We are happy to announce Region 9 had its election for a new board for the 2016-2018 term. The new board officers will take up their duties after the February 2016 B.O.R.D. meeting in California. The B.O.R.D. meetings are geared to prepare the new region and chapter officers for their duties and responsibilities.

Beck Clayson, president of the San Antonio chapter, will be the new Region 9 director. Earl Jones, president of the Houston West chapter, has been elected secretary, and Will Pietri, with the Austin chapter, will remain treasurer for the region.

The new board is focused on education and outreach projects for the upcoming term.

The current board, Jim Smith, Phil Sharp, and Will Pietri, deserve our thanks for a job well done.

NEW OFFICERS FOR REGION 9 BOARD IN 2016

2016 Southwest Pool & Spa Show


Located in beautiful San Antonio and adjacent to the famous Riverwalk, the Southwest Pool & Spa Show has everything you could want, including:

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- A not-to-be-missed Industry Welcome & Awards Party on Friday night sponsored by our generous exhibitors.

Registration Information Coming Soon! Mark it down and Plan Now to be in San Antonio, January 20th-23rd at the 2016 Southwest United States
CHAPTER MEMBER MEETINGS

AUSTIN MEMBER MEETING
Cherry Creek Catfish Company
5712 Manchaca Rd.
Austin, TX 78745
First Tuesday of the month 6:00pm
Todd Sweanneng President 512-326-4695
Keith Timm Vice President 512-636-3750
Jehery Graves Secretary 512-385-2378
Will Pietri Treasurer 512-351-0323

AUSTIN NORTH MEMBER MEETING
Cedar Park Library
550 Discovery Blvd.
Cedar Park, TX 78613
Second Tuesday of the month 6:00pm
Rick Beaubouef President 512-466-9672
Shane Applegate Vice President
512-487-4264
Rayan Haring Secretary 512-884-6529
Javier Lardone Treasurer 512-736-2949

CORPUS CHRISTI MEMBER MEETING
Schitterbahn Veranda Restaurant
14353 Commodores Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78418
First Thursday of the month 6:30pm
Mike Baker President 361-563-7665
Wade Deshazer Vice President
361-658-8581
Randall Sparks Secretary 361-548-7220
Michael Holzer Treasurer 361-815-0936

DALLAS MEMBER MEETING
Tony's Diner
3367 Bettline
Garland, TX 75044
Fourth Tuesday - 5:30pm
Eustaquio Portillo President 214-325-6746
James Stapleton Vice President
972-422-7665
Brian McDonald Secretary 972-238-0008
Juan Colunga Treasurer 214-478-2360

FORT WORTH MEMBER MEETING
La Playa Maya Restaurant
1540 N. Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76106
Third Tuesday of the month 6:30pm
Tina Slagle President 817-991-0555
Jason Sanchez Vice President 817-901-8363
Barton Barber Secretary 817-229-8535
John Powers Treasurer 817-453-5426

HOUSTON MEMBER MEETING
IHop
11225 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77079
Second Tuesday of the month 7:00pm
Bryan Norris President 713-234-7649
David Queen Vice President
281-807-5442
James Schultz Secretary 713-703-1688
Doug Dinkins Treasurer 281-794-6644

HOUSTON CLEAR LAKE MEETING
Red River BBQ
1911 Hwy. 518 at 270
League City, TX 77573
Fourth Tuesday of the month 7:00pm
Jim Jacobsmeier President 281-787-6116
Brett Dawson Vice President
281-724-9650
Donnie Jones Secretary 832-275-0612
David Potts Treasurer 832-840-0887

HOUSTON NORTH MEETING
IHop
Rayford/Sawdust Exit 73
25619 Interstate 45, Spring, TX 77380
Third Thursday of the month 7pm
Gary Lindsey President 936-448-4208
Stephen Titone Secretary 281-773-8643
Rolland Gillman Treasurer 936-355-0370

HOUSTON WEST MEETING
Texas Land & Cattle
12313 Katy Fwy.
Houston, TX 77079
First Monday of the month 7pm
Earl Jones President 832-573-8279
Troy Bowzer Vice President 281-849-7665
Charles McKenney Secretary 832-446-6266
David Howard Treasurer 832-689-5636

MID CITIES MEMBER MEETING
SCP Carrollton
2107 Hutton Dr.,
Carrollton, TX 75006
First Monday of the month 7:00pm
Casey Gardner President 469-835-5674
Jeremy Smith Vice President
214-695-8717
Barry Luckie Secretary 817-691-0267
Mike Bomalick Treasurer 469-939-7647

SAN ANTONIO MEETING
Palenque Grill
389 North Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78232
First Monday of the month
Officers Meeting 6:00 pm
Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm
Attendance is taken 7:00 pm
Becky Clayson President 210-240-3121
Martin Fowler Vice President 210-659-6529
Mike Clark Secretary 210-545-7727
Mark Posson Treasurer 210-725-5889

TARRANT COUNTY MEMBER MEETING
El Chico
7621 Baker Blvd
Richland Hills, TX 76118
First Tuesday of the month 7:00pm
Will Ainsworth President 817-987-8580
Jason Wilson Vice President 817-366-1200
Jeff Corley Secretary 817-975-3186
Chris Byars Treasurer 817-597-5132

WAXAHACHIE MEMBER MEETING
Denny's
408 Westchase Drive
Grand Prairie, TX 75052
Second Wednesday of the month 7:00am
Neal Holt President 972-617-9877
Larry Hutson Vice President 972-617-7999
Bob Bauer Treasurer 214-577-4843
Gary Harrell Secretary 817-896-7655
### Meetings

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**AUSTIN NORTH**

The North Austin IPSSA Chapter voted to have our Annual Christmas Meeting at "Zeds" 501 Canyon Ridge Drive

Austin, Texas 78753 on December 8th @ 6PM.

