

### Scheduled Meetings

3/9/2006 -- DSS meeting at Bull's Corner in La Place, LA—Speakers Joe Tudor and Don Hart (possibly)

4/14/2006 -- Board meeting is in Gonzales, LA

5/11/2006 – (Lunchtime) at Ralph & Kacoos in Baton Rouge, LA—Speaker Wynn White

8/17/2006—considering Dr. Mike Seideman, Audiologist, and Hearing Conservation Programs as a topic

- Meeting Topic
- Siltan will ask for a presentation outline from Dr. Mike Seideman, audiologist, to determine if we want him as our August 2006 speaker to discuss hearing conservation programs.
- Andry suggested that the topic include two parts 1) a medical/audiologist view and 2) an industrial hygiene view (effective implementation of hearing conservation programs).
- Chris suggested that we have a round-table discussion at the end of our hearing conservation program presentation.

### Professional Development

Discussed co-sponsoring the Occupational Noise Exposure Measurement seminar (offered by Quest Technologies, Inc) with REPSS, Inc. Board members were not in favor of proceeding with this option.

Decided that our next sponsored event to support professional development will be a Teleweb seminar

### Survey Responses

- Recommended speakers—1) Peter Sandman and 2) environmental lawyer
- Recommended topics—1) Hazard Communication Post- Disaster, 2) Legal aspect of occupational/ environmental health & safety; and 3) Bioterrorism and It's Impact on Industrial Hygiene
- Membership satisfied with Teleweb seminars
- Proposal to Undergraduate scholarship/ award is approved.

### Proposal

Some changes were made to the proposal to incorporate some of the ideas and to address concerns submitted by the membership

Board agrees that lunchtime meetings have had a large and varied turnout, and has decided to schedule at least two lunchtime meetings in 2006

We will plan to sponsor two Teleweb seminars during the first two quarters of this year

Attendance/ participation and Teleweb topics available will determine whether more seminars will be sponsored during the second two quarters of this year

Eric will review Teleweb listing and will make suggestions on which the membership should sponsor. Also, live sessions will continue to be located at Monsanto (Luling, LA). Location for taped sessions will be confirmed in near future.

#### Communication

Information to post on our website: new officers and contact info, meeting schedule, member roster, newsletter and meeting minutes from 1/17/06 Joint meeting and 2/9/06 board meeting.

Yaisa will contact the 2005 paid members to remind about dues this year. And she will email all members a reminder about dues and listing on roster.

#### Future Activities

Andry suggested that we think about different activities for DSS for 2006 and/ or 2007

Eric suggested making an AIHA/ DSS presentation at regional/ state middle school or high school science fair

#### Post- Hurricane Efforts:

The board discussed missing the opportunity to offer community groups our support immediately following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. However, Silton suggested that we attempt to offer support in the way of creating or disseminating fact sheets and/ or flyers about environmental exposures and workers' health. The purpose would be to help prevent illnesses related to clean- up efforts. Eric mentioned that we should either use AIHA developed materials or have a team of DSS members create and contribute to the flyers. The board agreed we should avoid any burden on our members who are consultants, and avoid duplicating efforts that other groups are currently providing to community groups/ home owners.

Andry mentioned that the president of the Utah local section contacted him to offer post-Katrina help to our members. Silton stated he would try to talk to her at the upcoming AIHA Leadership meeting in Washington D.C.

Eric suggested that we invite the section members on a tour of New Orleans and surrounding areas for a weekend. We could partner with the Florida section, invite a speaker such as Peter Sandman to add an industrial view point on the impact of the hurricanes that devastated our states, and offer CM points.

#### Professional Recruitment

We can send out emails advertising our local section and asking national AIHA members to join the DSS. The emails should include: our Key Points such as networking benefits,

access to job postings, and opportunities for professional development and cost effective certification maintenance points. Also, we will include a link to our local section website for more info. We will divide the number of national members among the board, then follow up the emails with a phone call.

Eric suggested that Yaisa include our webpage link in each email sent out to the membership.

#### Funds

Andry stated that the board needs to review the current funds available and a proposed budget for the coming year. This will help us figure out how much money we are to dedicate to DSS sponsored student awards. In addition, we need to review the funds set aside for the FSV scholarship fund.

Chris stated that he will pull together a draft DSS budget for the board to review.

#### Action Items

Yaisa is to follow up with Andry to get information about the DSS sponsored PDC and topic (12 attendees?)

Yaisa will email Andry to get 1) name of AIHA contact to help update our member info on the website and 2) template of our DSS newsletter from 2005

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