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### President's Message:

Safe and blessed greetings to all from the deep, deep south. Veterans of Safety continues to succeed and grow. Our last Board meeting in Kansas City was successful, productive and somewhat sullen with our Memorial Service for eight of our members who had passed on.

Membership continues to grow with gratitude to our Hawaii Chapter for their outstanding efforts. Also, Henry Palomo, Houston, Texas, set up our booth at the Texas Safety Exposition and worked tirelessly for several days. Many thanks Henry for your devotion and dedication to VOS. Our strength comes from our numbers and I challenge each of you to take a little of your valuable time and recruit, recruit, recruit new members for Veterans of Safety.

Progress continues on the Mississippi Gulf Coast following the devastation of Katrina. Nearly three years ago, the Mississippi Gulf Coast was all but totally destroyed. The majority of the clean up is done now and reconstruction is well underway. Many new homes, businesses and casino's are up and in use. Many more are still in the construction phase. A.J. Scardino and his wife are now enjoying their new "Fortified" home. It is really a beauty and quite a conversation piece. Hopefully, sometime soon, you all will have an opportunity to see it.

For those who may have missed previous comments on the construction of A.J.'s home, it was built using Polysteel Insulated Concrete Forms (expanded polystyrene forms) filled with concrete after steel reinforcement had been placed. Yes, it is one strong, strong home that offers great savings in utility costs.

Our 2008 South Caribbean training cruise is scheduled for November. Program planning is underway and I sincerely hope that you and yours can join us and take advantage of this training program.

Wishing you the very best,

**Lyle M. Rice, President**

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### **TESTS ON THE NEW DISPOSABLE DIGITAL CAMERAS**

*(By Herbert "Safety Herb" Everett, Wendell W. Wahlstedt.)*

The continuing trend in fraudulent insurance claims, many times stemming from a vehicular accident, drives up insurance premiums. Vehicle insurance companies now recommend you have a camera in your glove compartment to document the conditions on an accident that you are involved in. The paper or plastic disposable cameras that sell for \$5-\$10 have become popular in the past few years as good tools to use for this, but they do have a fault.

The film in the cameras can be affected by either hot or cold weather extremes. The glove compartment of a car parked in south Texas in the middle of the summer can easily hit 140-160 degrees which can cause the film inside a camera there to deteriorate. Conversely, a camera in the glove compartment of a vehicle parked in the Rockies during the ski season might be like a block of ice when you need it to take pictures of an accident.

Within the last couple of years there has been a new development of a disposable, one time use, digital camera available at some drug or discount stores. These cameras do not have film problems no matter what the weather is, as there is no film in them. The cameras have a built in flash. The digital ones cost more than the paper cameras using film, and are usually sold for \$20, but you can find them on sale for \$15. The extra cost seems worth it. For \$20, you are buying a witness that rides in your glove compartment 24 hours a day that is very hard to impeach in a court case. The old story of a picture being worth 1,000 words.

The digital camera must be taken back to the store where it was purchased to get the pictures "developed". The store returns a hard copy of the pictures, a copy of a synopsis of thumbnail copies of all the pictures, and a CD with all the pictures which are easy to transfer to a computer hard drive.

Two summers ago, a disposable digital camera was placed in the glove compartment of a car parked outside for the entire Texas summer in Ft. Worth. The camera was in the glove compartment on several 100 degree plus Texas days, so the camera was up to at least 140 degrees several times.

The following winter another disposable digital camera was placed in the glove compartment of a 1957 Ford which sat outside all winter in Anchorage, Alaska. As this car may be covered with several feet of snow for months, the test gave a good idea of how cold weather will affect the digital cameras.

In both cases, hot & cold, the pictures came out quite clear and detailed. The two extremes of temperature didn't faze the digital cameras. The pictures were at least equal to the normal pictures available from a standard disposable camera. They were tested on both close up and long shot photos and each came out clear. The pictures were of better quality than you usually get from a cell phone that has a camera function built into it.

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### **Achievements**

- Herb Everett received a Well Done award from NSC.
- Marion Rupe received recognition from ASSE for 40 years of continuous membership.

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### **VOS Scholarship Donors**

**Wojcicki Deann**  
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**Niles Ernest**  
**Tschappet William**

## 3/26/08 VOS Hawaii Chapter Meeting

**Location:** Pearl Country Club

**Call to order:** 7:07 AM

### **Introduction by President Jimmy Zane**

SRGP training will be done first, followed by regular HCVOS agenda items

All members should contact Jimmy Zane to address any concerns/opinions (email or cell)

Membership participation is required in EVERYTHING

PACRIM – L.M. Rice and wife (Nat'l VOS) will be attending per Pat Conroy

Jimmy Zane will plan a social event to speak with him about HCVOS direction, etc.

