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Presidents Message....Barbara A. Kressler

I hope that you all have had a wonderful Labor Day weekend and an enjoyable summer. I can't wait to reconnect, with our first meeting on Wednesday, September 15th. This will be our annual organizational meeting, so I hope we have a great turnout.

This is sort of a strange place for me, as it has been 15 years since I last wrote a President's Message. I have enjoyed these past 15 years and all those messages, knowing that I was not the composer. As I think about all those years, I become a little sentimental. We have come a long way, and I am so proud to be a member of this association. We have achieved success at every turn, and then some! I truly look forward to the next 15 years and what they will bring to this association. Could there be a contender in the CWC contest, how about a State Council Director? Maybe we will become the association that encourages all the others to fill out those award forms and enjoy their successes. Together we are a well oiled team and I am honored to be your president.

Back to business, the board met a few weeks ago to develop a plan for the monthly meetings as well as to assign committee chair positions.

We will be voting on our charity for this year, the 4 groups that we decided on at the board meeting earlier are listed on page 4. Please review and be prepared to discuss and vote on Wednesday.

State Day is approaching fast, October 15, with registration due by 9/15/10 to avoid a late registration charge. Please consider attending this event as it will give you a new prospective on the overall organization, plus to meet fellow association member throughout the state of PA .a major

Mini-Boards is also going to be focus for this year and will be a major focus going forward. We have submitted a preliminary agenda to the Regional Vice President for her approval. The initial deposit to the Hotel was made and we will be doing fundraising at the Council Day in October.

We have a lot to talk about, so I hope to see you all at the meeting next week!

Secretary Minutes....Brenda Weaver, ACSR, CPIW, DAE

Association Monthly Meeting

June 23, 2010 c/o Patsy Lachat

The regular monthly meeting of the Insurance Professionals of Susquehanna Valley was held at Gail Bradley's house in Millville on 06/23/2010. We welcomed our guests, Jean MacDermott and Gail's granddaughters Tiffany and Brittany Reese.

Members in attendance: Jeannie Upright, Patsy Lachat, Donna Coombs,

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Barbara Kressler, Carla Buma, Charlotte Stetler, Pam Stetler, Jenny Stuart, Lori Reese, Dee Musgrave, Betty Rafalko and Gail Bradley.

President Gail called the meeting to order at 6:20 and read the collect.

Gail passed on the Education Duck (we collected \$62.00 this year) and President's pin to Barbara.

Business meeting and wrap up Committee Reports:

The secretary's report of the April meeting, as printed in the newsletter, was reviewed and accepted. Pam will do a final Treasurer's report and email after 6/30/10.

Membership – Donna, Membership/Public Relations Chair reminded everyone to give their renewals to Pam and not mail them to National. We have four new members but will be losing Lori Reese. Donna wanted to thank everyone for their support. Also Pam will be sending out bills for the website advertising renewals.

Education – Dee/Barbara advised that the last INS class was 6/21, study class on 7/19 and Mark and 2 others will be taking the test. There are 2 additional people signed up for the next class.

Safety – Carla, Safety Chair mentioned the class Dave did on car safety seemed to be everyone's favorite and also we did the Camp Victory Clean up, and she had various handouts at our meetings.

Legislative – Patsy, Legislative Chair, advised that she is now the elected Republican Committee Chair for Susquehanna Township.

Sunshine – Jeannie sent out all appropriate cards at appropriate times. She also got a clean bill of health at her latest check up!

Audit Committee – Donna and Barbara will do the annual audit

Old Business: Mini Boards – Gail, Jeannie and Patsy will be attending in Salem, MA and will finalize what we have to do for next July and will coordinate with the Holiday Inn in Williamsport and with RVP Debbie Kuhne. Pam nominated Gail as Chairman of the Mini Board Committee, Patsy seconded and it was passed by the members.

New Business:

Barbara will hold a Board Meeting the end of August. We decided to continue to have our meetings at the Pine Barn Inn from September – December. Jeannie will check with Marlene about Portabellas.

