



Region 7 Review

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Director's Message

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News from the Leadership Weekend

~ Chuck Gough

Marvelous weekend – even the weather cooperated. The forecasted rain did not develop until almost everyone had departed on Sunday. Nothing much to report out of the two BORD meetings on Friday. The new BORD in executive session elected the following Officers and Committee Chairman for the coming year:

Administrative Chairman (President)
Lane Clark Region 2
(Vice President)
Phil Sharp Region 9
IPSSAN Chairman (Secretary)
Adam Morley Region 4
Financial Chairman (Treasurer)
John Bettencourt Region 6
Bylaws Chairman
Chuck Gough Region 7
Education/Certification Chairman
Bob Luedtke Region 5
Entertainment/Trade Shows Chairman
Mark Cyr Region 8

Expansion Chairman
Phil Sharp Region 9

Members Benefits Chairman
Gary Ellyatt Region 10

Outreach Chairman
Bob Nichols Region 3

Also new to the BORD:
Mike Gardner Region 1

The Leadership Seminar was the most informative that I have ever attended. **Bob Lowry** (author of the IPSSA service manuals) gave a great talk on water chemistry and a terrific question and answer session. Region 7's own **Javier Payan** did a great preview of the IPSSA water safety video, which will be available on the new IPSSA web site in about a month. In the meantime ask your president/treasurer to see the DVD that Javier had available for each chapter. If your chapter failed to attend, no DVD and a fine. **Tony Arseneault** of Transworld Collections Service explained the new membership benefit, an inexpensive collection program exclusively for IPSSA members. Watch for particulars in the next IPSSAN. **Mark Lane** and **Clint Cramer** had a session on the workings of the IPSSA Management Company (The Financial Office).

After a short break for lunch, we were back for more good stuff. **Javier Payan** moderated and narrated a mock chapter meeting which was quite humorous. And **Ray Arouesty** gave perhaps the most entertaining and informative session of the day – a message that should have been heard by every one of our 3,711 members. Ray was kind enough to wear both of his hats (Insurance and Legal) during an informative question and answer period after a discussion of the major

claims submitted by members during the year.

And of course we finished the day off with a fun filled casino night benefit followed by a recognition and awards banquet.

Calendar of Events

- **Chinese New Year**, Thurs., Feb. 7.
- **Valentine's Day**, Thurs., Feb. 14.
- **President's Day**, Mon., Feb. 18.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., April 23 (4th Wed. of the month), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room, 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego (858-467-9495).
- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., May 3, Region 6, location TBD. Contact IPSSA executive office, ipssamail@aol.com or 888-360-9505.
- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., July 23, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room, 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego (858-467-9495).
- **B.O.R.D. Mtg.**, Sat., Aug. 2, Region 10, location TBD. Contact IPSSA executive office, ipssamail@aol.com or 888-360-9505.
- **Drowning Prevention Symposium**, Mar. 11-12, National Hyatt Regency Irvine, Irvine, Calif., www.ndpa.org.
- **CPO Fusion Course**, Mar. 12, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, Calif., www.westernshow.com
- **30th Annual Western Pool and Spa Show**, Mar. 13-15, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, Calif., www.westernshow.com

Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.

~ **Franklin P. Jones**



True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked.

~ **Erich Segal**

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Message from Outgoing R7 Director

As we enter into a new year, I want to welcome **Chuck Gough** (pronounced GOFF) as our new Region 7 Representative. Gough has served in this capacity before and brings years of experience and insight. Congratulations, Chuck!

While I was only planning on serving one term, it ended up being two terms. I must say that the experience was very rewarding and full of opportunities to improve IPSSA as we know it, as well as advance Pool Safety Awareness for our industry.

I want to thank the past Region 7 officers for their support over the past four years. Thanks, **Ray Duchene**, for overseeing the Benevolent Fund for many years. I would also like to thank our recording secretary, **Nancy Gillespie**, for keeping things on track and doing an outstanding job keeping us notified of meeting and recording our minutes.

I had a great time representing the region and getting out to the chapter meetings to meet you all.

