

TVS-AIHA Board Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2008

Attendees Don Westbrook, Emily Braswell, Carlene LaScola, Gary Shrum, Harry Pullum, Mark Smith, Kara Williams, John Campbell, Charles Chapman, Jennifer Brown and Wyman Nettles.

Minutes from the September 13, 2007 board meeting and the October 11, 2007 Fall Conference Business Meeting were accepted.

Financial Report – Total funds are \$24,895.2, of which \$10,689.72 is in a CD. John presented a 2007 Annual Year End Report. Total income was \$29,721.02 and total expenses were \$23,766.22. Largest income generators were the Fall Conference and the Electrical safety PDC held in May.

Student Scholarships – Discussed donations to AIHF and how much actually is allocated to scholarships. Emily passed out the AIHF 2006 Annual Report. She also requested information from AIHF but has not heard back from them. Board agreed to pursue local student scholarships (including WVU). A committee was formed to develop criteria for scholarships and to determine amounts and distribution. Members are: Emily Braswell, Jennifer Brown, Don Westbrook, and Wyman Nettles. They will report at the next Board meeting.

TVS-AIHA Booth

Board had decided to continue to pursue the development of an exhibit specific for the local section. Costs should be kept no more than \$500-\$700. Jennifer presented some ideas for an economical option. Members requested a visual idea, and, subsequent to the meeting, Jennifer provided an e-mail link. She will work with Charles and Susan to come up with a proposal.

2008 Fall Conference Update – Theme is “Extreme Makeover- IH Edition”, to be held October 22-24 at Fox Den. The PDC will be “Implementing Reproductive and Developmental Programs in the Workplace”. Speaker will also deliver the keynote address on Thursday morning. Discussed having one less speaker and allotting more time to each, since they consistently ran over during the last conference.

Website - Gary will post Financial and Government Affairs Reports, meeting minutes, future Board Meeting dates and TVS-AIHA Fellow List on the website.

Programs (Mark Smith) – Board agreed to pursue sole sponsorship of a spring Machine Guarding PDC taught by Paul Zoubek. It was mentioned that we need to send announcement to TOSHA distribution list as this brought many of the attendees to the Electrical Safety PDC last year. Board agreed not to pursue a Lead Inspector’s Course since the e-mail response was minimal and the section does not typically sponsor regulatory type courses like this. Board agreed to continue to pursue a Lady Vols game social event. Mark will check on Sunday game dates and group ticket availability. An e-mail will be sent with one week to respond to determine number of tickets. Section will pay for tickets, if available. A nearby restaurant will be chosen to meet for dinner following the game. Upcoming webinars include nanotechnology, Bayesian Statistics, CIH Exam prep and Respirator Fit testing. Board favored CIH Exam Prep and Respirator Fit Testing. Don will solicit feedback from the membership.

Fellow Nominations Emily will contact Dave Kirby to determine if he is interested in being nominated. She will also have Scott Anderson make contact with Randy Ogle one more time.

Government Affairs - Harry Pullam submitted a report, which will be posted on the website. Report included, PPE Standard, requiring employers to pay for PPE, was finally passed after 9 years; Bill was passed by Senate to prohibit importing, manufacturing, processing or distributing asbestos in the U.S.; OSHA activity on new standards for Crystalline Silica and Beryllium; forthcoming (3/13/98) final rule on Updating OSHA Standards Based on National Consensus Standards. Valuable tools and resources from OSHA include, *OSHA QuickTakes*, Computer Workstations e-tool, ergonomic guidelines and Tips for Safe Winter Driving. See report for further details.

Newsletter – Newsletter is due to be issued. A Student Section column will be added. Also, we'll include an article on Randy Ogle's Lab Operations Award

New Business

Discussed funding for the WVU student section president to attend the Leadership Conference. It was agreed to pay for any expenses not already covered by AIHA. Also discussed that Kara is not a National member; if this becomes an issue her membership could be paid by the Section in order for her to attend the Leadership Conference.

Future meeting dates: April 10, July 10 and September 25.