

California Capitol Report

## Where the Rubber Meets the Road

By John Norwood  
General Counsel for the CPSA



The California Legislature returned to Sacramento from their summer recess on August 6 for the final few weeks of the 2018 legislative session. Pending bills must be sent to the Governor no later than August 31 at midnight. The Governor will then have 30 days to sign bills into law, veto them or let them become law without his signature.

coalition of business organizations, including the state Chamber of Commerce, Employment Law Counsel, technology and construction industry associations, in support of legislation to halt the application of the California Supreme Court decision in *Dynamex v. Superior Court*.

The California Pool & Spa Association / The Pool Spa & Aquatics Alliance have numerous bills on its radar to work on in the final few weeks of the legislative session. Like most business groups, the great majority of bills CPSA is following are those that the association opposes or is trying to get amendments to get to a neutral position. These bills (see related article) generally make it more difficult for small businesses to operate in California. These include a number of bad labor and employment bills. However, CPSA has now joined a new

In *Dynamex*, the Court drastically changed the rules on when a person can be legally classified as an independent contractor. This was an unexpected decision which has employers throughout California reeling to figure out how to comply. At least one court has held that the decision applies retroactively, and the Supreme Court has refused to weigh in differently. The point of the legislative effort to delay implementation of the decision is it is the

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## Step Into Swim™ Donations Nearly Double in 2018 / National Swimming Pool Foundation Raises Over \$112,000 in 2018

By CJ Martin

The National Swimming Pool Foundation® (NSPF®) would like to thank donors to its Step Into Swim™ Campaign whose contributions have furthered the campaign's mission of creating one million more swimmers. SIS enables underprivileged children across the country to learn the life-saving skill of swimming.

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Pentair donated \$40,000 in late

2017 to help jump-start the 2018 program. Pentair is a global water technology company, delivering smart, sustainable solutions that improve, move and help people enjoy water.

Master Pools Guild (MPG) generously donated \$40,000 for the third year in a row. MPG builders are craftsmen, operating with a strong commitment to high quality, customer service, and good business ethics.

The Bill Kent Family Foundation donated \$10,000. The Foundation seeks to contribute to building a socially and economically just society that values nature and protects the ecological balance for future generations; promotes humane health care; and

fosters educational programs, art, and culture that enrich communities.

The National Plasterers Council (NPC) contributed \$10,000 this year, up from \$5,000 in 2017. NPC has been active in the pool industry for decades, focusing on pool surface research and educational programs for pool surface applicators.

Hayward joined the growing list of manufacturers supporting SIS this year, with a donation of \$5,000. Hayward offers environmentally responsible, cutting-edge pool and spa equipment for residential and commercial, in-ground, and above-ground pools.

The American Chemistry

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## IPSSA Members:

We are going to start running an "Ask the Experts" Column, but we need YOU to submit questions to ask!! Please send us any questions regarding pools, business, equipment—you name it, we'll find an answer for you! Please submit ALL questions to: [editor@ipssa.com](mailto:editor@ipssa.com).



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### Things to do in September

- Clean salt systems and other specialty units
  - Filter maintenance
  - Heater maintenance
- Education at the Pool Industry Expo

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**Congratulations July's Quiz winner is Tim Fennessy!**

As a surprising first for me as your editor, all of the submissions for July that I received were 100% correct! Tim was selected by random drawing, but remember, all correct submissions are entered in to the big end of the year prize!

The correct answers for the July Quiz are 1. The 5 major parameters involved with water balance are: pH, alkalinity, temperature, TDS and: A. Calcium hardness B. Cyanuric acid C. Iron and Copper D. Magnesium. *The correct answer is A. Calcium hardness.* 2. ORP is short for: A. Oxidation Reaction Potential B. Oxidation Reduction Potential C. Oxidizer Reducer Potential D. Oxygen Reducible Particles. *The correct answer is B. Oxidation Reduction Potential.* 3. Sodium dichlor is the only chlorine compound that has almost no effect on the pH and total alkalinity of the water. A. True B. False. *The cor-*

*rect answer is A True.* 4. The surface area of a circular pool with a diameter of 24 feet is approxi-

mately: A. 350 sqft B. 400 sqft C. 100 sqft D. 450 sqft. *The correct answer is D. 450 sqft.*

**Calendar of Events**

- Sept. 20-22** **Pool Industry Expo**  
Monterey, CA
- Oct. 10-12** **World Aquatic Health Conference**  
Charleston, SC
- Oct. 26-27** **IPSSA BORD Meeting**  
Los Angeles, CA
- Oct. 31-Nov. 2** **International Pool, Spa, and Patio Expo**  
Las Vegas, NV

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**REGION 1 – El Dorado:** Kyle Peter... **REGION 2 – Central Coast:** Susan Rose... **REGION 3 – Antelope Valley:** Juan Guerra... **REGION 5 – Central Orange County:** Jason Hillis... **REGION 6 – Redlands:** John Kirsch... **Temecula/Murrieta:** Steve Vukovich... **Santa Clara:** Kevin Le... **REGION 9 – North Austin:** Shane Applegate... **REGION 10 – Mid-Penninsula:** Brad Flemming... **Fremont:** Steven Hickey... **Redwood Empire:** Kevin Naus... **REGION 12 – Fort Worth:** Mustafa Bash Imam... **Waxahachie:** Mike Murzin.

