

TVS-AIHA Meeting Minutes July 13, 2006

Attendees Jennifer Brown, Don Westbrook, Carlene LaScola, Susan Blackburn, Harry Pullum, Sandy Bennett, Ron Rich, Wyman Nettles, Charles Chapman.

Minutes from the April 6, 2006 meeting were accepted.

Financial Report – Wyman will e-mail to Board members.

Programs (Don Westbrook) – There have been telewebs on Ergonomics and Chemical, Physical and Biological Agents. Another teleweb is planned sometime before the Fall Conference. We have co-sponsored Hearing Conservation and Hexavalent Chromium seminars. A CIH study group has been meeting every other Wednesday; there are 15-20 participants. Leigh Greely has asked about us sponsoring the AIHA course on Quantitative IH, a 2-3 day course. We will look at this for next year.

Membership. (Charles Chapman) – We voted in five new members via e-mail recently. There have been 10 new members since the beginning of the year. We have 132 total paid members and 300 on the mailing list. We are following up with new members with their membership approval, website passwords, etc.

Government Affairs- Harry Pullum handed out a summary sheet. Included were: lawsuits filed challenging the new OSHA hexavalent chromium standard; bill introduced by Rep. Norwood to stop OSHA from referencing TLVs in the Haz Com Standard; publications available from OSHA, announcement by OSHA that 14 states with OSHA-approved state plans will exercise jurisdiction over private sector contractors at DOE sites, and OSHA regulatory agenda. The summary will be posted on the TVS-AIHA website.

Newsletter – Janet is collecting articles for the July/August newsletter. Please continue to submit articles and support Janet in her efforts.

Website We won the Local Section website award for our category. Jennifer accepted the award, a \$500 check, at the AIHCE in May. Discussed how the money could be used. We made a \$1,000 contribution to AIHF last year. It was suggested that we could use it to subsidize students who attend the Fall Conference. Susan has obtained discounted rates from Homewood Suites and Candlewood Suites.

TN Safety & Health Congress will be held July 30-Aug 2. The exhibits start Monday this year. All three local sections want to participate in the booth. The booth is \$600.00. Board agreed that a rented scanner for \$300 wasn't necessary. Since the mid-south (Memphis) section is very lean, Board voted to split the cost of the booth equally with the Middle Tn section.

Fall Conference The PDC on Exposure assessment strategies, conducted by Paul Hewitt, is locked in. He will also deliver the Keynote Address Thursday morning. Presentations include, Safety for the IH, Nanotechnology II, Risk Communication, Avian Flu, Hexavalent Chromium and Respiratory Protection. Kara is lining up vendors. Board voted on design of mouse pad give-away for the Conference.

AIHA Fellow Jennifer handed out the nomination form. Discussed potential candidates to nominate for a fellow award this year. Jennifer will determine if all potential candidates are AIHA members, and, to those who are, she will send information about the AIHA Fellow to determine their interest.

Next board meeting will be held September 28.