### **Approval of February 27, 2008 minutes**

Minutes not available for approval by membership

### **Treasurer's Report (Bill Williams)**

Approved as submitted

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Safety Resource & Guidance Program (SRGP)**

Mentoring Process Key Points

- Requires everyone to be proactive and maintain good relationships
- Mentoring should not be competitive – be happy for success of mentees
- Make sure mentees don't feel intimidated by you or feel like they're competing with you
- Be prepared to be questioned
- Confidentiality is critical
- Set the right example – do what you say you will do
- Challenge each other to improve the overall process
- Peer support and guidance; i.e. individually operating ships are okay until a storm wipes everyone out, then everyone must pull together

### **Why we do Mentoring**

- Help industry get better by managing people
- Information can be shared across various industries sharing similar issues
- This helps everyone grow

### **Personal Mentoring Experiences (shared by members)**

- Listen actively; don't interrupt; validate their concerns and provide guidance
- You may never know how big an impact you have on another individual
- Huge impacts are made in small steps and having solid relationships to turn to when needed
- Keep a level playing field; everyone is equal when it comes to learning
- Do the best you can all the time
- People listen and hear you even when you think they're not

### **New Business**

#### HCVOS Golf Tournament

No update

#### National VOS Update

No update

### **Notice of next meeting**

April 23, 2008; **7:00 AM** at Pearl Country Club

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Browne, CSP  
Secretary

**OBITUARIES**

**Gregory Cleotelis 03/15/2008**

**Tom Edmunds 03/27/2008**

VOS Members can order VOS Patch and VOS Pin Items as shown below:

Patch : \$ 2

Pin : \$10

Golf, Baseball shirts , hats will be available soon



## Midyear Board of Directors Meeting

Courtyard by Marriott

Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City Missouri

April 5, 2008

### Minutes

#### I. Call to Order

Call to Order by President L.M. Rice at 8:22am.

#### II. Invocation

A. Invocation offered by Christopher Gates.

B. Call for Quorum/Response. In attendance L.M. Rice, Wendell Wahlstedt, Christopher Gates, Herb Everett, Dianna Bryant and Life Member Marion Rupe Proxies for Henry Palomo, A.J. Scardino, Jeane Furrer, James Brown, and Wayne Creasap are held by L.M. Rice.

#### III. President's Remarks L.M. Rice

Discussed the exhibit at the Texas Safety Conference attended by Henry Palomo and had an excellent response to VOS booth. Complemented the Executive Director on organizing the office and recent newsletter. Also discussed the enthusiastic activities of the Hawaii chapter and the participation of Henry Palomo as the representative from Hawaii.

### BUSINESS ITEMS/DISCUSSION

#### IV. Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting Minutes were presented by Wendell Wahlstedt motion to approve by Chris Gates seconded by Herb Everett. seconded and was approved.

#### VI. Budget Report

The Executive Director suggested that the contract with UCM that expires in May be extended to December. Chris Gates made a motion that the Veterans of Safety fiscal year be the calendar year, Wendell seconded. Chris Gates moved that the Board should direct the Executive Director to prepare a written proposal which will be sent to all Board members for ballot approval before May 15, 2008. The proposal will cover the May to December period.

A budget for 2009 – 2010 will be prepared for the Annual meeting to begin a new contract period with UCM that corresponds to the calendar year. Wendell Wahlstedt seconded, and the motion was approved.

#### VII. Scholarship Committee Report

The CD and savings account were reviewed. Discussion ensued about interest on the CD and the renewal. A motion was made by Herb Everett to take the accumulated interest from the CD and place in the savings account to pay future scholarship awards and deposit into the CD the donations received (approximately \$2000.00) that currently are held in the saving accounts upon approval by the Chair of the Scholarship Committee, the motion was seconded by Chris Gates and approved. An announcement will be placed in the next newsletter recognizing individuals that have recently donated to the scholarship fund.

#### VIII. Membership Committee Report

A. Membership rosters were reviewed and member retention was discussed. Need to include a dues notice again in the next newsletter as a reminder. Recommendation was made to include more info in the Newsletter about dues and removal from the mailing list. Also need to check other sources for bad addresses. Include a MISSING LIFE MEMBER notice in the newsletter. Create a letter to Life members with cruise letter and offer of pins, patches, etc.

B. Break for lunch at noon. Reconvened at 1:30 pm.

C. Request for Emeritus status for George Mauiola, motion made by Wendell Wahlstedt seconded by Chris Gates, approved.

D. Information on Life membership should be sent to Judy Grzegorski per her request.

#### IX. By Laws Committee Report

Need to research Scholarship By-law and convert into electronic format.