**IPSSA Code of Ethics**



As a member of the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association, Inc., I will utilize my professional knowledge and skilled practical workmanship in providing quality customer service. To that end, it will be my responsibility to keep informed of developments in the pool and spa industry including new techniques and product applications.

My second obligation will be to the members of IPSSA by giving them any professional assistance they may need including sick route coverage. With respect to sick route coverage, I will treat sick route clientele with professionalism and respect, and will not solicit the business of a sick route client while providing sick route coverage.

My final responsibility will be to my community and its citizens. I will strive to communicate the necessity for pool safety and other issues of importance to pool and spa owners.

In these ways, I will promote the ideals and objective of the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association, Inc.

**Financial office thanks chapters with prompt payments**

The Financial Office thanks the following 44 chapters, whose members all paid promptly in August before second notices were required:

- Region 1 – East Bay, Tracy, Capital Valley, Modesto Central Valley, Delta, West Placer, El Dorado, and East Contra Costa
- Region 2 – Central Valley
- Region 3 – Santa Clarita
- Region 4 – Central Los Angeles, South Bay, and East Long Beach
- Region 5 – Anaheim, Dana Point, Orange County #9, Yorba Linda, Orange Coast, Southwest, Mission Viejo, Central Orange County, and Surf City
- Region 6 – Menifee Valley, Riverside, and Corona
- Region 7 – Rancho Del Mar and North County Coastal
- Region 8 – Scottsdale, North Phoenix, West Valley, and Henderson
- Region 9 – North Houston, Corpus Christi and Hill Country
- Region 10 – Tri Valley
- Region 11 – Osceola, Manasota, North Georgia, Sarasota, and Port Charlotte
- Region 12 – Mid Cities DFW

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**Corner**

All members who mail an entry with the correct answers will become eligible for a drawing at the end of the month for IPSSA logo gear. All correct entries will go into a year-end drawing for other IPSSA merchandise. IPSSA members are the only eligible participants and only one entry per month is permitted. Each month, the winner of the drawing will be published in The IPSSAN. Entries for this month must be received by **OCTOBER 20, 2018.**

1. OTO (Ortho-tolidine) reagent is cancer causing according to NIOSH and OSHA.  
A. True  
B. False
2. Water covers 75 percent of the earth, 97 percent is salt water and 3 percent is fresh water.  
A. True  
B. False
3. The goal of "perfectly balanced water" is to have a Saturation Index of 0.00.  
A. True  
B. False
4. The most commonly used sanitizer and disinfectant in the swimming pool and hot tub industry is chlorine.  
  
A. True  
B. False

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Correct Answers: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate A, B, C, or D for each answer.)

**Mail Entry to:**

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# Recent BORD Action to Protect Member Rights and use of IPSSA Logo

By Rose Smoot  
IPSSA Executive Director

The BORD took prompt action, recently, and issued a “cease and desist” letter to a contractor posing as an IPSSA member.

A Monterey Coast IPSSA member was recently under-bid by an individual who represented himself as an IPSSA member and advertised IPSSA membership on his business card. Our member

reported this to his chapter board, who then contacted IPSSA. After discovering that the individual had never been a member of IPSSA, the BORD contacted IPSSA legal counsel. Mark Alcorn, legal counsel, immediately issued the “cease and desist” letter, promising legal action within 20 days if the individual did not certify that he would discontinue his false advertising. The contractor subsequently signed the certification.

Unauthorized use of the IPSSA logo and false representation as a member are deceptive trade practices and are considered trademark infringements. Any legal actions taken are intended to protect an organization’s assets and goodwill, and to recover potential statutory damages due to the infringement.

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**Education Quiz**

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# States Sue To Stop Formation of Association Health Plans

By Ray Arouesty

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Last year President Trump announced that the Department of Labor would begin establishing rules permitting the establishment of Association Health Insurance Plans. The announcement was met with enthusiasm by many groups, including IPSSA, who viewed the announcement as an opportunity to offer its members comprehensive health insurance coverage at reduced rates.