Door Prize: Jeannie brought the basket and tickets were sold for \$5.00 each resulting in \$65.00 profit – Jenny won

After all present participated in For the Good of the Cause, and there being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Gail at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Lachat, Secretary

Membership....Jeannie Upright

**Welcome back to the 16 returning members and a special welcome to our 3 new members; Erica Grimm, Cindy Dietterick, and Kristine Kiel, (a former member returning to us). We had 3 members that did not renew and we wish them well. Christine Bowman ,Patricia Mackey-Strock, and Lori Reese are pursuing other interests and careers. So, we are 19 “strong” !
I will have the membership packets ready at our first meeting.**

For those CWC alumni- now is your big chance! You can compete in the 2010 Council Day CWC speak-off!! I will have some CWC applications with me at the meeting.

Legislative....Patsy Lachat, AAI, CPIW

Just a reminder to everyone to encourage friends and family members to confirm that they are registered to vote by visiting the PA Department of State's website. You can also offer to help anyone 18 or older register. Remember the deadline to register to vote in Pennsylvania 2010 General Election is Monday October 4th 2010. This is a very important election, as they all should be.

From IAAB:

Court's sprinkler decision opens flood gates for ordinance or law exposure
Agents may need to refresh their understanding of ordinance or law exposure due to a recent court decision.

The ongoing legal battle over mandated sprinklers in new residential construction dealt a blow to home builders last week. The Commonwealth Court rejected the Pennsylvania Builders Association's (PBA) appeal challenging the new code.

The decision all but ensures that the requirement, which stipulates that all newly constructed single-family homes must be outfitted with a sprinkler system, will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2011, as scheduled. The same mandate took effect for townhomes on Jan. 1, 2010. The mandate leaves the potential for insufficient coverage on existing Homeowners' policies and impacts ordinance or law coverage. IA&B's online resource (available via the link below) explains the implications.

The PBA has yet to decide if it will take its appeal to the state Supreme Court. The group also is looking for a legislative fix to revert to the prior construction code. IA&B will monitor the PBA's efforts and report on any updates.

Charity Up Date

At the September meeting on the 15th we will vote on one of the following charities to focus on for this year:

The Women's Center
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Red Cross—Disaster Assistance
EOS Riding

Upcoming Events....

September 15	Association Meeting	Pine Barn Inn
October 15-16	PA Council Meeting	Lancaster
October 20	Association Meeting	Pine Barn Inn

Program & Menu....

The September Dinner Meeting will be held at The Pine Barn Inn

Please e-mail Jeannie at ottiss98@yahoo.com to make your reservations by September 13th. Last minute adds are ok. If you need to cancel your reservation the day of please call Jeannie at 570-326-2343. Call for directions:570-473-2814

Birthdays....

September 9/9 - Christine Gordon

9/10 Cindy Kline

9/25 Jenn

Reminder....

- Code your cell phone with your emergency contact labeled ICE, In Case of Emergency
- Be sure to check out our web site often, as well as the PA State Council web site and the National web site. Addresses on page 4
- Save those aluminum soda and beer, etc., tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

We are on the web
www.ipsv.net

State Council on the Web
www.naiw-pa.com



Safety ...Carla Buma

September is the month kids go back to school, and most children will ride a bus. School bus safety is a high priority in Pennsylvania. Below are some tips for when you are behind a school bus.

- * Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- * Motorists must stop when they are behind the bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.
- * Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn and all children have reached safety.
- * If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.
- * Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.
- * The penalties if convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law include:
 - ~ \$ 250 fine
 - ~ Five points on your driving record
 - ~ 60 day license suspension

This information was obtained from the PA Traffic Safety Information Center Website

Education.....Gail Bradley, AAI, CPIW, DAE

September 9th 8:30AM to 12:30 PM VFW Clarks Summit - 4CE credit course - Catagory 3 Black Water

Spetember 8 8:30 to 12:30 Genetti's Best Western Wilkes Barre - 4 CE class - Rapid Structural Drying

For more information contact Gail
