

Chicago Section AIHA

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Held: October 06, 1999

Attending: x = present

x	Bryan Arnold	x	Sara Gibson	x	Robert Safe
	Ray Deibert	x	Jeanne Jachna		Al Shaw
x	Ken Erickson	x	Robert McKinley		Charlie Shields
x	Dan Fedor		Mike Plagge	x	Fred Tremmel
	Mike Fiore	x	Dan Rocznik	x	Paul Zoubek
	Felix Gallo		Jeff Rozak		

Prepared by: Robert D. Safe, Secretary

Secretary's Report: Meeting minutes from the September 15, 1999 meeting were reviewed and approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer not present.

Program Committee:

- March 9, 1999 tentatively set as Student Night. Conflicts with class schedules may still exist. A Downtown location is preferred.
- April Public Relations program was discussed and it was concluded that we should make this a dinner meeting instead of a seminar. We do not have a lot of dinner meetings planned for the year, and the members like the opportunity to socialize before dinner in addition to the short program. Fred Tremmel will contact AIHA and BP Amoco for a speaker. PR management of the health matter at BP Amoco research center would be a good discussion. We will look at the Oak Brook area for the meeting.
- May seminar tentatively scheduled for May 10 as a half day, afternoon program on Occupational Asthma. Kemper site is not looking good. Robert to contact the American Lung Association for additional speaker source.

Student Night Subcommittee: See program committee.

Government Affairs: Robert Safe provided a committee report.

- 12 letters sent to Illinois Democratic Senators introducing the Chicago Section AIHA and providing a copy of the national IH promotional material.
- Fred Tremmel will attend the Friends of Emil Jones function and will try to meet letter recipients.
- Next steps would be to make similar contact with relevant committee members and regulators. Robert has the committee listing.

Web Committee: Jeanne updated us on Web activities.

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- Web site is up and running: chicagoaiha.org.
- Waiting for links to five advertisers who purchased space @ \$300 each.
- We are looking to have an all-electronic meeting notification via email within 4 month period. Using the existing data, we will conduct a test. We also need to determine membership preference for email vs. postcard notification.

Publicity/Outreach: Bryan Arnold provided a committee report.

- He has been in contact with other local sections to discuss activities.
- Will contact Wisconsin section for their contact list.
- A media letter has been drafted and will be forwarded to Jeanne for distribution.
- A public service message was discussed, something like hazards of carbon monoxide with the approaching heating season.
- Earthday at ISU presents an opportunity. Alumni and Student AIHA will do a both. Will do a newsletter announcement.

Membership: Discussed doing a December directory. A second notice will go out to members with outstanding dues. We can then prepare a directory from active member data.

Nominating: A vote confirmed that Robert McKinley be appointed to fill the vacant board position for the balance of the 1999-2000 year.

Education: Paul Zoubek reported:

- Engineering week at IIT Wheaton occurs around Feb 26. They are looking for mentors for students for presentations
- Noted that students might like programs such as plant tours, so they can see some real sites.
- Discussed members as guest speakers at classes. Several volunteers.

New Business:

- Providing "The Quiet Sickness" by Earl Dotter to guest speakers was suggested and approved. The book is a photographic chronicle of hazardous work which has received numerous awards.

The next board meeting will after the November 9, 1999 breakfast meeting at Itasca Country Club.

Meeting adjourned.