On July 26, 2018, however, the Attorney Generals for 11 states filed a lawsuit against the Department of Labor claiming that the new Association Health Plan regulations violate the Affordable Care Act, ERISA, and the Administrative Procedure Act. The states filing the suit include Massachusetts, New York, California, Washington, Oregon, Delaware, Kentucky, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

In the suit the Attorneys General claim that by allowing the formation of Association Health Insurance Plans the Department of Labor undermined the Affordable Care Act and threatened states and the existing small group health insurance plans. They state that small employers should not be exempt from the requirements to participate under the regulations of the Affordable Health Care Act. The lawsuit also states that the Department of Labor exceeded its authority and violated the Administrative Procedural Act and ERISA by unilaterally redefining the term “employee” to include business owners and sole proprietors.

This is a blow to small business owners and the new development has put at least a temporary halt to our efforts to create a group association health insurance for IPSSA. Insurance carriers have indicated they will wait on the outcome of the lawsuit before considering any Association Health Insurance Plans.

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## A Message from the President

**David Hawes, IPSSA President, Region 1 Director**

Hi Everyone,  
I hope you have been having a successful and profitable season. Everyone I talk to in every part of the country seems to be having a banner year. What a blessing to be in an industry that allows so many of us to do something we love to do and get paid for it. I want to take an opportunity to speak to the many folks that work hard and don't get paid. As your President, I get to see a large part of the IPSSA landscape in terms of the many volunteers that serve as chapter officers. Those of us on the Board Of Regional Directors are so thankful for the time and effort all of you put in regularly to provide meetings, educational venues, recreational activities, and community projects so successful.

When someone considers membership in IPSSA, we want them to know they are joining an organization that is interested in making them a better pool technician, and a better business owner. I think we overlook our mission sometimes and need to get back to the basics of helping one another succeed. Try to remember when we started in the business and how much we valued the help we received from members of our association. It created a bond that helped IPSSA grow in the early years as peers, not competitors. Meetings with valuable information being distributed for all of us to learn and keep up with current laws, chemistry products, and cool gadgets for us to use in the servicing of pools and spas. I fear at times that we have lost a little of that desire to help others in our industry. We get caught up in the politics of the business, and criticize the success of others, rather than pitching in, getting involved, and being happy when someone's hard work pays off.

All of us on the BORD are working hard to provide an environment for members to get involved. We welcome input and help from any of you that are willing to jump in and assist. We also want to hear how you think we are doing. All of us know what a performance review is. If you have never had one, you don't know what you are missing. HaHa. I think it is important at scheduled times to look back at how your organization is doing. Have the changes been constructive? Have they improved our association? Some of you may not even know there have been some changes. I want to start by telling you what an amazing group of volunteers (not paid) we have running IPSSA. Your Directors have only been operating as a team since February and have accomplished a lot. I will try to list just a few things that have occurred in the last 7 months beginning with the Leadership Weekend.

1) We have a new Executive Director. Rose Smoot has been working very closely with the BORD on how to properly run an Association. She comes to us with a wealth of experience and has shown us many ways to increase efficiency in operating as a governing body.

2) As part of that efficiency model, the BORD has reduced the number of BORD committees from 13 to 6. We have also solicited members to join these committees for more input and ideas from those of you wanting to share your energy.

These committees have video meetings that to interact and get their work done without the challenges of having face to face meetings.

3) The very first IPSSA BORD meeting was held this month. We were able to hold the meeting, get all of the work done, all without leaving our respective offices (and we finished 5 minutes early). No flights, hotels, dinners, etc. With our current mission to cut expenses, this proved to be a huge cost savings.

4) The IPSSA Scholarship Fund is undergoing a change in operating procedures. A task force is busy finalizing a new model and process for scholarships. Expect to hear more as this rebuilding of guidelines progresses.

These are just a few of the things your directors are hard at work on. Many chapters have so much happening in the area of



community service. I can't name them all, but looking at the BORD activities, chapter programs, and even the individuals covering sick route, I would give IPSSA great marks for a performance review. There are exciting things going on with our association. I want to encourage you to get involved and help out where and when you can. Let's move forward with a renewed zeal to make IPSSA the kind of association everyone is proud to be a member of. I know I am. Together we all can make a difference. Stay tuned.

## Hurricane Harvey Relief: Correction

In the Article that was previously run in the August issue of the IPSSAN regarding Hurricane Harvey Relief that was provided to Lenor Gutierrez there was some misinformation.

While we thank Service Industry News for the help they've provided this family they've brought it to our attention that they didn't actually donate \$500. Rather Service Industry News in their words "merely organized the dispersal of any contributions that were collected."

To that end, we directed a generous donation from chapter members of the Swimming Pool Association of Hawaii to the vic-

tims of both hurricanes.

Last September, SPAH members wrote checks for \$250 to be given each to victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. It was hoped that their \$500 total donation would help hurricane victims back on their feet.

It is the good-hearted service professionals of the Swimming Pool Association of Hawaii that deserve the recognition and thanks."

