



Region 7 Review

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Calendar of Events

• Don Burns (SPEC)

Retirement Party, Sat., July 11, Newport Beach, \$60. Details to follow in The IPSSAN.

• **B.O.R.D.**, Sat., Aug. 1, Westin San Diego.

• **R7 Picnic**, Sun., Aug. 9, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Admiral Baker picnic area, Mission Gorge. For directions, see http://clubs.aggienetwork.com/san_diegoamc/directions/admiral_baker_park_directions.htm. Info, ipssa.r7_picnic@yahoo.com, <http://www.ipssapicnicregion7.com>.

• **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.

• **Pool Industry Expo**, Oct. 1-3, Monterey Convention Center; Monterey, California, www.poolindustryexpo.com.

• **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 16 (a week early), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.

Director's Notes

Reminders:

- **Don Burns (SPEC) Retirement Party**, July 11, 2009.
- **Region 7 Picnic**, August 9, 2009.
- **2009 R7 Directory** was distributed at the June 24 R7 Board meeting. Additional PDF copies are available to IPSSA members only; e-mail request to patkelley1@mac.com.

IPSSA, INC. – REGION 7 Regular Board Mtg Minutes SCP Conf. Rm, San Diego, CA Wed., June 24, 2009

Attendance

Chuck Gough, R7 Dir., Carlsbad; **Jordan Nelson**, R7 Treasurer, N Cty Coastal Pres; **Peter Gozdeck**, R7 Billing Agent; **David Talbot**, Carlsbad Pres; **Brian Lindlar**, N Cty Coastal VP; **Joshua McKee**, Rancho Del Mar; **G. Wamsley**, Rancho Del Mar; **Mark T. Curran**, SD Pres; **Bill Peck**, San Diego; **A. J. Wilson**, SD, Picnic Committee Pres; **Dick Allen**, SD East Cty Pres; **Robert West**, SD East Cty; **Ray Duchene**, SD Metro; **Nancy Gillespie**, Recording Secretary.

Gough introduced special guest **A. J. Wilson**, San Diego chapter. Wilson was a past R7 Director and is now R7 Picnic Committee president.

Not Present/Represented

Escondido

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IPSSA Region 7 Annual Picnic 2009

Date: Sunday, August 9
Time: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Food Service: 12 noon - 2 p.m.
Location: Admiral Baker Picnic Area, Mission Gorge
Theme: "Something for Everyone"
Entertainment: Music
 Jumper, 2 Playgrounds
 Crafts, Kid's Games
 Horseshoes, Shuffleboard,
 Basketball, Volleyball

- All members who attend will get a free T-shirt (while supplies last)
- Opportunity Drawings every hour on the hour!

Come early for more chances to win!

- There will be a Silent Auction to benefit the IPSSA Emergency Fund. This is an opportunity to get a great deal and support a good cause!

Don't forget your checkbook or cash!

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➤ Minutes

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Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by **Brian Lindlar**, seconded by **Dave Talbot**, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Jordan Nelson, R7 Treasurer, reported that total income January 1 through June 19, 2009, including fines and dues, was \$2,037.93. Expenses were \$2,807.69. As of June 19, 2009, checking account balance was \$4,039.91; CD #1, \$3,267.56; CD #2, \$5,240.46; Emergency Fund, \$9,144.73 (of which \$5,246.86 is Picnic funds); Savings, \$508.11; for a total current assets of \$21,692.66. Picnic Funds had been put in the Emergency Fund but will be moved into a separate Picnic Fund. Nelson is still trying to straighten out the finances from the previous treasurer; he printed all statements for all accounts for the past year but could not get copies of deposits. West suggested paying whatever it costs to get copies from the bank of all checks. Peck requested a copy of the financial report. **Gough** said IPSSA Inc. requires a yearly financial statement; he will write an explanation outlining the problems due to the past treasurer's bookkeeping.

Motion was made by **Brian Lindlar**, seconded by **Dick Allen**, and carried (ABSTAIN **Bill Peck**) to approve the Treasurer's Report as reported.

