



**Region VII Board of Directors Meeting
 Conference Call 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
 February 16, 2007**

Present: Jon Alexander, John Izzolena, Brandon Maas, Carol Schwartzkopf, Leland Green, Kay O’Neal, Cheri Delehant, Ken Matveia, Shashi Patel
Absent: Monty Gartin, Matt Gaines.

Meeting brought to order by Jon Alexander at 8:30 AM

Welcome to all and a special welcome to Cheri Delehant and Ken Matveia

January 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes

Reviewed with no discussion
 Motion to accept by Leland Green
 Motion 2nd by John Izzolena
 Vote: Unanimous: Motion carried

Treasury Report

The summaries below highlight the Region VII Voluntary Protection Programs Participants’ Association (Chapter) monthly and quarterly financial activity through December 31, 2006:

FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
January 31, 2007		
	December 31, 2006	January 31, 2007
Beginning Balance	\$45,264.07	\$42,495.07
Revenue	0.00	2,445.38
Expense	2,769.00	40.95
Ending Balance	42,495.07	44,899.50

On January 23, the membership dues sharing rebate for fiscal year 2006 was received from VPPPA National Controller, Eric Nielsen in the amount of \$1,510.38. VPPPA National processed \$32,207.50 in total dues for Region VII during FY06. Of this amount, \$2,000 is from Affiliate members and, per National VPPPA Board, is not

counted in the rebate. This leaves \$30,207.50 in dues processed and countable towards the regional rebate of 5 percent, which equals \$1,510.38. Additional revenue was received as 2007 conference exhibitor fees in the amount of \$935.00.

Motion to accept the report by Kay O'Neal

Motion 2nd by Leland Green

Vote: Unanimous: Motion carried

Committee Reports

Conference Planning

Currently:

Paid booths: 11

Additional booth workers: 8

Tuesday night activity: 2

Member Registrations (National figure) 5

278 sponsor letters sent 2.9.07. Discussion around what might be the next best method of contact. It was agreed that an E-Mail should go next and then personal phone calls. The board will discuss further at our March meeting.

Speaker gifts ordered: Clock radios - from Promoter Products

30 radios @ \$33.68 = 1010.40, \$55.00 set up charge, approx. \$40.00 shipping.

1st Sponsor: Monsanto sponsoring the conference posters

Philip working on a different conference bag - something other than the usual conference tote. Has contacted AIM.

Jane and Carol to meet on Friday, Feb. 23rd - conference bags/totes.

Preliminary: bags will have conference program and pocket program, Region VII pin, exhibitor cards. Lanyards will be handed out either included in the bag or handed out with registration badge. Registrants will also be given a card that has places for all vendors to sign. If the conference attendee acquires all vendor signatures, they will be eligible for a prize drawing at the close of the conference.

Registration desk: National person will need help with registration. Should we have a schedule for assigned times to assist? Carol will develop a spreadsheet and send to everyone to sign up to help. National people should be at the hotel on Sunday to set up the registration desk.

Company logo items needed as give-a-ways on the bus. If anything has anything to donate, please let Carol or Philip know.

Jon indicated that he has the Honor Guard set up for the Tuesday opening. The Air National Guard at Lambert Field has volunteered to provide this service.

Philip is looking into getting a choir or individual to sing the National Anthem.

There are 12 workshops currently in place. We need 8 more. If anyone know someone that would like to participate, have them go to the web site for the necessary forms.

Mentoring

Ken was welcomed to his new task of Mentoring and filed this report.

Cheri Delehant shared that she has been working with Square D

Ernie had shared with me that he has been working with Shawne Graves @ Associated Packaging in Chillicothe, MO. And Diane Strong @ NSK-ASK in Clarinda, IA.

A number of e-mails were received from Carl Laymon and Jon Alexander on previous contacts made by the mentoring committee. Ken am still working through these e-mails.