They ask that we issue a correction and give credit where credit is due.

Thank you to Carrie DiBrell of Service Industry News for alerting us to that mistake.

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# Hey Ray!

Answers to recent questions asked to IPSSA's insurance broker



**By Ray Arouesty**

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This month's question is from a member in the San Fernando Valley Chapter

**Question**

I just received a phone call from the property manager at a motel telling me that a disgruntled guest poured a bottle of anti-freeze into the pool. They are asking me to handle it but I've never dealt with a situation like this before. Do you have any advice?

**Answer:**

Antifreeze in a pool is a first

for me, but I think you should handle it like any other contaminated water situation. First you should close the pool at once to avoid anyone from swimming in the pool. Adequate signage on the gates would be prudent as well. You may be tempted to immediately drain the pool, but I'd proceed with caution. Municipalities have very specific rules regarding draining pool water into the street or sewer and you may be prohibited to drain pool water contaminated with antifreeze. A violation could subject you to a fine or even criminal prosecution, neither of which are covered by general liability insurance policies.

Assuming you can drain the water you should refer to the label on the antifreeze bottle/MSDS

sheet for the recommended clean-up procedures. Consider contacting the manufacturer as well. You may need to pressure wash the plaster to remove any residue after draining. Don't forget to clean the filter and address the filter grids. You also need to consider that the

liquid poured into the pool might not be anti-freeze despite the fact that it came from an antifreeze bottle. The only way to know for sure would be with lab testing - an expensive proposition.

Finally, since summer temperatures in your area exceed 100 degrees, it may not be the best time to drain a pool. An empty pool is at risk for plaster damage including cracking and delamination, so you should get a detailed waiver, release, and hold harmless

agreement from the pool owner. Keep in mind that you also are at risk if the customer challenges the validity or enforceability of the waiver form.

Maybe this is a job you want to decline, given the uncertainty of the chemical and the risk of damage to the pool shell. If so, advise the customer to contact a company that specializes in hazardous waste disposal. Don't forget to document your conversation in a certified letter to the property manager.

## REMINDERS: Quick Tips & Tricks

**By Mike Fowler**

Mike Fowler is a commercial sales and marketing manager for Pentair Aquatic Systems in Sanford, North Carolina. He has been with Pentair since 1992, starting his career in the technical services department at Purex Pool Products. Fowler has held many managerial roles within the company, including marketing, account management and products. He can be reached via email at mike.fowler@pentair.com.

September is one of the busy months of summer—when high-temperatures bring high-bather loads to swimming pools. To keep pools running smoothly, busy service professionals can benefit from remembering three simple rules of thumb: Test, Treat & Maintain.

**TEST:** Equipment Inspections  
Inspect all equipment before busy summer months. A pump or filter that fails in season, could

cause a shutdown. Be proactive and have extra pump motors and extra filter media (such as sand) on hand. Also be sure that all baskets and filters are clean and free of debris.

**TREAT:** Air & Water Quality  
Aquatic safety begins with water clarity—be sure the main drain is clearly visible from the pool deck. Allow time for seasonal shock treatments to remove bacteria. Install a UV unit (recommended by MAHC) as an extra layer of protection against E.Coli and Cryptosporidium. UV also improves air quality by removing odors caused by chloramines. Take the time to learn more about new, smaller, affordable units that are NSF approved—making them accessible to both residential and commercial pools! By installing a UV unit, you give your customers cleaner pool water and increase your profits!

**MAINTAIN:** Control & Main-

tain water balance

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You will be able to work with the IPSSA BORD to ensure your organization is doing all it can to help the members and the community it serves.

The committees are as follows:

- Marketing and Communications – designs and implements strategies for promoting IPSSA by continuously strengthening its brand and developing web, social media, and print materials (including the IPSSAN). MCC's objective will be to execute a comprehensive marketing and communications strategy which clearly presents IPSSA's mission and its services.

- Legislation and Regulation – develops and implements strategies to ensure that the association's public policies and government affairs activities are fully addressed and communicated.

- Membership Program – promotes and facilitates the recruitment and continuity of IPSSA members.

- Education – provides advice to the BORD on the strategic directions and development of the educational activities of IPSSA and public awareness to the community.

Important information about the BORD Committees:

Please submit your email intent with your name, and committee you wish to serve by September 30, 2018. For those that are already serving on a committee please submit your email

intent. At the Fall BORD meeting, committees for the following year will be composed, considering the volunteers that responded to the open call identified by the BORD. An email will go out to those selected as soon as the BORD has made their decision. Those wish-

ing to volunteer may select one-committee to serve. Committees may have no more than eight to serve on a committee. If interested, please submit your name right away. If you are not selected for the committee of choice, please know that committees change

through out the year and we will keep your name on file.