Chapter Reports

Carlsbad **David Talbot**:

- 1) Everything is normal.
- 2) Membership – no new members.
- 3) Termination – had to terminate a member who had not attended since 2006; member had been on auto pay for two years so still got insurance.

Escondido N/R

N County Coastal **Jordan Nelson**:

1) Chapter meeting was held at PCP last month; attendees received 1% discount and free pizza.

2) A mandatory meeting was held recently, with good turnout.

3) Attendance – a member was recently terminated for non-attendance.

Rancho Del Mar **Joshua McKee**:

1) It's business as usual.

2) Membership – steady growth, about one new member per month.

San Diego **Mark Curran**:

1) Membership continues to grow; three to four people in the process of joining.

2) The new chapter directory recently came out. It is published every two years. Each member and chapter supporter gets one free; additional copies are \$5 each.

3) Annual chapter dinner will be held the third Wednesday of August for members and sponsors. It is free and is a way to thank sponsors. It counts as a meeting.

4) A CPR class is scheduled for members, spouses, and sponsors.

5) Scholarship Account has \$30,000 for education. The chapter used funds to purchase subscriptions for all members to Service Industry News.

6) Sick leave – one member out for one month. Chapter is following its new sick leave guidelines. Chapter revised its yellow Sick Leave card.

SD East County **Dick Allen**:

1) Things are going well. It appears all chapter officers and chairs will run again.

2) Chapter follows Robert's Rules of Order and has a time limit on how long a person may speak.

3) Chapter picnic will be good, with about 91 people attending. It will be held at Santee Lake.

SD Metro **Ray Duchene**:

1) Membership – one new member last month, one pending.

2) Sick leave – chapter wants to make the guidelines stricter. San Diego is helping out immensely.

R7 Director's Report

1) Attendance – **Gough** pointed out that IPSSA Inc. does not allow for blackout months. Tonight's R7 attendees discussed their chapter fines for non-attendance: a) Carlsbad – \$35 for first violation per year, then \$50, then \$75; one fine maximum per quarter. b) San Diego – \$150; minimum attendance is one meeting per quarter. Holiday Party does not count as a meeting; August dinner counts as a meeting. Non-attendance two quarters in a row results in expulsion.

2) R7 By-laws – **Gough** said he wrote those years ago but cannot find them. He has checked with past R7 directors, and no one has them. **Gough** will rewrite.

3) R7 Election – R7 nominations and election will be held in September at the next R7 meeting. **Gough** said this Board is much more proactive than when he last served 11 or 12 years ago. His two-year term went quickly; he is not sure he will run again. Duties for R7 Director include quarterly R7 meetings, quarterly B.O.R.D. meetings and fall planning session, chapter visitations, and travel. He spends probably two to three hours per week on IPSSA business.

4) IPSSA Inc. By-laws amendments, proposed – a) *remove the requirement that chapter president approval is needed to reinstate members ousted for non-payment of dues.* Feedback included: i) president should have input, as he/she should know who is up to date with dues. ii) give president three or so days to respond; if no response, member is back in. iii) require input from entire chapter board. **Gough** pointed out that the fine is \$50 for non-payment of dues, but the fee is waived if member goes on auto payment. b) *establish an appeal process for prospective members who meet all requirements but do not get voted in as an IPSSA member.* **Gough** suggested that could leave IPSSA open

to a discrimination suit. Perhaps prospect could appeal to the chapter board, then the region board, with no further option. Feedback was that having an appeal process in place gives the perception that the prospect can have his day in court. **c) proposal for a veterans status member category** – defined as a 10-year membership in IPSSA. Such member would be allowed to be an IPSSA member, even if his income from pool service activity dropped below 50.1%. Discussion centered on availability for sick route coverage and definition of income. Consensus seemed to be against proposal due to sick leave concerns. Nearly unanimous support for definition of income as “earned income” as defined by the IRS. Social Security and prior pensions do not count as income.