RSVP required.

The Chapter will pay for members and 1 guest per member this year.

Please RSVP with Bill Peak by next month’s meeting. (11/10/15)

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Water is a powerful force as you can see here, this above-ground pool burst and ripped the liner and frame with so much force it split the pvc and moved all the equipment.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Region Meetings
Region 12 Board Meeting
January 16, 2016
Region 9 Board Meeting
January 21, 2016 - 6pm San Antonio
B.O.R.D. Meeting
February 5, 2016 - California

Region 9 Executive Board
Director - Jim Smith  512-206-0606
Secretary - Phil Sharp  210-673-2909
Treasurer - Will Pietri  512-351-0323
Austin - Todd Swearinger
512-326-4695
Austin North - Rick Beaubouef
512-466-9672
Corpus Christi - Mike Baker
361-563-7665
Houston - Bryan Norris
713-234-7649
Houston Clear Lake -
Jim Jacobsmeyer  281-787-6116
Houston North - Gary Lindsey
936-448-4208
Houston West - Earl Jones
832-573-8279
San Antonio - Becky Clayson
210-240-3121

Region 12 Executive Board
Director - Jason S. Lehmann
817-605-0194
Secretary - Neal Holt
214-837-5884
Treasurer - Bob Bauer
214-577-4843
Dallas - Eustaquio Portillo
214-325-6746
Fort Worth - Tina Slagle
817-605-0194
Mid Cities - Casey Gardner
469-835-5674
Tarrant County - Will Ainsworth
817-987-8580
POOL QUIZ

1. Water weighs this many lbs/gal (pounds per gallon) at 34° F.
   A. 8.34
   B. 8.33
   C. 5.80
   D. 10.0

2. pH is always written with a lower case “p” and a capital “H.”
   A. True
   B. False

3. The TDS meter actually measures electrical conductivity in the water and converts it into ppm.
   A. True
   B. False

4. The best way to superchlorinate is to find out the combined chlorine level in the water and multiply that times 10 and add that amount of additional chlorine to the water.
   A. True
   B. False

5. The pH of the water does not affect chlorine effectiveness.
   A. True
   B. False

6. At a pH of 7.5 and a temperature of 68° F, you have this much chlorine in the killing form (HOCl).
   A. 55 percent
   B. 60 percent
   C. 49 percent
   D. 38 percent
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Ray Arouesty has announced that on September 1, 2015, Arrow Insurance Service joined HUB International Insurance Services. HUB International is a leader among insurance brokerages and is the ninth largest insurance brokerage in the world with offices throughout the United States, Canada, and South America. “We are very excited about this merger. Our partnership with HUB will give us the ability to expand out insurance programs nationwide and offer even more specialized coverage for the industry” stated Arouesty.

He stressed that current policies and coverage will remain in force and are not impacted by this change. Ray and his staff will continue to provide the specialized service and support to IPSSA and the swimming pool industry. Their telephone number and email addresses remain unchanged and they will be relocating to HUB’s offices in Westlake Village this fall, from their current location in Simi Valley, California. Arrow Insurance Service has been IPSSA’s insurance broker since 1988, offering members coverage unavailable elsewhere, including through other associations.

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Electrical License Issues

There have been a few changes in regulations that I wanted to share with my friends in the pool and spa industry.

First some good news!

Electrician Fee Changes - On November 21, 2013, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation approved a reduction in the license and renewal fees - Remember to renew online!

Link to TDLR Electrician Fee Changes

Residential Appliance Installer:
Current Initial or Renewal License Fee: $35
NEW Initial or Renewal License Fee: $30
Savings: 14.2%

Residential Appliance Installation Contractor:
Current Initial or Renewal License Fee: $115
NEW Initial or Renewal License Fee: $110
Savings: 4.3%

Second - a paperwork change- Important to avoid fines!

IMPORTANT!! for All companies with Electrical Licenses!!

Link to Justification for Rule Changes
https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/electricians/elecprop.htm

"The adopted amendment is necessary to update the Department's internet address from "www.license.state.tx.us" to "www.tdlr.texas.gov"..... In applying this rule change, the Department will allow businesses with previously printed forms that have the old internet address to continue to use these forms through December 31, 2015."

Please note that this change should be made to all of your proposals, invoices and written contracts.

If you have questions, please call TDLR, or please call me, I will try to give you the best information that I have.

Third - Exam fees for the Residential Appliance Installer License have been reduced!

The fees for registration for the license exam for the Texas

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Residential Appliance Installer License have been reduced from $63 to $60

Link to the PSI application form

On October 6, 2015 the Electrical Safety and Licensing Advisory Board met for their most recent meeting. Click on the link to watch it https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSTvfl2AR74

One of the things adopted during this meeting included changes to the Penalties and Fines Matrix.

Boiler Rules
There was a meeting of the Texas Boiler Rules Board members on September 24, 2015. Below is a link to the YouTube version of that meeting. They reviewed and changed some rules.

Link to Texas Board of Boiler Rules meeting https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYyQjBjQ2R4

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Energy Conservation is one of the many issues that I have been involved with. If you have not heard of this promotion, please email me or give me a call. APEC has been working with ERCOT and others to avoid disruptive energy legislation, while promoting greater energy conservation.

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