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"We are very excited to have Unicel represented by the Hasa sales force", said Christine Schaeffer, Vice President of Unicel. She added, "Both of our companies have a long history in the swimming pool and spa indus-

try and have been innovators and industry stewards. We share many common core values."

"The synergy between Hasa and Unicel will grow exponentially and we believe it's a great fit" said Rory Manley, President and CEO of Hasa. He added, "We call on many of the same customers and both focus on product quality and outstanding customer service

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# What to Do After Wildfires

By Terry Arko

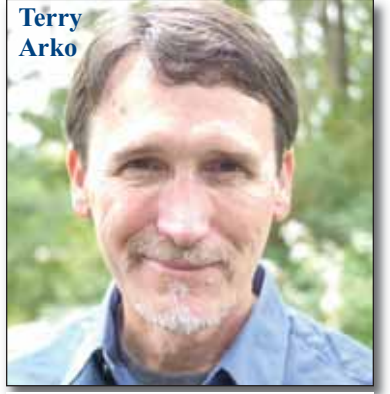
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No words can adequately express the condolences felt for those who have suffered loss during the recent wildfires in California and the Northwest United States. In the case of active

fires, the utmost concern should always be for the immediate safety of persons and property first. The devastation of wild fires this year has been particularly extreme. The following is some advice for pool professional in dealing with the restoration and



repair of swimming pools after a wildfire.

### During the fire

Water pressure and water quality at the source will be affected during and after times of wild fires. For residents trying to protect their property, using the hose may not always be effective. In some cases where water pressure becomes an issue during the fire, some fire departments may incorporate pumps in the pool to use the water for protecting homes. Homeowners in wildfire areas can also buy pumps that can soak down their property. These pumps can typically work at a flow of 150 gpm and can disperse the contents of a 20,000-gallon pool within 2 hours. Pool techs should be aware ahead of time of this possibility and should check that hydrostatic relief valves are in place on these pools to prevent the pool vessels from popping out of the ground during these emergency use times. If there is a high groundwater table or the pool is built over an underground spring, this could be a very real possibility.

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# Wildfires are Rampant—But how do they Affect Our Pools?

By Harold Evans

The wildfires are causing a major disruption across the United States. Not only is the destruction evident, but there will be a cleanup process once it is complete. There are lots of questions on how to properly clean up pools and manage the process. So, to understand this a little better let's start with the facts.

First, the ash that is created from the wildfires creates a lot of debris that needs to either be filtered out or vacuumed out of the pool. This debris can contain organic carbon, phosphorus, and nitrogen. These items can potentially create a phosphate and a nitrate problem for your pools. The ash will also tend to be more alkaline which can cause the pH of the water to increase. This is great for gardening, but we do not want these things in our pools.

Second, the flame retardants that are commonly used to fight



wildfires can be comprised of up to 10% fertilizer (like ammonia phosphate and sulfate ions). The mixture is dropped on the fires from planes and helicopters, and creates a sticky solution that is designed to help "smother" the flame until it can be better controlled. These retardants can also travel in the wind and could poten-

tially get in your pool...but probably only if you're relatively close to the blaze.

Third, unlike the flame retardant, the smoke and airborne particles can travel a long way from where the fire is being contained. It is not uncommon for this smoke to travel hundreds of miles and depending on how high it rises, it can be thousands of miles. So, if you're in the general vicinity of a wildfire it would be safe to assume you're being affected in some way.

As wildfires seem to be a more common occurrence and the winds are blowing, this reality is something that has to be managed. The debris settles in our pools and creates a perfect environment for chemical inefficiencies and stress on the equipment. Along with proper circulation and filtration, some of our products can aide in the cleanup process. Our CV-600 Enzyme Water Cleaner will help speed up the cleanup process by

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# Memorial Reception for Bill Peck, One of the Founding Father's of IPSSA

Submitted by Paul Grimes

The Memorial Reception remembering Bill Peck was a beautiful event held the evening of August 16th in San Marcos. About 10 IPSSA SD Chapter members attended and enjoyed meeting Bill's family. There was a brief bible reading and prayer by Bill's pastor, then people who



