

TVS-AIHA Board Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2007

Attendees Jennifer Brown, Don Westbrook, Carlene LaScola, Susan Blackburn, Gary Shrum, Harry Pullum, Mark Smith, Kara Williams, Janet Rowe-Eikenberry, John Campbell, Emily Braswell.

Minutes from the April 12, 2007 meeting were accepted.

Student Section Sponsorship – Board approved TVS-AIHA sponsorship of the West Virginia student section. Sponsorship may include: providing speakers for the student section, providing funds to help them get started, finding local internships and inviting them to the Fall Conference/PDC. Board agreed to sponsor six students from West Virginia for the Fall Conference; we will provide registration, two rooms and conference meals. Board also agreed to sponsor six students from MTSU and Murray State (combined, first come, first serve), conference registration only.

TN Safety and Health Congress will be held in Nashville July 22-25. Handout was provided from Charles. Five people have volunteered to help man the booth; they will receive registration for \$50.00. We will again share a booth with the Middle TN section and the Memphis section. Charles will set up and take down the booth. Membership applications and information, and Fall Conference information and registration forms will be provided. Board agreed to have a prize drawing for a Fall Conference registration. Harry suggested this be done during the Tuesday evening drawing.

Fall Conference - Will be held October 10-12 at Fox Den. The PDC will be “Managing Ionizing Radiation Programs for the IH”, taught by Nelson Couch. He will also deliver the keynote address on Thursday morning. Conference topics include, Epidemiology, Global Harmonized System, Pandemic Planning, WVU Student Research Project, Dose Busters, Nanoscience update, TOSHA and AIHA updates, and special guest appearance by SURVIVOR Contestant “Big Tom”.

Financial Report – Total funds are \$23,500; \$10,500 is in a CD. The Section grossed \$5,000 from the Electrical Safety PDC held May 14. John reported that he is creating a financial binder for each year. He will send the quarterly report to Gary for posting on the website.

AIHA Fellow – Both of the TVS-AIHA nominees, John Jankovic and Charles Phillips, were accepted this year. Board agreed to post the Bios/pictures of the Fellows on the website. They will be recognized at the Fall Conference. The Board will pursue another one or two applicants for submission this next year. Local sections may submit two per year.

Programs (Mark Smith) – The Electrical Safety PDC, held May 14 at Pollard Auditorium, was a huge success, with nearly 50 attendees. The majority were non-members, many who heard about the course through the TOSHA distribution list. Mark will send an e-mail to attendees with links to the TVS-AIHA website and the membership application. Many thanks to Mark and his wife, Kathy, for all their hard work organizing the PDC. Board voted to present a \$75 Chop House gift card to Kathy for her extensive help with the PDC. Discussed having a social event at a basketball game. Mark will check the schedules and check on getting a room at Thompson Boling. Section will pay for the room and food. Attendees will be responsible for their tickets.

Membership There was one new member voted in. Andy Bush was voted in. He is a safety representative that works for BJC. He is currently assigned to the K-25/K-27 D&D Project.

Government Relations - Harry submitted a report, which will be posted on the website. One item of interest is hearings Congress has had to determine OSHA's effectiveness on worker health & safety. The first hearing focused on problems OSHA has with standard setting; the second on whether or not OSHA is working.

Newsletter – June/July issue is coming out. Get your articles to Janet.

Website Gary reported that they have added a link to the West Virginia student section website. Discussed adding an explanation of webinars for those members who are not familiar with them. This could also be an article in the newsletter.

New Business A Vice President and First Year Director are needed for next year. Nominating committee will be Jennifer, Mark and Emily.

Board agreed to purchase and design a TVS-AIHA booth. Susan will spearhead this effort. Kara will e-mail a contact she has to Susan, and Jennifer will get printing prices. (Since the last Board meeting, AIHA purchased a new and improved booth which can be used by TVS-AIHA.)

Future meeting dates: Oct 11 (Fall Conference)