

Illinois Historical Boiler Association

Newsletter

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Annual Meeting Set for March 28th in Bloomington

The Annual Meeting of the Illinois Historical Boiler Association will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009, 1:00 PM, again at the Gill Street Bar and Restaurant, 3002 Gill Street, Bloomington, Illinois (see maps). On the agenda for the meeting:

- Election of Directors for 2009
- Jim Schiller of Dresser Consolidated Safety Valve
- Review of the first year of the Inspection Protocol
- Review of the Directors' Meeting in Effingham

The meeting will be in Bloomington in an continued effort to reach out to all areas of the State of Illinois by coming together nearer the middle of the state. The big push this year will be on expanding the membership, especially to those folks in southern areas of the State. Pass the word wherever you can—bring a friend. The more members we have, the stronger our voice. Your 2009 dues can also be paid at the meeting, and your membership renewed. IHBA Pamphlets will be available at the meeting for you to distribute at shows this summer. Again, we want to keep pushing membership.

The following Directors have their terms expiring: John Dollinger, Gary Flack and Tom Martin. They have agreed to nomination for a three-year term. Other nominations from the floor will be taken as well, followed by the election.

Jim Schiller is the Territory Manager for Dresser Consolidated Safety Valve, based in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. He will make a presentation on the valves his company offers, and on maintenance and upkeep of safety valves in general.

Special Meeting:

There will be a special meeting of the IHBA Directors at the Iron Skillet Restaurant at Exit 159 off I-57/I70 in Effingham, at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 14, 2009. This meeting is especially designed for owners/operators in the southern part of the State to get together, meet the IHBA Directors and discuss pertinent issues. For more information, contact Tom Runty at 630/365-6879 (thomasrunty@yahoo.com) or you can call Bill Jansen or Joe Graziano.

The restaurant is not charging us for this room, either, so come early and have lunch. The more members we have throughout the State, the bigger our voice. Increased representation from the south is particularly important at this time.

Did you know...

That Dave Douin has resigned as Chief Boiler Inspector for the State of Illinois, and has moved on to accept the position of Executive Director at the National Board. Ben Bailey, assistant since 1991, has taken over as the Illinois' Chief Boiler Inspector. With the current financial troubles at the State level, it is unclear as to when or whether a new assistant will be named.