Some people we know are looking for mentors at this point are:

Goerge Leach	Holly Gilstrap	Mike Asgen
Dondglinger Construction	Johnson Controls (York Intn'l)	Eagle Window & Door
Wichita, KS	holly.r.gilstrap@jci.com	Dubugue, IA
(316)945-0555	(316)831-5071	(563)451-4053

Ken has not had a chance to get in touch with Reggie Burke or Tim Rakestraw yet, but hopes to in the near future. Once the list of sites being mentored or wanting a mentor is compiled, the Mentoring Committee set up a teleconference to review, update, and ask for helpers to covers those who do not have a mentor assigned.

John Izzolena has two people within Rockwell that would be willing to help as a mentor - Alex Tomash in Coralville, IA, and Tom Hauber in Decorah, IA.

A question came up about the Mentoring Form that is sent in to Mary Stewart with National. It was agreed that all new mentor candidates complete the form and return them to the Mentoring Committee and then they will be send to Mary at National.

Workshops - Carol Schwartzkopf

No Change to what was reported in January. Matt Gains would like to us to have an application workshop in the Wichita area. Carol will work on this, target dates would be in the fall of 2007 - We will conduct two app workshops each year.

Communication

As of meeting time there were 420 hits on the website. Brandon would like everyone to send photographs that are appropriate for the website. Everyone commented how great the site looks with the skyline of St. Louis at the top of the home page.

Membership

Jon indicated that some 75 letters were sent to sites that are currently in the VPP and do not belong to the Association. It is important that all VPP sites become members of the Association for two basic reasons. First, the wealth of information and networking available and secondly, the dues reimbursement to the Region.

Jon will consider having Carol distribute the VPPPA "On the Wire" just sent out by National. It addresses this same issue plus promotes the National and Regional conferences.

Nomination

The summary below highlights VPPPA Region VII Nominating Committee activity through January 31, 2007:

At a special board meeting on January 31, Cheri Delehant (Eaton Corporation - NE) and Ken Matveia (Cedar River Paper Company - IA) were appointed to the Board as Directors-at-Large. This increases the number of directors on the Board from five to eleven (including two ex-Officio Directors). Elections and appointments in the last nine months have brought eight new Directors to the Board.

In January, Board member Deb Hansen regrettably announced her resignation, due to her increased responsibilities with her new role as Union Business Agent for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 1362 at Rockwell Collins. The Board wishes Deb well in her new endeavors.

The status of recent Board appointment nominations was discussed. Two Chapter Board positions remain open: a Labor Representative from a Site without a Collective Bargaining Agreement and a Contractor / Construction Representative. One potential nominee was sent appointment nomination documents to complete and submit, and will be identified upon their nomination information submittal.

Awards and Recognition

Monty was not present to give an update on awards.

By-Laws

At the January 19 Board of Directors (Board) meeting in St. Louis, MO, the Board approved additional revisions to the most recent by-laws final draft as recommended by the By-Laws Committee. The final draft was posted on the Chapter website.

A proposal for by-laws revision will be presented to the Chapter membership and voted on for approval at the Region VII Conference in St. Louis, MO on May 22, 2007.

Old Business

The Nomination Committee has developed an Election Format document that list all BOD positions, who currently holds positions and when the term expires. It was decided that the full

membership be sent a copy of this document informing them of open positions in case there is any interest in participating.

John Izzolena also indicated why there are no contested positions other than officers this year. This has to do with the passage of the newly proposed by-laws.

New Business

Discussed conference fee for BOD members and members of the Conference Planning Committee. It was proposed that the conference fee be \$100 for both the BOD and Conference Planning Committee. This might help some BOD members convince their company to make a donation to the conference if the fee is lower.

A list of those eligible for the \$100 registration fee will be forwarded to National. When an individual registers, National will check that list to verify fee.

Motion to accept by Kay O'Neal
Motion 2nd by John Izzolena
Vote: Unanimous: Motion carried

Shashi indicated that he has someone interested in participating on the board. The potential nominee will be directed by Shashi to John and the Nominating Committee.

Next Meeting

March 17, 2007
Sheraton Westport Chalet
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned - 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Alexander