

**Deep South Section Board Meeting
November 16, 2006
La Place, LA**

Board discussed agenda items as follows:

Continuation of 2006 DSS Plan

The location for the December Social (meeting) has been set. Mr. Richard Dugrene, DuPont, has shown interest in giving DSS a presentation on new PPE. Either Silton or Keith will follow-up with a call.

Local Section Meetings

January 2007—Meeting will be with the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of ASSE and the topic is about Avian Influenza. The speaker is Ron Torres.

February 2007—Board Meeting

March 2007—Presentation will be about Blasting Media. The Speaker is Eric Botnick.

April 2007—Board Meeting

May 2007—DuPont representative and new PPE?

A location must be set in either New Orleans or Baton Rouge for 2007. Since in 2005 & 2006, meetings were in Baton Rouge, the board opted for the New Orleans surrounding area—such as Metairie or Kenner. Keith will contact Voodoo BBQ Restaurant in Kenner about having a meeting there. Other suggestions were welcomed.

Professional Development

There were 3 Telewebs offered by DSS in 2006. Eric stated that the price for Teleweb sessions has increased to \$295, and that he did not want to incur the cost of hosting sessions if the membership was not interested in attending them. Keith stated that we would host sessions per interest, not per a pre-planned number for the year.

Eric also stated that we need to ask for PDC topics for the 2007 Gulf Coast Safety & Security Conference & Expo. Yaisa will ask membership for PDC topics via email at start of year.

Communication with Membership

Yaisa will continue to keep the membership informed with announcements, etc. Yaisa will also respond to an email from the secretary of the Alabama local section—Dee Ward. She had questions regarding DSS meetings, presentations and attendance at Telewebs. The board discussed inviting the Alabama section members to a meeting/ presentation via videoconferencing.

DSS Budget Stewardship

DSS still maintains its “Non- Profit” status. Monies are available to continue hosting Telewebs, giving away awards, etc.

Professional Member Recruitment

There were several applications for DSS membership after Joe sent out emails to national AIHA members who are residents of LA. The board will attempt to email national members every 6-8 months to encourage membership.

Student Recruitment

Wayne stated that he did not receive any applications for the DSS undergraduate award. DSS succeeded in awarding Mr. Kwon with the Fred S. Venable award. The board discussed the pros and cons of 1) keeping the undergraduate award, 2) partnering with an ASSE chapter to give undergraduate awards, and 3) joining resources with the AIH Foundation to select graduate award candidates. Eric suggested that they board focus on giving one award per year. The board agreed that the AIHF will not be allowed to have control of DSS funds. If the AIHF is allowed to find candidates for DSS, then DSS will write the foundation a check annually for the award. Funds from local sections must be received by October for awards given the next year. DSS will handles selecting graduate candidates for 2007; and, if decided that DSS will use the help of the AIHF, then a check will be submitted by October 2007 to give 2008 awards.

The Venable family has agreed to expand the geographical area of eligibility for the Fred S. Venable award. The family had no objections to involving the AIHF with the selection process. To date, only Texas A & M and Tulane University students are eligible. (Side note: in January 2006 survey, the membership did not support the idea of offering DSS awards to non- Texas A & M and Tulane University students.) The board will have to take the family's wishes, as well as comments from the membership, into account—and then proceed with any decisions.

General Info for start of 2007

Eric found that Cox Communications will host a website that will allow paid DSS members to have access to electronic TLV's, Patty's, etc. The initial cost (setup) will be approximately \$2000, and the cost for maintenance will be several hundred dollars per year. The board decided to speak more on the possibilities and on membership comments at the next board meeting.

Action Items:

Yaisa

Edit pdf for 2007 dues renewal, update calendar with Social info, edit newsletter
Ask membership for nominations/ votes for 2007 officers; inform DSS of 2007 officers

Ask membership for PDC topics to present at the 2007 Gulf Coast Safety & Security Conference & Expo

Get bio sketch from Ron Torress—January 2007 presenter

Type meeting minutes; update website