

TVS-AIHA Board Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2008 Held at the Crowne Plaza

Attendees Don Westbrook, Emily Braswell, Carlene LaScola, Danny Cunningham, Mark Smith, Kara Williams, Charles Chapman, Jennifer Brown, Wyman Nettles, Susan Blackburn, Janet Phibbs and John Campbell.

Meeting included a tour of the hotel rooms and conference facilities as a possible choice for the 2009 Fall Conference.

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

TVS-AIHA Booth

The new booth will be displayed at the Fall Conference.

2008 Fall Conference Update – to be held October 22-24 at Fox Den. There are currently 55 registered for the PDC and 65 for the conference. Give aways are the “Extreme Makeover- IH Edition” t-shirts and mousepads. There are no students registered. Carol Boraiko has a student who could possibly present. To save on hard copies, presentation CDs will be included with the registration packet for the PDC. Registrants will be requested to bring their lap tops. Presentations include, “Radium Dial Girls” (Nelson Couch); Combustible Dust, TOSHA SEP (Jan Cothran); Changes to NRR and Hearing Conservation Programs (Lee Hager) and Chris Jones providing the AIHA update. Vendors include 3M, Aerobiology, PSA, Scientific Sales, Best Gloves, Northern Safety and Microbac.

Discussed the pros and cons of moving the Fall Conference to another location for 2009. Pollard auditorium was presented as a potential option, as well as the Crowne Plaza. Parking is an additional attendee expense at the Crowne Plaza; however, this cost can be paid by the Section and included in the cost of registration. Pollard is economically preferable; however, food must be catered in by outside restaurants. Wyman will check on dates and determine what is available.

Financial Report – Total funds are \$36,301.72, of which \$10,818.87 is in a CD. Total income was \$11,466.73 and total expenses were \$1,071.31. John received a call from Bank of America regarding maturity of the CD. It can be transferred to a CD earning higher interest (3%) for \$35.65. Funds can be added any time. Board voted to transfer the CD, but to wait until after the Fall Conference to decide how much to add to it.

Student Section/Student Scholarship Update – The Scholarship Committee made a decision to award Scholarships of \$1250 to Josh Reid, Murray State, and Braxton Lewis, WVU. Jennifer and Don will contact them, and the scholarships will be presented during the Fall Conference.

Website Gary will post Financial and Government Affairs Reports, meeting minutes and future Board Meeting dates. For advertising, Galson Laboratories decided on Option 2 (\$200/yr), with their logo, which links to their website, on the “Events” page. Their information is also included on the “Consultants and Vendors” page with a link to their website. Microbac decided on Option 3 (\$100/yr) with their information on the “Consultants and Vendors” page with a link to their web site. Aerobiology has not yet responded. Carlene will talk to them and the other exhibitors during the Fall Conference. It was decided that job postings and job seekers will continue to be handled with e-mail, instead of posting on the website. Don Blackburn wrote the article for September. Sandy Bennett will write one for October. Charles agreed to pursue a member profile for the website.

Gary is researching purchase of a rear projection screen for use at Fox Den. However, this may not be needed if the Fall Conference does not return to Fox Den.

Programs (Mark Smith) – Upcoming webinars include, “Cell phones, Microwaves – Nonionizing Radiation Myths and Realities” and “Particle Size-Selective Sampling” . One of these will be chosen for Nov/Dec time frame. Mark also provided Men’s and Women’s UT Basketball schedules for an upcoming social event. Choices were made for Men’s games to try to get group tickets. Mark will contact them.

Nominations Emily has not been able to reach Randy Ogle regarding completion of the Fellow nomination application.

Susan reported that Felicia Philips has agreed to run for Vice President and Mike McIntosh agreed to run for 1st year Director. Call for other nominations will be made at the Fall Conference, and these positions will be voted on. Board voted to have Danny Cunningham replace Russell Fisher as 2nd year Director. Russell has taken a new job with Alcoa and is no longer in the area. Because Danny is filling a vacated position, the Board can vote for this replacement.

Also, Carlene has decided to step down after many years as Secretary. Duties were listed, and Susan will solicit nominations via e-mail and during the Fall Conference.

Public Relations – Don is trying to make contact with a representative from Vols4STEM. We have received e-mail requests for information and participation in Vols4STEM, which is a partnership of the Knoxville Chamber and Innovation Valley with area STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) employers, educators and professional societies. Focus of Vols4STEM is to develop outreach activities for recruiting and educating a greater number of the region’s students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

New Business

Next meeting date: October 23, 2008 during the Fall Conference.