

AIHA/ Deep South Section Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2007
Gonzales, LA

The weekday of our future board meetings will be changed from Thursday—Wayne now teaches a Thursday evening class, and otherwise will not be able to attend the meetings.

Continuation of 2006 DSS Plan:

Keith discussed the 2007 Key Point Indicators and gave a membership status.

- The majority of DSS members are either consultants or work in industry
- One of the board directors indicated that he would like to resign his position. The board discussed possible replacement and decided that that director should have input on his successor.

Local Section Meetings:

DSS reached its goal of having an average of 20 attendees at their 2006 meetings. Per Yaisa, there was an average of 20.2 attendees (averaged from 5 meetings held) per meeting during 2006. The number of attendees at the December social was not included.

Attendance at lunch meetings was excellent and the board will attempt to schedule 2-3 lunch meetings for 2007.

Keith has tried on several occasions to contact Mr. Richard Dufrene (DuPont Chemical PPE Vendor) to confirm his interest in giving a presentation. He has been unable to speak with him.

Keith stated that the joint meeting with the GBR chapter of ASSE was very informative. Yaisa indicated that she did not have a copy of the meeting sign in sheet. It was suggested that she contact the ASSE treasurer for a copy.

Keith suggested that DSS have a “Brainteaser” at the start of each meeting. We could ask presenters to donate items as gifts for the people who correctly answer the Brainteaser questions.

Alan has made the reservation for the March 2007 meeting.

Alan suggested that June 28th be the date of our June meeting—instead of on the third Thursday. He mentioned that several members may be returning from the AIHce conference and may not attend a meeting so soon after.

Alan will look for locations in the New Orleans, LA area for one of the 2007 lunch meetings, as well as look for potential presenters.

Professional Development & Recruitment:

The *Ergonomics* Teleweb sponsored on 2/13/2007 at Monsanto Company was a good one. There were ~11 attendees. Eric will decide if the presentation was good enough to purchase on CD for later viewing. Keith offered to reduce Eric's burden of hosting all sponsored Telewebs-- suggesting that the location be alternated.

Eric will continue to host the Telewebs, and keep records of attendance, cost/benefit, etc.

Will we offer a PDC this year? There were not enough board members present to vote. A decision will be made in near future. Having a Hazard Communication presentation by Peter Sandman was mentioned as a possible topic/ presenter.

We should schedule another mass email to recruit professionals to join the DSS.

Communication with Membership:

We will continue to keep the membership well informed via emails, website updates, etc

The board discussed wanting more feedback from the membership on meeting/ presentation quality. Yaisa will ask the membership for feedback following the March 2007 meeting.

Yaisa will find out from Eric if DSS is going to sponsor the next Teleweb on *Nanoparticle Exposure Assessment*.

It was agreed that Yaisa no longer forward job announcements to the entire DSS mailing list. It was suggested that she email everyone to inform them of the board's decision.

DSS Budget Stewardship:

Chris indicated the state of the DSS budget. The board is satisfied with his report.

Student Recruitment:

There was no discussion on student recruitment.

Action Items:

- Board
 - Vote on sponsoring a PDC for 2007
- Keith
 - Contact director about resignation

- Alan will find a location in New Orleans, LA to have a lunch meeting
- Eric will decide whether or not to sponsor the *Nanoparticle Exposure Assessment* Teleweb
- Yaisa
 - Email Richard about the viewing of taped Telewebs in Baton Rouge during 2005.
 - Send an email to the mailing list to announce that job announcements will only be forwarded to paid members as of March 1, 2007.
 - Get a copy of the January 2007 meeting sign in sheet

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