#### X. VOS Web Page

The webmaster has quit doing web work and VOS needs to recruit or hire someone else to do so. Dianna will contact Michael Taggart who maintains her corporate website.

## **XI. Long Range Planning Committee Report**

**A.** Report reviewed about better communication with members and information for the newsletter. Motion to accept report by Herb Everett, seconded by Chris Gates, approved.

**B.** Identified committee chairs and will recruit members for committees by announcing in newsletter. Post notice in the newsletter for the History of VOS project to contact Herb Everett.

**C.** Herb Everett received a Well Done award from NSC. Marion Rupe received recognition from ASSE for 40 years of continuous membership.

## **XII. Programs Committee**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Cruise is Nov 16-23, 2008 for the Western Caribbean with 2 days of training. Opportunities for presenters are still available. Need CEU's from UCM. Will post info in the next newsletter. Wendell Wahlstadt moved to accept report, Chris Gates seconded, approved.

## **XIII. Ambassador's Report**

(Christopher Gates)

Reported on activities of past presidents, Robert Marshall, A. J. Scardino, Dan Paine, Pat Conroy, Jack Fillinger, Bob Cutone, David Langton, and Tom Broderick. We will plan on an Ambassador's meeting before the Hospitality gathering at the NSC. The Ambassadors may meet for breakfast before the Board meeting.

## **XIV. Nomination Committee Report**

(Christopher Gates)

The Nominating Committee is still preparing a slate of candidates. Chris Gates will send the Executive Director a list of Board members with their terms of service.

## **XV. Memorial Committee**

(Christopher Gates)

VOS members who had passed away in the last year were memorialized.

## **NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION**

## **XVI. Plan for Annual Meeting**

(L.M. Rice)

The NSC is September 19-26, 2008 in Anaheim, CA. Sept 20 would start with Ambassadors breakfast, board meeting, and early evening reception. Chris will check out a potential hotel and reception site.

## **XVII. Other**

(Dianna Bryant)

**A.** Wendell Wahlstedt asked about D. & O. insurance for the Board. A.J. Scardino was checking on it. The Executive Director should also inquire with Insurance Benefits Group of Warrensburg.

**B.** Talked about VOS booth ideas – a banner, business cards for VOS, lifesavers candy, power point presentation on CD.

**C.** Announced the intent to move forward with the Journal of Applied Safety and development of an action plan for publication.

## **XVIII. Benediction**

(Christopher Gates)

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm

## SAIL ONTO SAFETY 2008

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**With the cooperation of other Safety & Health Organizations**

Please join us for the 5th annual safety cruise! There will be networking, training and planning.

**November 16 – 23, 2008**

**Western Caribbean Cruise aboard the  
ms Westerdam, sailing from Ft Lauderdale, Florida**

### **Sail Onto Safety 2008 Itinerary is...**

Sunday, Nov 16	Depart Ft. Lauderdale, FL at 5pm
Monday, Nov 17	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas 8am – 4pm
Tuesday, Nov 18	Grand Turk 10am – 5pm
Wednesday, Nov 19	Sea Day – Training & Planning
Thursday, Nov 20	George Town 8am - 4pm
Friday, Nov 21	Costa Maya, Mexico 10am – 7pm
Saturday, Nov 22	Sea Day – Training & Planning
Sunday, Nov 23	Return back to Ft. Lauderdale at 7am

The following is your cost *per person* (based on double occupancy).

Inside cabin.....	\$850 pp
Outside cabin.....	\$1,045 pp
Balcony cabin.....	\$1,185 pp

**The above cost includes your onboard room, gourmet meals, all port charges, government taxes & fees and transfers to/from the ship.**

*Airfare, day prior hotel, & trip insurance available, but additional.*

A deposit of \$350 per person is due at the time of making your reservation.

Final payment is due August 25, 2008

Space is limited, so make your reservation today!

To make your reservation or if you have any questions regarding this cruise, call Lisa at Cruise Holidays **800-566-7447** or e-mail her at [Cruiseholidays@customcpu.com](mailto:Cruiseholidays@customcpu.com).

### **-:UPCOMING CONFERENCES:-**

**A) You are cordially Invited to participate in the WSO's 21st International Environmental and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Development Conference.**

**Date: June 9th - June 11, 2008,**

**Venue: at the Tuscany Suites & Casino.**

**Contact: For more information please contact Debbie at (660) 747-3132 or  
[info@worldsafety.org](mailto:info@worldsafety.org).**

**B) You are cordially Invited to participate in the Board Members Annual Meeting**

**Date: September 19-26, 2008**

**in Anaheim, CA.**

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