

## TVS-AIHA Board Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2008

Attendees Don Westbrook, Emily Braswell, Carlene LaScola, Harry Pullum, Mark Smith, Kara Williams, John Campbell, Charles Chapman, Jennifer Brown, Brian Adams, Susan Blackburn and Russell Fisher.

Minutes from the January 10, 2008 board meeting were accepted.

Financial Report – Total funds are \$24,207, of which \$10,740.30 is in a CD. Total income was \$765.40 and total expenses were \$1454.25. The 2007 Tax Statement is due May 15.

Post Office Box -- It was decided to keep the PO Box. Names on the box will be changed to Don Westbrook, Charles Chapman, Carlene LaScola, Susan Blackburn, and Emily Braswell. Keys will be held by Susan, Emily and Don.

### TVS-AIHA Booth

Jennifer is pursuing the development of an exhibit specific for the local section. Cost will be \$300 - \$400. She requested Fall Conference pictures and ideas on verbiage.

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. Kara distributed a draft agenda, which includes sessions on “Proposed changes for the Evaluation of NRRs”, “Communication for the IH”, “Radium Dial Girls” and “Advanced Biological Monitoring”, as well as AIHA representative updates and West VA University Student research presentations. Charles reported there are seven confirmed vendors; space allows for 10. Cost is \$150/space, \$100 of which can be used for door prizes. Emily will write an article on the Fall Conference for the Local Section page of the Synergist.

Safety Congress – It was decided to continue with participation since the Congress provides good visibility. Charles will lead the booth set up. He has contacted Middle TN and Memphis sections to determine their participation. Kara mentioned that the AIHA CD could be used to explain IH. It was discussed that next year (2009) we could develop an IH track, with Harry as the liaison to the Congress Board of Directors. Topics will need to be determined by the Jan 2009 TVS-AIHA Board meeting.

Student Scholarships – (Committee Members: Emily Braswell, Jennifer Brown, Don Westbrook, and Wyman Nettles) Emily reported that she still has not received a response from AIHF. A letter and application were drafted which will be sent to ETSU, UT and WVA ES&H students. The application includes a Professional/Personal Statement and References. The Board approved the scholarship fund, which will be determined by availability of funds and qualified applicants (by vote of the Board), not to exceed \$1500 per scholarship. A phone interview will be included in the process and the scholarship winner(s) will be invited to the Fall Conference to receive the award. Fall Conference expenses for the awardees will be paid by the local section.

Website - Gary will post Financial and Government Affairs Reports, meeting minutes and future Board Meeting dates. Don will also provide the student scholarship application to Gary for posting.

Programs (Mark Smith) – Mark reported that the Lady Vols game social event was a success, with 46 attending. Agreed that this event will be pursued again next year, possibly for a men's game or a prime women's game. Telewebs held recently were Nanotechnology (Feb 21) and Preparing for the CIH Exam (March 19). The Machine Guarding PDC, taught by Paul Zoubek, will be held May 5, 2008, at Rothchild's. There are 15 registrants, as of April 9, and the deadline is April 28.

Fellow Nominations Emily reported that Dave Kirby is not an AIHA member. She will contact Randy Ogle again.

Government Affairs - Harry Pullam submitted a report, which will be posted on the website. Report included: An Act to amend Tennessee Code on indoor air quality, removal of ban to prohibit OSHA from enforcing tuberculosis respirator fit-testing, reissuance of OSHA Combustible Dust National Emphasis Program Instruction, issuance of OSHA guidance document, "Preventing Skin Problems from Working with Portland Cement, and issuance of OSHA Directives on hexavalent chromium and crystalline silica. OSHA Semiannual Regulatory Agenda at the Proposed Rule stage includes: Updating OSHA Standards Based on National Consensus Standards, Standards Improvement, and Hazard Communication (to make it compatible with GHS). Completed Action was review of the Lead in Construction Standard, which concluded that the Standard remains necessary for employers and employees in the Construction industry. See report for further details.

Public Relations – Don Blackburn contacted several local schools about Career Days; however, they were only conducting College Days. Don Westbrook visited Tusculum College for a Career Day; but they were primarily interested in hiring at Eastman.

Newsletter – Board agreed that instead of issuing a periodic newsletter, a monthly e-mail will be distributed to the membership alerting them of new items on the website, such as the President's Message. Advertisers may have a link from the website for an annual fee. Don Westbrook will coordinate.

#### New Business

Board agreed that if Board members drive greater than 50 miles for the quarterly Board meetings, and their employer doesn't reimburse them for mileage, they may submit their mileage for reimbursement at the current 0.505/mile government rate.

Future meeting dates: July 10 and September 25.