



A Message from the Director

The "White Paper" outlining the Society's mission and vision for the future was approved by the Board at its September 20 meeting. The document will be added to the Society's web site. Copies will be made available for interested members via email, and printed copies will be available at a later date. The purpose of the document is to provide a roadmap for future Boards of Directors and the membership, explaining our mission, where we came from, and our goals for the future. The objective is to remain viable for many years to come, serving our members and a growing company. The Quarter-Century Society, in its 90th year, helping those members who find themselves in financial need.

Your comments are always welcome.

Society Audit Complete

We are pleased to report that the Society's bi-annual audit has been completed. Once again, we received a clean bill of health. The audit covered the years 2010 and 2011. Conversion to QuickBooks facilitated the audit. The new process is faster and more efficient than the manual entry system which the Society used since its inception. Our thanks to Maureen Langenus and Board member Jack Ward for their help with the audit.

Board Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee to establish a slate of new Board members and officers for 2013 was established at the September Board meeting. The Committee will be chaired by John Hash, assisted by Connie Ferguson, Betsy Leslie and Frank Chirco. At least two Board members will reach term limitations on December 31; Terry Moore and Paul Langenus. Board terms are three years. Preference is given to Memphis-based members. Terms for officers are one year. Any member interested in serving on the Society's Board should contact Paul Langenus at IPQCS@cox.net

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Society's purpose is to provide financial aid quickly and confidentially to and for the benefit of a member or a deceased member's surviving eligible dependent who is in need of financial assistance in the face of misfortune or emergency.

Chapter Meetings

Many chapters are having their annual meetings now. The Savannah chapter hosted over 350 members on September 13. Mobile chapter had an estimated 200 members at their September 17 meeting. Representatives from Pensacola and Moss Point chapters attended the meeting. Cincinnati had their meeting on October 4 and Board member, Stan Weinrich attended and made a presentation. Carol Roberts addressed the group at Mobile and did an excellent job. Other meetings were held at Pine Bluff, Texarkana and Springhill. Ticonderoga is scheduled for October 9, and Georgetown is set for October 13. These meetings are a great way for old friends to reunite and to spread the word on the Society and its mission in helping members in need.

New Chapters

As previously reported, new chapters have been established at the Red River, LA and Valliant, OK containerboard mills this year. Red River chapter will be led by Chairperson, Cindy Parker. Valliant is being led by Chairperson, Scott Johnson. Moss Point has reestablished a chapter thanks to the organizational skills of Co-chairpersons Harold Frost and Thurman McNeese. They expect to have their first general meeting in late October. Over 1,400 potential members reside in the Moss Point area.

Calendar of Events -Fourth Quarter 2012

Georgetown Chapter - October 13

Memphis Chapter - December 6

Annual Meeting - December 7

Quarterly Meeting - December 7

“How-To” Manual

As mentioned in last quarter’s edition of *The Bulletin*, the “How To” manual has been updated and published. The purpose of the manual is to provide direction to the chapters on how the Society functions. Copies have already been sent to the Governing Committees of a number of chapters. They are available to any chapter desiring one. It provides background information on the Society, direction on starting a new chapter, and the forms required each year. Contact Paul Langenus for a copy at IPQCS@cox.net.

Society Financial Update

We are pleased to report that the Society’s investments had a market value of \$ 3.675 million as of September 30. The Society has clearly benefitted from an improving stock and bond market environment. At the same time, there’s little doubt that grant giving will be up this year. The economy remains in the doldrums, growing less than 2%. Members on fixed incomes are facing uncertainty with the combined challenges of increases in food and energy prices along with \$4/gallon gasoline. With the new year approaching and an unclear picture on tax increases, many people will find themselves in a financial hole. If you know of a member in financial distress, contact your chapter Governing Committee.

IPQCS Website

We are happy to report that our website is up and running again. Former Board member Stu Olson has been instrumental in reestablishing the site. Memphis volunteer, Marianne Duvall has been working with Stu to transition the site. This will include updating past editions of the Bulletin, adding a section for the Society’s recently completed “White Paper”, and expanding chapter pages. Having a functioning social media site will be critical to the efficiency of Society operations in the future.

Want To Help?

There are several ways that members can help the Society. First, if you care to volunteer, contact your local chapter Governing Committee which can always use help. Volunteering requires minimal time, just a desire to help. Second, you can help by sending ideas for stories for the Bulletin. We publish quarterly, but we can always use story ideas. And, finally, if you know of a member in financial need, please contact your chapter Governing Committee or you may contact us at IPQCS@cox.net. That’s what the Society is all about, helping members in need.

Chapter Bank Accounts

As mentioned in the last issue of *The Bulletin*, chapters have reported difficulty with their banks charging fees for low balance or inactive accounts. The Society has responded by providing funds to meet minimum requirements or sending checks directly to grantees, following investigation and approval by the chapter Governing Committee. If banking is a problem for your chapter, please contact Paul Langenus at IPQCS@cox.net.

What’s Coming Up?

Chapters are reminded that the Society is required to send form 1099 to all members receiving more than \$599 in the calendar year. We will be sending you a form to complete and return no later than January 15. Complete names, social security numbers and addresses are required. Accuracy and timeliness count! So, please help us by getting the information to us on time. Thanks.



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