



AIHA-FL MINUTES

Conference Call 1/17/06

Attendees: Wayman Aldridge, Allan Schreiber, Sherri Nickell, Wendy Benison, Michelle Ruffini, Chrissy Jerrick, Linda Boehmer, Banks Clark, John Smyth, David Silver

Start Time: 12:00pm, End time: 1:20pm

I. President's Report: Allan thanked everyone for helping out as much as they have this past year and asked everyone to gear up again for the upcoming events. He spoke about his 5 prong approach to improving the Florida AIHA section.

Communications: Between the number of newsletters we have provided this year (4 in 2005), the new brochure, and the website, we have been much more visual to our members.

Membership: We need to build the membership back up; goal 150 members for 2006

Mentoring: We will be mentoring at the Intracoastal Science Fair this spring.

Education: Teleweb – on its way to utilization.

Getting Members Active: Once we implement some of these items we can get the member more involved.

II. President Elect's Report: Sherri talked about her efforts in the membership drive; she has contacted National Florida members who are not local members persuading them to join the local section. Last year we completed the year with 136 members, this year thus far we already have 41 that have joined. Chrissy will email new National members to prompt them to join the local section after Jennifer Boyer sends out quarterly emails. Sherri also spoke about how the 2005 members will drop off the distribution list after **MARCH 1, 2006**, and will not receive emails from the section if they have not renewed their membership status.

III. Past President's Report: Wayman spoke about the upcoming spring 06 conference scheduled for March 23-24th at the Embassy Suites in Tampa. He has 4 confirmed speakers and is working on the last 2. He contacted the West FL ASSE section but was unsuccessful in obtaining a speaker. Michelle gave Wayman a couple suggestions and Allan said he would assist him in finding the last 2 speakers. We would like him to complete the agenda so we can start sending announcements out near the end of the month. The food has not been ordered yet, Wendy and Michelle said they would take care of it. Chrissy will take care of the AV equipment. Wayman would still like to update the Bi-laws; Allan suggested that when Sherri becomes Pres. She put Wayman in charge of a Bi-Law Committee.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Michelle went over the budget. The current balance in our account is \$4,602.22. The new Pay Pal system is set up and currently has a \$200 balance. Pal pal has worked successfully. We gave \$500 to the Katrina/Rita fund, but we have not donated the \$500 to the AIHA foundation yet. Michelle will contact Tom Hethman to follow up.

V. Secretary's Report: Chrissy spoke about members rejoining at a good pace. The website is constantly being updated. Wendy suggested putting the board Minutes on the website, and the membership directly will also be posted after March 1, 2006.

VI. Director's Report:

Professional Development Karen has both PDC's arranged. The first one is on airborne particulates and will be given by Chuck Fellan of TSI. The second will be on EHS auditing and will be given by Tom Weeda, CIH, with URS. Chrissy will need a write up of these so she can send out an email and post them on the website.

Conference Committee Wendy and Linda have gotten 6 confirmations from Vendors for the spring conference. Wendy has the vendor night dinner set up at a good price. Wendy also added a comment about Registration table coverage: we will have a sign up sheet for slots so the coverage can be spread out. Board members are encouraged to choose the morning slots.

Communications

Newsletter- Dave is almost finished with another newsletter. He asked for any articles we wanted to contribute. Allan needs to get him a president's message before he sends it out. We would like to get it out asap so the Spring Conference information will be available in it.

Website – Chrissy spoke about the adding the Membership Directory on the website – no emails addresses. The minutes will be added. She needs the Conf Agenda, and the PDCs agenda asap to post.

Governmental Affairs: Banks spoke about the likelihood of the mold bill to pass this time. It may...there is a bias toward construction lobby. He will type a short article up for the newsletter.

VII. Old Business

TeleWeb: John Smyth commented on the progress with the teleweb. No dates have been posted from National. John will put together a press release to inform the local section so when a teleweb is set up we have already informed those interested. We are looking to offer these in remote locations such as Tallahassee/Pensacola area, South FL, and/or Jacksonville. Point will be awarded.

Science Fair Judging: The intracoastal science fair will be held Feb 10th and 11th at the Merritt Island Mall. Allan will be attending. Chrissy will send an email out to the membership to ask for support in judging. The board agreed to give some type of AIHA merchandise for a prize. Sherri volunteered to pick it out.

VIII. New Business

Fall Meeting: St. Augustine, World Golf Village. The dates are set for Sept 28, & 29, 2006. And the Fall 2007 dates are set Sept 27 & 28, 2007. The hotel is giving us good rates on food and hotel prices because we are continuing to hold annual conferences there.

Membership Directly: Chrissy is putting together a formal membership directory for the website and members for the Spring Conference.

USF Student invite: John Smyth will post a flier (Chrissy is making) and make announcements during some Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene courses at USF. He will also speak to some of the professors such as Tom Bernard to see if they can help recruit students for the Spring meeting. We want to start promoting to them asap.

Elections: will be held in the spring. Paul Osley and Brian Burke were nominated for incoming president. Jamie Pool and Greg Oblom were nominated for the Director of Professional Development position. Bart Geyer and Albert Barren were nominated for the Director of Communications position. All will need to submit their bios to Wayman and be members of the association to acquire one of the positions.

Town Hall Meeting: Wendy will put together a short article for the newsletter about the meeting.

Chrissy will make an announcement to the other ASSE local sections for the upcoming conference asap!