

TVS-AIHA Board Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2007

Attendees Don Westbrook, Carlene LaScola, Susan Blackburn, Gary Shrum, Harry Pullum, Mark Smith, Kara Williams, John Campbell, Brian Adams, Emily Braswell, Chris Jones (AIHA).

Minutes from the July 12, 2007 meeting were accepted.

AIHA purchased a new and improved exhibit booth which was used at the TN Safety & Health Congress. The board decided to continue to pursue the cost associated with the development of an exhibit specific for the local section. Susan Blackburn will take the lead on obtaining information.

Fall Conference - Will be held October 10-12 at Fox Den. The PDC will be “Managing Ionizing Radiation Programs for Industrial Hygienist”, taught by Nelson Couch. This PDC won a “top ten” award at the National conference in Philadelphia this past year. He will also deliver the keynote address on Thursday morning. The Business Meeting will include passing of the gavel, new officers, new members, committee reports, recognition of Fellows, and 2008 Fall Conference (Extreme Makeover- IH Edition). Door prizes will be drawn at the end of presentations. A drawing will also be held for a free 2008 Conference registration. A room is being reserved at Outback for dinner with “Big Tom” Thursday evening. Spouses, etc are invited.

Nomination Committee Mike Palmer has been nominated for 1st Year Director. A Vice President is needed for next year. Scott Anderson, Bob Kapolka and John Dugger were suggested. (Subsequent to the meeting, Wyman Nettles agreed to run)

Student Section Sponsorship –Six students from West Virginia will attend the Fall Conference; TVS-AIHA will provide registration, two rooms and conference meals. Carol Boraiko and one student from MTSU will attend Fall Conference. Also, Tim Aldrich (speaker) and one student from ETSU will attend. We can sponsor five more students from MTSU and Murray State (combined, first come, first serve), conference registration only.

Newsletter – Need to submit articles for 3rd Quarter. Newsletter will be issued after the Fall Conference. Student Section members will also be asked to submit articles.

Website - Continue to send reports (i.e., financial, government relations, meeting minutes, etc.) to Gary for posting on the website.

Programs (Mark Smith) – E-mail invitations to the Fall Conference and to membership in TVS-AIHA were sent to attendees of the May 14 Electrical Safety PDC. Board agreed to pursue January 20 as the date for the Lady Vols game social event. Mark will check on getting a room at Thompson Boling. Alternative would be to meet pre-game at a nearby restaurant. Section will pay for the room and food. Attendees will be responsible for their tickets. Disc has been ordered for a November Teleweb on Mold remediation. Mark is also pursuing local course offerings for Asbestos Inspector & Management Planner courses.

Government Relations - Harry Pullam submitted a report, which will be posted on the website. OSHA is seeking comments on the Methylene Chloride Standard to determine how the standard

could be changed to reduce burden on employers while still maintaining employee protection. Other regulatory agenda items include occupational exposure to Crystalline Silica, Occupational exposure to Beryllium, updating OSHA Standards based on National Consensus Standards, and modifying Hazard Communication to make it compatible to GHS. A bill was introduced (HR 2693) and passed through committee which would direct OSHA to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl (popcorn flavoring). Another bill was reintroduced that would prohibit importing, manufacturing, processing or distributing asbestos in the U.S.

Public Relations - Looking at High School Career Days and College night. Booth was set up at the recent TN Safety & Health Congress. A list of speakers is being developed for the student section.

Financial Report – Total funds are \$24,358.85; \$10,600 is in a CD. Income was \$3,146 (mostly Fall Conference registrations) and expenses were \$2,414.

Membership There are 5 or 6 new national members in our area, who will be contacted. TN Safety & Health Congress was a good opportunity to solicit membership and advertise the Fall Conference.

New Business

AIHF scholarship donation: Emily will check AIHF website to see how donations are allocated. Chris Jones (AIHA liaison) commended the Local Section for their efforts in sponsoring a student section, including the financial support for student section activities.

It was suggested (and voted in) that lunch be provided during future board meetings to maximize use of time.

Need to submit names of new officers to AIHA after the Fall Conference. Also, Mark will submit the Fall Conference and PDC for ABIH Certification Points.

Future meeting dates: Oct 11 (Fall Conference)