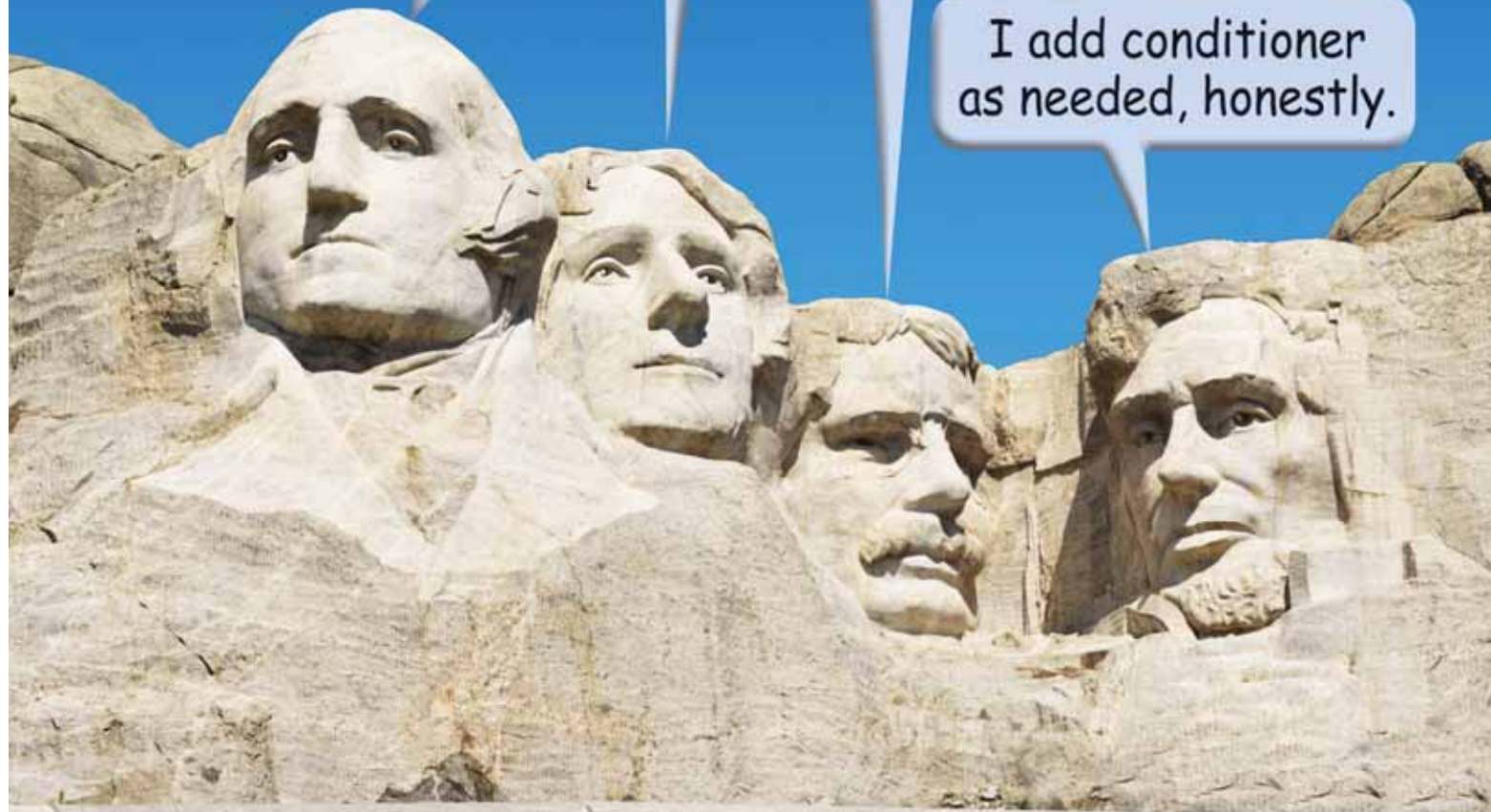
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wished spoke about Bill to the group. Several Chapter members spoke about how Bill touched their lives. The home had a 180 degree view to the east and a huge cloud to the east, which reflected the sunset, then lightning shot from the cloud - maybe Bill was watching.

Bill Requested that all in attendance dress casually preferably in Hawaiian shirts and shorts.

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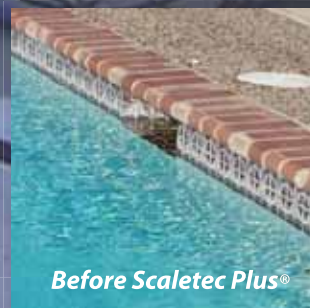
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during times of wildfires as result of possible high winds. Smoke, ash, tree branches, leaves and fire suppressant chemicals will all most likely end up in the pool. There is the possibility that live animals may seek shelter in the water or pool area. Do not attempt to deal with live wild animals on your own. Immediately contact your local animal control or wildlife management officials. Use extreme caution in and around areas where wildfires are still active. Protective gear such as respiratory mask, goggles and gloves may be required in these situations. It is prudent to carry some emergency supplies on your truck at all times. This could include bottled water, safety flares, a protective non-flammable blanket, a battery powered radio and flashlight. In addition, it is vital to comply with the emergency management in the area. Avoid areas of heavy smoke where emergency crews are setup. Service companies should never attempt to cross an emergency barrier or evacuation zone to deal with pools. Fire can change course and move rapidly especially in areas of high winds. If your route is anywhere near where fires are, make sure to have several planned escape routes thought out ahead of time. Smoke and ash can be a problem for miles beyond the fire. In the summer of 2017, smoke from the fires in British Columbia spread all the way down to the Seattle Washington area. The airborne ash and debris affected many pools in the area. Some of the pools developed filter problems and bouts of algae.

