

### 1/20/2005 DSS/ AIHA Board Meeting: La Place, LA

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- There were seven attendees (Alan, Andry, Eric, Joe, Ron, Siltan, and Yaisa).
- Andry reviewed the proposed 2005 DSS Strategic Plan with the Board
  - Five emphasis areas reviewed (enhancing communication with membership, Improving Meeting Attendance, Sponsorship of AIHA Telewebs, Professional and Student Member Recruitment).
  - DSS Board agreed with proposed plan.
- Andry reviewed the outdated DSS website and proposed several changes to update information (newsletter, applications, 2005 plan, etc.)
- Eric and Alan mentioned involvement in the possible website set- up via Tulane University in New Orleans, LA.
- Update of officer and local section information on national site
- Each member of the board was given a copy of the section bylaws for review, comment and discussion of needed changes during next board meeting

### 3/17/2005 DSS/ AIHA Meeting: Gonzales, LA

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- 22 individuals attended the DSS meeting. 10 of the attendees were students from Southeastern Louisiana University undergraduate program.
- Andry introduced the 2005 DSS Strategic Plan and the method that we would measure success (key performance indicators).
- Mike Harris, PhD presented "Welding in Confined Spaces: Hazards & Controls."
- DSS awarded two door prizes, books published & signed by Mike Harris, "Welding Health and Safety - A Field Guide for OEHS Professionals" and "Field Guidelines for Temporary Ventilation of Confined Spaces with an Emphasis on Hotwork."
- Students requested a member roster—Andry stated that an updated roster would be available on the website soon.
- Wayne LaCombe discussed DSS possibly sponsoring/ awarding an undergrad student scholarship. He invited comments and suggestions from members at attendance. Several comments were made regarding agreement with this direction but also to confirm that the Fred S. Venable scholarship (for graduate students at Tulane) would also be implemented. Wayne agreed to follow-up on these comments by reviewing the Fred S. Venable Scholarship and the proposed undergrad scholarship and provide a recommendation at the next board meeting for implementation of both. Members were in agreement and pleased with the scholarship direction and stated their belief that it would increase student attendance/ participation in the DSS.
- Roy Rando, Tulane Professor, mentioned that Tulane's IH classes were held in the evenings, and that scheduling conflicts interfered with student attendance at DSS meetings. He stated that with the current schedule, students would be limited in attending the DSS meetings and wanted to make sure that the FSV

scholarship would be available to them. Wayne agreed to work with Roy to identify a plan for effective implementation of the FSV scholarship.