Unfinished Business

1) Picnic Committee – A. J. Wilson, Picnic Committee president, reported that the Annual R7 Picnic will be Sunday, August 9, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Admiral Baker Picnic Area, Mission Gorge. The picnic had grown too commercial, but this year it is moving back to a family-oriented event. There will be events for the kids, a band, BBQ, something sure to please everyone, thus the theme “Something for Everyone”. He expects 400 people.

The budget is \$15,000 for this picnic – for food, drinks, facility, entertainment, promotion and gifts – and it is nice to know there is money in the budget, although we started with less than \$5,000. The chapters will not be charged this year. He is preparing a flyer explaining the different levels of sponsors. The website is www.ipssapicnicregion7.com.

Wilson said he was responsible for consolidating chapter picnics into the region picnic. He is honored to have been in the pool business for 20 years. There is no organization like IPSSA.

Curran noted that Wilson’s enthusiasm is obvious. Wilson is one of the

most valuable members of San Diego chapter among many valuable members. It would be nice if all would come to the picnic. **Dick Allen** said that some in his chapter had stopped going to the R7 picnic because it had gotten too commercial. **West** added that Wilson got him excited about the picnic, so he will now promote it.

New Business

1) 2009 R7 Directory was distributed.

2) B. K. Taylor Memorial Award nomination forms were distributed. In 1995 R7 initiated the Pool Technician of the Year Award. 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 May 19, 1997. Nominations should be brought to the September R7 Board meeting.

3) Don Burns, SPEC, is retiring after many years. He is a great gentleman, and he has done a lot for us. His retirement party will be held Sat., July 11, in Newport Beach. Tickets can be purchased for \$60 at www.ipssa.com. Sponsors are needed to pay for the party and help pay for SPEC work. *Motion* was made by **Dick Allen**, seconded by **Robert West**, and carried unanimously to approve a donation of \$500 to SPEC, which entitles R7 to two tickets to the event and recognition in the program. Because Gough had already purchased his tickets, he suggested that **Javier Payan**, past R7 director, be offered the tickets. *Motion* was made by Dick Allen, seconded by Robert West, and carried unanimously to call for the vote. *Motion* was made by Dick Allen, seconded by Robert West, and carried unanimously to invite Javier Payan to use the two tickets to Don Burns’ retirement party; Payan will inform R7 later who will use the second ticket.

4) Revised Yellow Sick Leave card – **Bill Peck** announced that San Diego chapter recently revised its Yellow Card. A status of account section was added to the back that

the person covering pools must complete or be fined. You may purchase Yellow Cards for 5¢ each.

5) Sponsors – **West** said he had a potential sponsor for R7. **Curran** said there are different levels of sponsorship and suggested that for a cost of \$630 the potential sponsor become an associate member of IPSSA Inc.

6) Next R7 meeting Wed. 9/23/09.



Swimming pools and bees

Here are some tips on how to keep bees away from your pools.

1) When you first notice bees around your pool, mix a ¼ cup of dish soap to a quart of water, and fill an empty sprayer bottle with it. Using the soapy mixture, spray any bees that are at your pool.

2) This soapy mixture will kill the bees quickly and without harmful pesticide residues.

3) Do this every time you see bees at a water source you want to keep bee-free.

4) This will kill those foragers who are telling others in the colony where your swimming pool is located. Eventually, all those foragers who are not returning to the colony, will have died. Other foragers will find a different source of water, so do not worry that you are harming the colony. You are only eliminating a few individuals.

In addition, you should monitor other water sources and discourage bees from frequent visits. Here are some tips.

1) Evaporative coolers: add a few ounces of pine-scented cleaner to the water.

2) Mix 2 tablespoons of vinegar per gallon of water to birdbaths or pet waterers.

3) Cover or drain pools or tubs when not in use.

4) Repair leaky faucets and faulty irrigation systems.

<http://www.swimmingpool.info/bees.html>