### After the fire

Great care should be taken when undertaking the task of clean up after a fire. Be aware of live downed power lines. In many cases in fire-damaged homes, the fire department will turn off the power. This is done because wires may have melted or been fused from the heat. Be sure to check with the fire department before attempting to turn pump and filter breakers back on. Only a licensed electrical contractor should determine the integrity of the breakers for the pumps.

### Pool Clean Up

Swimming pools in fire areas will contain ash, debris, firefighting chemicals and toxins. It is best when allowable to drain and re-fill the pool. Inspect the integrity of the pool walls, plaster, the pipe fittings, decking and surrounding landscape. The components of smoke from fire can cause severe lasting damage to equipment and structures. In addition, the chemistry of the pool will be adversely effected. Smoke is corrosive and oxidative. It will cause severe damage wherever it has settled. If equipment and decking are covered in ash and smoke, continue to use caution. Wear personal protective equipment and a breathing apparatus as well as gloves. There are many toxins in smoke and ash residue that can cause sickness. The best case is to allow professionals to deal with excessive clean up situations.

### The contents of ash

In the case of wildfires, there will be a lot of ash that ends up in pools. Ash from fires that burn lower than 840 degrees Fahrenheit

is mostly organic carbon. At a higher temperature, the carbon is burned away and inorganic compounds are left. These include things like calcium, magnesium and sodium. The fires in Northern California and the current fires in Southern California not only burned forest, but also homes and structures. Because the combustion rate is much higher for buildings, the make-up of the ash is much more different. At a very high combustion rate, the ash can

contain potassium and calcium oxides which create quicklime. If enough of this ash gets into the pool and then to the filter, it can create a limestone cement coating on the filter media. Ash from homes and structures can also contain toxins such as lead, arsenic and hexavalent chromium. Most of the ash that lands in pool water is also hydrophobic and repels water. This explains why the ash floats and is so difficult to remove

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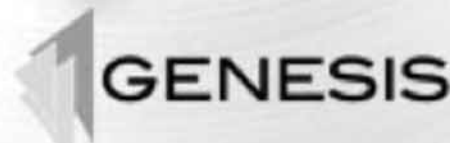


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by skimming. Changing the charge of the ash by using a chitosan clarifier or an enzyme can help in the removal of the ash.

### The ingredients of fire-fighting suppressants

Most of the dry suppressants dropped on wild fires are a made primarily of di-ammonium phosphate. The result of this is an increase in ortho-phosphate ending up in the waterways and in swimming pools. Phosphate in pools leads to many water quality issues and can combine with calcium to form calcium phosphate scale on heat exchangers. In 2003, the Cedar Fire in San Diego California was one of the biggest wildfires in California history. After that fire, pool service profes-

sionals reported a very high spike in phosphate levels in pools. This could have been in direct relation to the large amounts of phosphate-based suppressants that were dropped in the area.

In cases where homes were not damaged but were in a vicinity to the fire, the following steps can be taken:

- Remove all larger debris as soon as is possible.
- Brush all surfaces thoroughly
- Skim smaller material with a pool net
- Make sure filter is clean and in operational order
- Inspect all equipment
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## California Capitol Report

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Legislature that should make public policy, not the role of the courts to legislate important public policy changes. In addition, many businesses which have based their business model on the use of independent contractors need time to react and should not be subject to liability for complying with what had been the law in California regarding independent contractors for decades. The coalition has set up a website, <https://imindependent.co/>, as part of its effort to develop grassroots support for this important effort. Please click on the link and the box Take Action to inform all California Legislators that you support the right to work independently.

This is an extremely uphill battle as organized labor groups and plaintiff attorneys will actively

oppose the bill. With only three weeks left in the 2018 legislative session, there is not much time to accomplish this important task.

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## What to do after Wildfires

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free oxidizer

- Follow immediately with a clarifier to help remove small ash material to the filter
- Use of an enzyme can help break down some un-filterable non-living organic material
- Test and treat for phosphates once the chlorine levels have come down below 5 ppm
- Add a good broad spectrum algacide
- Clean filter as necessary throughout this process

### Further cautions

The extreme heat from fires can cause the ground to bake leading to a lack of absorption. The heat bakes the soil forming a solid layer that causes it to repel water. This is a condition known as hydrophobicity. When rains come, the hydrophobic condition of the soil increases the rate of water run-off. Water can concentrate in these areas causing erosion. Excessive erosion can come from firefighting efforts and lead to flooding during rains. Pool areas need protection with sand bags or other diversion methods to drains to prevent an influx of floodwater in the pool.

