

TVS-AIHA Board Meeting Minutes –April 12, 2007

Attendees Jennifer Brown, Don Westbrook, Carlene LaScola, Susan Blackburn, Charles Chapman, Gary Shrum, Harry Pullum, Mark Smith, Kara Williams.

Minutes from the January 11, 2007 meeting were accepted.

Government Affairs - Harry Pullum submitted a report which will be posted on the web site. A couple of the items were: A lawsuit has been filed in an attempt to force OSHA to complete the rulemaking on employer payment for PPE, which OSHA has been working on for almost nine years; AIHA issued a letter to OSHA requesting that they lower the PEL for occupational noise to 85 dBA; Public Citizen has filed another lawsuit claiming that the hexavalent chromium standard is still too high.

Public Relations The TN Safety Congress will be held in Nashville July 22-25. We will again share a booth with the Middle TN section and possible the Memphis section. Charles will take the lead and work with Susan. We will need volunteers to help man the booth, so let Charles know if your are attending and can help. Charles will check with AIHA to see if they have a new booth yet. Jennifer is speaking at a Middle TN Section dinner meeting on April 30 about Student and Early Career Professionals and Student Local Sections. Don Westbrook is doing a career day at Tusculum College. He has the AIHA booth.

AIHA Fellow – Both of our nominees, John Jankovic and Charles Phillips, were accepted. Congratulations to both of them! They will be recognized at AIHCE and at our Fall conference. We'll also post something on the TVS-AIHA website. We will pursue another one or two applicants for submission this next year. Local sections may submit two per year.

Fall Conference - Will be held October 10-12 at Fox Den. Don handed out a draft agenda and a list of possible PDCs. The Board voted to pursue the "Radiation Safety for the IH" PDC taught by Nelson Couch. Conference topics include, Epidemiology, Global Harmonized System, Pandemic Planning, EHS Communication, Heat Stress Monitoring tool, and REACH, as well as TOSHA and AIHA updates.

Student Section Sponsorship – The West Virginia student section has asked us to sponsor them. Susan had obtained the criteria for sponsorship from the AIHA website. Board agreed to pursue this; we will find out what they are expecting from us and what other local sections are doing. We will again sponsor student attendees to the Fall Conference and possibly have them present their research via a poster session.

Programs (Mark Smith) – The Ergonomics teleweb held in February was well attended. The March teleweb on nanoparticle exposures was not as well attended but it was on a Friday. Two more telewebs are planned for this year. Mark handed out information on the upcoming Electrical Safety PDC, to be held May 14 at Pollard Auditorium. There are already 25 signed up. This course has been presented at several AIHCE and ASSE conferences and was ranked in the top ten PDCs at the AIHCE in 2005 and 2006. Also discussed a social event, possibly a basketball game. Suggested topics for a Dec or Jan PDC include, Laboratory Safety, PPE, and Medical Surveillance/Cancer Biology.

Financial Report – John sent report with Susan. Total funds are \$19,046.51. Report will be posted on website.

Membership There are two applications for new membership; we'll conduct an e-mail vote since we don't have the applications here.

Newsletter – First quarter is due to be published. Get your articles to Janet.

Susan downloaded several good items from the AIHA website; AIHA update, Best Practices from other local sections and a speakers list, which will be useful for upcoming PDCs, etc.

Future meeting dates: July 12, Sept 13, Oct 11 (Fall Conference)