

AIHA/ DSS Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2006

Gonzales, LA

2006 Meetings:

- May AIHce: Eric will send a note to DSS members about meeting up at one of the conference events (Chicago, IL)
- May: Keith will follow up with Wynn White about his topic (Lunch time, Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant)
- July: Board Meeting (at Bull's Corner Restaurant)
- August: Dr. Seidemann and Andry; Hearing Conservation (Lunch time, Bull's Corner Restaurant)
- September: Board Meeting (at Mike Anderson's Restaurant)
- October or November: Keith is meeting with an environmental lawyer and will decide if we will schedule a presentation with the law firm for either (Mike Anderson's Restaurant)
- December: Holiday Social (Location TBA); Hold Elections

2007 Meetings:

- January 2007: Keith will speak with president of Greater Baton Rouge ASSE president about inviting Mike Harris to present on Hexavalent Chromium.
- March 2007: Spoke about possibly having someone present on "Hazards of Blasting Media." Choosing this topic is relative to Eric's suggestion at the March 2006 meeting that we begin to consider monitoring for beryllium exposures during sand blasting operations

Silton stated that we really want to get feedback about presentation topics from the membership.

Professional Development:

- Eric said that there is a CD about Hexavalent Chromium. Does the board want to purchase this CD and show to the membership?
- Eric will choose a least one other TeleWeb for viewing.
- Eric said that he would rather the membership have a presentation on Ergonomics than for us to show a taped version of the “Cost Effective Ergonomics” TeleWeb.

Study Group:

- It was suggested that Yaisa point an IH student in the direction of national AIHA to assist her in studying for the CIH exam.
- It was also discussed whether Yaisa would post study topics/ questions on the DSS website for members of the section to address. There could be a CIH Q & A folder placed on the homepage. No decision was made—the board isn’t sure that anyone in the membership would spend time answering questions.

Professional Recruitment:

- Joe has compared the national AIHA member roster to the DSS roster and the list of people who receive emails from Yaisa.
- Joe has created two emails to send to LA residents who are national members, and who do not receive section emails.

Scholarships:

- Wayne received 0 applications for student awards.
- Changes have been made to the selection criteria. {Please see Review Committee Meeting Minutes.}
- DSS will meet the October 2006 deadline to submit scholarship application information to AIHF.
- Joe mentioned that we should also target students before their last semester in an EH & S program.
- Wayne will send information to Roy Rando (Tulane University) as soon as possible—in preparation for 2007 candidates.

- Steve Verret and Sham Sachdev have resigned their duties in regard to the AIHA/DSS “Fred S. Venable Scholarship Fund” account with Hibernia National Bank (Soon to be Capital One Bank). Wayne and Richard will now have access to the account. Yaisa will draft letter stating an official change in account holders and submit to Silton, Wayne and Richard.
- Wayne will verify if Texas A&M University still has an IH program. If not, then the board will choose another school to contact about scholarships.

Communications:

- Yaisa asked the board to comment on including monies received (from members and guests) and monies paid (to restaurants) in our meetings minutes. It was agreed that this information, if included, should not be posted on the website.
- Yaisa also asked the board to consider taking a group picture for posting on the website. All agreed.

The board congratulated Eric in his becoming an AIHA 2006 Fellow Award winner.