_Swim_Campaign.aspx)® is launching the *Step Into Swim™* Campaign.

The National Swimming Pool Foundation issued a [White Paper](#) to explain how teaching more people to swim is imperative to address skyrocketing healthcare costs and prevent troubling drowning rates.

### White Paper

[http://www.stepintoswim.org/documents/white\\_paper.pdf](http://www.stepintoswim.org/documents/white_paper.pdf)

## Director's Notes

### Region 7 Quarterly Report

Greeting to all:

Well, summer has come -- wish I could say it's gone. The B.O.R.D meeting last weekend was exciting, to say the least. The person our Region wanted for NSPF liaison was defeated, and **Bob Luedtke** was elected.

Other highlights that occurred: Texas R9 was split; we now have 12 regions. **Ray Arouesty** from Arrow Insurance and **Clint Cramer** from Cramer and Associates gave their views on why the split would be beneficial for IPSSA.

### Dates to remember:

- Terry Cowles Award -- All nominees must be to corporate no later than Oct. 20, 2012.

- Matching Funds -- For all chapters interested, Corporate will need paperwork no later than Nov. 1, 2012. If your chapter is interested, please submit at our next R7 meeting on Sept. 26. I will have applications for the B.K Taylor Award, Terry Cowles Award and Matching Funds. The matching funds will need to be finalized by this meeting.

So I'll see you all.

Sincerely,

**Joe Lukacik**

## Calendar of Events

- **BORD**, Fri., August 4, Holiday Inn on the Bay, San Diego, CA. [info@IPSSA.com](mailto:info@IPSSA.com)
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.
- **Pool Industry Expo**, Sept. 27-29, Monterey, CA.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 19, (one week earlier), 7:00 p.m.

## Completion = Power?

"Twenty things completed have more power than 50 things half completed," writes best-selling author Jack Canfield.

True. But incomplete projects that never reach the public may have value, too.

\* Ideas that never hang together satisfactorily often resurface later in a more developed form. Previous effort lay the groundwork for the later success.

\* That never-finished, do-it-yourself boat may have taught you useful practical skills or valuable life lessons.

\* Something timely when you started it may no longer be relevant to anyone three-quarters of the way through, let alone at the finish line.

\* If you dropped a project that was motivated by revenge, rivalry or meanness, that's often better for you and others.

\* Some things we start with high enthusiasm aren't worth the long haul of labor needed for completion. Slogging ahead no matter what isn't smart.

I don't believe that unfinished projects necessarily hang around and haunt you, like ghosts, or that completion is a virtue in and of itself.

Starting lots and finishing little may sometimes be a healthy rhythm.

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IPSSA REGION 7  
**B. K. TAYLOR MEMORIAL AWARD**  
**Nomination Form**

History: In 1995 IPSSA Region 7 initiated the Pool Technician of the Year Award. This award has been given each year since to the Region 7 IPSSA member who best meets the criteria outlined below. In 1997 the award was renamed the B. K. Taylor Memorial Award in honor of B. K. Taylor, a longtime outstanding member of the San Diego chapter who passed away on May 19, 1997.

Award: The award consists of an inscribed plaque and a \$500-dollar honorarium. The award will be presented at the recipient's chapter meeting by the seated Region Director. The recipient's resume will be forwarded to IPSSA for consideration for the Terry Cowles Memorial Award.

Procedure: Each Region 7 chapter and/or member is eligible to nominate a member for this award. Nominations should be received on this form by the incumbent Region 7 Director not later than the September meeting of the Region 7 Board in the year under consideration. The incumbent Region Board shall make the selection of that year's recipient at the same September meeting. All nominations received will be forwarded to the Region chapter presidents prior to the September meeting where possible.

Personal Information:

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year joined IPSSA \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: The member being nominated shall have contributed to the improvement of IPSSA and/or the pool service industry by any or all of the following. (Please describe nominee's significant contributions below):

1. Demonstrates professionalism (known to be an excellent technician, pursues course work to improve skills, conducts business in an ethical and professional manner, etc.).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Contributes to IPSSA (willingly does sick route when called upon; serves as chapter, region, or other officer or chairman within the organization, etc.).

3. Assists other service industry members (helps chapter members or other pool service professionals with chemical problems, difficult repairs, either through hands-on assistance or by sharing information).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Contributes to his/her community (participates in church, charitable, or other community activities).

Additional comments to support this nomination may be added as well as additional pages if needed.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_