

**VPPPA Region II  
National Conference  
Business Meeting  
August 26, 2008  
Anaheim, California**

A motion to open the VPPPA Region II business meeting was made by Jim Miner and seconded by Brenda Tipsword at 10:15 AM. Chairman Brian Bennett welcomed everyone to Anaheim, California.

**Board Members in Attendance**

Chair Brian Bennett, Vice Chair Tom Aurelia, Secretary Paul Kniskern, Treasurer Jim Miner, Directors Doc Doherty, Brenda Tipsword, Robert Coble, Gary Roskoski, Ed Majewski, and Mike Levy.

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Jim Miner and seconded by Robert Coble to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the business meeting held at the Regional Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey on June 2, 2008 and accept them as written. Copies of the minutes were made available. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jim Miner presented the Treasurer's report. There is \$55,162.78 in the checking account and \$74,215.32 is in a Money Market account. Combined Assets, at the close of 2008 Conference is \$129,378.10. Jim had copies of a detailed financial report for review. Motion made by Doc Doherty to accept the report, seconded by Paul Kniskern. Motion carried.

**Committee Updates:**

**Government Affairs Committee**

Robert Coble, Chair, discussed the S- 2065 Partnership Act.

### **Labor Management Committee**

Doc Doherty, Chair, and Joe Whalen are National Committee representatives for mediation. Anyone with a need for mediation, please contact Doc or Joe.

### **By Laws Committee**

Mike Vigezzi, Chair, no recommendations at this time.

### **Challenge & Mentoring Committee**

Paul Kniskern gave the final report out of the Challenge Program in our region. Thirty original program participants, 15 sites progressed through various Challenge stages and currently 5 have moved into VPP or State SHARP Programs.

### **Mentoring**

Anyone interested in mentoring help contact:

- South of Albany, P.R. & VI: Elisiona Valle
- North & West of Albany: Paul Kniskern
- New Jersey: Robert Coble

### **Region II Web Site**

Recent updates include current copies of the Regional, Treasury & Secretary reports.

### **AED Committee**

Brenda Tipsword, chair, gave an update on the Norman Deitch AED Fund. Eight AED's have been placed in service since June of 2007, and three saves have been made with AED's in Region 2. Contributions are being accepted.

### **Chairman's Report**

Brian Bennett thanked all the volunteers for their efforts in making our 2008 conference a success. Brian discussed our 2009 Conference will be in Verona, New York. The conference will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>. Post Work- shops will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Call for Workshop Proposals, due no later than November 30, 2008 information posted on the Region 2 website [www.region2chapter-vpppa.org](http://www.region2chapter-vpppa.org).

Brian discussed the CCNJ Alliance, and the Hispanic Alliance. Brian recognized the Federal Safety & Health Councils in Region 2, please support their meetings. Brian also recognized our Trustees and thanked them for all their hard work.

Brian concluded his report by introducing the new OSHA Region 2 Administrator Robert Kulick.

### **New Business**

#### **OSHA Region 2 Administrator**

Robert Kulick reviewed his past positions with OSHA and thanked the Board and Trustees for a busy year full of accomplishments.

#### **OSHA Region 2 VPP Manager**

Mike Levy discussed the growth of Region 2 VPP sites, and future changes to accommodate those changes.

### **Old Business**

None

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Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Robert Coble to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Tipsword seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Kniskern, Secretary Region 2 VPPPA