Sincerely, **Javier Payan**

IPSSA, INC. – REGION 7 Highlights of IPSSA, Inc. – R7 Regular Board Meeting Coco's Restaurant Mon., Jan. 7, 2008

Benevolent/Region Emergency Fund

Ray Duchene reported that the Fund was formed more than 25 years ago to help beneficiaries with various living costs. If a member dies, the Fund pays \$2,000 to member's beneficiary. Now, because membership is older, there will be more payouts and not enough money. Therefore, B.O.R.D. voted Nov. 3 to phase out the Benevolent Fund and

replace it with an increase in life insurance to \$50,000 (Note: **Clint Cramer** confirmed that the total increase in dues is \$7.00 per month: \$4.25 represents the cost of the additional life insurance; the remaining \$2.75 represents an increase in dues to cover increasing cost to run IPSSA. Note that of this \$2.75, \$1.25 is being allocated to operate IPSSA Management Company, and \$1.50 to IPSSA Inc.). Claims to the Benevolent Fund will still be honored, and it will run out naturally when the money is used up. **Gough** said that 10 years ago life insurance coverage was only \$20,000, so we have come a long way.

Chapter Reports

Carlsbad No report.

Escondido No report.

N. County Coastal **Jim Lawson**:

- 1) Chapter elections recently held.
- 2) Christmas party was nice; cost was \$5,100.

Rancho Del Mar **Thomas Regalado**:

- 1) Chapter elections recently held.
- 2) Regalado asked if he was required to go to the upcoming installation weekend since he is not a new president. Payan said IPSSA requires new presidents and treasurers to attend the Leadership Seminar; if those chapter reps do not attend, Financial Office will fine the chapter \$250 for each officer absent. It is a good idea to attend because there are always new things to learn.

San Diego **Mark T. Curran**:

- 1) Chapter elections recently held.
- 2) Christmas party in December was the best ever – 150 people attended.
- 3) **Mike Gregg**, previous chapter president, lost his brother New Year's Eve.
- 4) Things going well in the chapter.
- 5) San Diego chapter did something no other chapter has done. At October's mandatory meeting the chapter voted to require every member to earn 10 credits every two

years; the program will start Jan. 1, 2008. The hope is that this will lift the level of professionalism in the chapter. It is important to promote IPSSA members as professionals. Out of about 120 members, about 59 voted yes and 42 no. Like other chapters, San Diego has a contingent of members who do the bare minimum – attend one meeting per quarter – to remain IPSSA members.

SD East County **Dick Allen**:

- 1) East County is doing fabulous.
- 2) Christmas party went well.
- 3) No members are sick.

SD Metro **Ken Settles**:

- 1) Chapter elections recently held; the Chapter got volunteers to serve.
- 2) The chapter Christmas party, cost of \$2,000, was held at the Brigantine.

Regional Director

At its Oct. 9, 2007 meeting, R7 Board elected **John Hackett** as R7 Director; he has since backed out due to time constraints. At its Dec. 10, 2007 teleconference, R7 Board accepted Hackett's resignation and nominated **Chuck Gough**, Carlsbad, as R7 director. Gough had served in this capacity before and at the time of the nomination was Carlsbad's rep to R7 Board but not officially an IPSSA member, having retired several years ago; however, he had continued to work in the industry. He has since passed his water chem test and been reinstated at the chapter level as of Jan. 1, 2008 as an IPSSA member. Gough was nominated for R7 Director. *Motion* was made by Mark Curran, seconded by Ray Duchene, and carried (ABSTAIN Chuck Gough) to approve Chuck Gough as the next R7 Director. Board members commended him for stepping up to serve.

Installation Weekend

IPSSA B.O.R.D. and business meeting Fri., Feb. 1 and 20th Annual Leadership Seminar, Casino Night, and Banquet Sat., Feb. 2 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, California. **Payan**

will attend. Seminar topics will include: **1)** introduction of IPSSA's new Basic Training Manual. **2)** Running a successful chapter.

Water Safety Video Update

Payan reported that the video will be screened during IPSSA Installation Weekend and available at the IPSSA web site for viewing. IPSSA, Inc. has given \$1,500 with the Matching Grants program.

New IPSSA Tech Manual

The new Basic Training Manual by author **Robert Lowry**, who also wrote the chem books, will be introduced during the Leadership Seminar.