Pools drained during the fire will need to be inspected for damage to plaster surfaces, deck areas and all equipment connections. Most likely, these pools will need to be re-surfaced before regular use can begin.

### In Conclusion:

- Use extreme caution in areas where wildfires are active.
- Always check ahead of time with emergency management personnel before attempting to enter neighborhoods where fires have been.
- Wear smoke protection when necessary (breathing mask and goggles).
- Water in pools can contain toxins from smoke and ash and firefighting chemicals it is best to drain when possible. No one should ever swim in a pool in the immediate aftermath of a fire.
- Remember that wildfires can move fast and change course in seconds. Have more than one escape route planned ahead of time. It is best to stay out of the area.
- Shock, floc, enzyme, phosphate removal and algae prevention are all good remedial treatments once the fires are gone.
- Check and inspect all equipment thoroughly during the clean-up process. Filters may need to be backwashed and cleaned frequently during this time.
- Ensure that pools equipped with firehose pumps also have hydrostatic relief valves to prevent popping from rapid draining.
- Be aware of erosion and flooding problems that may occur from damaged soil. Sand bag any vulnerable areas in advance. Ensure that the flow of water is to drains and culverts to prevent flooding.

We have IPSSA logo gear available. Call the IPSSA executive office at 888-360-9505 to order!

## IPSSA Members:



It's IPSSA's 30th anniversary and we want to celebrate all year!! We're looking for pictures and stories over the past 30 years which we will feature in the IPSSAN throughout the year. Please, if you have any great IPSSA memories you'd like to share email them to Katie Brunner at [katiembrunner@gmail.com](mailto:katiembrunner@gmail.com)

If you are having issues logging into your account on the IPSSA website/members only section, please contact Elizabeth in the IPSSA Financial Office at 888-391-6012 or [liz@cramerpcpa.com](mailto:liz@cramerpcpa.com) and she can assist you.

## Calling All Members!!

IPSSA is recruiting volunteers to serve on the IPSSA BORD committees.

The committees meet four times a year through video or conference call. With this format very little time is taken away from your business or family.

You will be able to work with the IPSSA BORD to ensure

your organization is doing all it can to help the members and the community it serves.

The committees are as follows:

- Marketing and Communications
- Legislation and Regulation
- Membership Program
- Education

For more information about the committee purpose and how best you can serve, please feel free to contact me, Rose Smoot at 888-360-9505 or [rsmoot1985@gmail.com](mailto:rsmoot1985@gmail.com)

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The PCC-R certification is a 1-Day educational course. It is 6

hours of chemical information, 1 hour for review and final questions and a 1-hour exam of 50 multiple choice and true and false questions.

A PCC-R certification provides service technicians, retail store staff or even residential pool owners with detailed knowledge of residential pool chemistry. The heart of the program are the chemistry book *Pool Chemistry for Residential Pools* written and published in 2018 with 226 pages and the "How-To" handbook *Pool Chemistry for Service Pros* which has 28 pages. This is a total of more than 250 pages about chemistry – more than 4 times the chemical information in some commercial or public Pool Operator courses. No other course in the industry has this much chemical information specific to pool chemistry in residential pools.

Students successfully completing the course and passing the

final exam will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement (shown above) and be certified for 3 years. They will also be given a Pool Chemistry Certified Residential patch to wear (shown above). They may also begin using the Pool Chemistry Certified Residential emblem in their advertising and company information (shown above). They will also be listed on the PCTI official website listing of all certified technicians. This helps pool owners find a certified technician in their area.

More and more the public is demanding that service technicians know what they are doing. Until now, there has not been any chemistry certification program. The PCC-R is the first of its kind in assuring the public by certifying service technicians in residential pool chemistry.

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### The first PCC-R courses are scheduled as follows:

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September 27, 2018	Concord, CA
September 29, 2018	Sacramento, CA
October 3, 2018	Canoga Park, CA
October 5, 2018	Ontario, CA
October 9, 2018	Phoenix, AZ

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PCTI plans to have PCC-R Instructors across the US to reach as many technicians as possible. Information about becoming an instructor is available by contacting PCTI.

It is not necessary to take the course to obtain the books. The *Pool Chemistry for Residential Pools* has a price of \$49.95 plus S & H and tax and the *Pool Chemistry for Service Pros* book has a price of \$8.99 plus S & H

and tax. Both are for sale on the website or by contacting PCTI.



One of the great things about IPSSA is the underlying commitment to help others in the industry. After all, this association was created on the principle of sick route coverage.

But, many members go above and beyond sick route, helping other members and their communities. These are IPSSA Heroes.

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Call the financial office

(888-391-6012) if you are not sure whether or not your Beneficiary Designation Form has been filed. If not, or if you want to change your beneficiary, you can download the form from the "Member Portal" at www.ipssa.com.

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