Table Top

Duchene – 18th Annual R7 Table Top Show Sat., Jan. 19. Asked for volunteers from each chapter to help out. Contact Duchene, (619) 468-9011. **Gillespie** will send a follow-up e-mail to chapters.

Director's Announcements

1) End of term as R7 Director – **Payan** stated that this is the last meeting he will run as R7 director; his term has come to an end, and he served for four years. It has been a great experience, and it was his pleasure to serve.

2) Welcome, Chuck – **Payan** welcomed **Gough** as new R7 Director. **Gough** has served in this capacity before and brings years of experience and insight. **Gough** said he originally joined IPSSA prior to the merger between IPSSA and Cal-IPSSA in Santa Barbara before it became IPSSA. Cal-IPSSA split into Cal-IPSSA/IPSSA partially because the leadership had become an old boys club. When the merger took place in Santa Barbara in 1988 to form IPSSA, term limits were written into the by-laws to avoid this in the future. Fresh ideas never hurt anyone!

3) Ballot count – Results from the December B.O.R.D. voting include: **a)** Passed – eliminating requiring that chapters approve members adding an

employee to the membership; this now goes straight to the financial office. **b)** Passed – No term limits. Previously B.O.R.D. members could not succeed themselves, then it was approved to serve two times in 10 years; now there are no term limits. **Gough** said we appear to be going back to the old boys club. **Payan** commented that, as his Letter to the Editor in the October 2007 edition of The IPSSAN stated, he is strongly in favor of term limits. New ideas come from new people. Out of a voting membership of 3,600, 940 voted, which is considered a high turnout.

Unfinished Business

1) Donation to SPEC – **Payan** said that last year R7 voted to give \$1,000 to SPEC; he will follow up with **Loyal Johnson**, R7 treasurer.

2) Emergency Fund Disbursement – At its Dec. 10 teleconference, R7 approved a financial disbursement of \$1,000 out of the Emergency Fund to **Ken Smith**, Escondido chapter, who lost his house in the recent fires. **Payan** requested matching funds from IPSSA Inc., so the total was \$2,000. **Payan** visited his relocated office and gave **Smith** the check. **Smith** sends his thanks to R7 Board.

New Business

1) Gough, new R7 director: **a)** Requested copies of chapter newsletters. They can be sent to 2081 Lee Court, Carlsbad, CA 92008, cabhgough@sbcglobal.net. **b)**

Meeting date – R7 Board meetings had been held quarterly the second Tuesday of the month. Mondays and Tuesdays are not good for **Gough**. **Motion** was made by **Curran**, seconded by **Dick Allen**, and carried unanimously to change R7 quarterly Board meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to the fourth Wednesday of the month.

2) Computer rebate – **Curran** asked who to contact for the \$200 rebate to purchase a chapter computer. **Payan** directed him to the financial office.

New R7 Officers

Carlsbad – **Doug Hausman**, pres.; **Bart Williams**, VP; **Wayne Nichol**, secy.

Escondido – **John Hackett**, pres.; **Richard Burns**, VP; **Suzi Wilson**, secy.; **Mike Robinson**, treas.

N. County Coastal – **Jordon Nelson**, pres.; **Brian Lindlar**, VP; **Daniel Carlson**, secy.; **Robert Jenkins**, treas.

Rancho Del Mar – **Tom Regalado**, pres.; **Noel Factor**, secy.; **Lance Clifton**, treas.

San Diego – **Mark T. Curran**, pres.; **Phil Gardiner**, VP; **James Morketter**, secy.; **Jim Bauer**, treas.

SD East County – **Dick Allen**, pres.; **Vickie McIntosh**, VP; **Analie Allen**, secy.; **Butch Mergen**, treas.

SD Metro – **Ken Lee**, pres.; **Steve Elbik**, VP; **Mike Flynn**, secy.; **Ed Rohner**, treas.

The basis of our political system is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government.

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation. It is better be alone than in bad company.

It will be found an unjust and unwise jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon the supposition he may abuse it.

~ **George Washington**

Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.

Whatever you are, be a good one.

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.

~ **Abraham Lincoln**

