

Member Update ~ September 2006

This is your third quarterly briefing about SAVIR-related activities. These will continue until we build a more formal news feed to members. Something you want to know more about? Visit www.savirweb.org –Bill O’Connell

SAVIR Strategic Planning Virtual Meeting - October 10, 2006 FROM 1:00 TO 3:00 PM EDT

- What should SAVIR be known for?
- What should SAVIR accomplish in the next three years?
- What should SAVIR offer its members?

Join SAVIR members in a strategic planning discussion that will center on SAVIR’s mission, vision, and services. This is an opportunity to provide ideas and recommendations for the group to consider regarding the growth of SAVIR. Participation will be over the Internet, utilizing a web collaboration tool. Be a part of the advancement of SAVIR and join this important event. Additional information will soon be available.

Upcoming Election for Three Directors

This is a transition year for SAVIR during which you elect the majority of your Directors for the first time. In May you elected six out of twelve Directors to SAVIR’s Board. This fall you vote three more Directors. Members have suggested several candidates, which will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee. Later this month you will receive the slate of candidates from which to elect three whose terms will begin at the end of the 2006 Annual Meeting.

Annual Business Meeting- You are Invited!

Want an opportunity to meet your Directors and speak about issues for their consideration? You are welcome to attend SAVIR’s Annual Business Meeting. This will be held in the Otis Room of the Westin Waterfront Hotel in Boston on November 4th from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. This is just prior to APHA’s annual meeting.

Help SAVIR Grow

SAVIR has gone from 12 members in November 2005 to 72! Your President has committed SAVIR will reach 100 actively involved members by the Annual Meeting. Steve Hargarten asks that you each help him locate one colleague you feel will make a contribution to the early growth of SAVIR. Please click onto www.savirweb.org , select “Membership” to download an application. Your colleague can vote for new Directors, if you do this soon! Want to know who your fellow members are? Click onto www.savirweb.org, select “Membership”.

Notable SAVIR Committee Activities

Your standing committees are working. You are invited to join any of them; let me know your interest and I will put you in touch with a committee chair. Want to know more? Click onto www.savirweb.org, select “Committees”.

What is happening lately through the work of these committees?

Executive Committee

Steve Hargarten, serving as SAVIR’s liaison to NCIPC’s Advisory Committee for Injury Prevention and Control, commends you review its recent minutes (see attached).

Advisory and Public Policy

Under Charlie Branas’ leadership we:

- Partnered in support of an August “fly in” of Congressional staff to CDC to introduce them to its valuable works, including the NCIPC whose Director, Ileana Arias, made presentations about injury and violence research and prevention.
- Are joining with two partners to lead a September 19th Congressional briefing about the value of investing in injury research and prevention,
- Will publish this month with Research!America an introductory briefing about the value of investing in injury and violence research.

Organization Development

Gary Lapidus and Anara Guard last week led their Committee in its first meeting to define a work agenda for the coming year. Under this Committee’s oversight SAVIR’s web site is undergoing a total make-over; this will be released for your use beginning December. Note: have an idea about some aspect of SAVIR’s web site that would make it more useful? Please share this with me now while we are still in a design stage.

Scientific Policy and Research

Lenora Olson, one of the Committees Co Chairs, and Ann Christiansen will represent SAVIR during October at NCIPC’s logic model assessment meetings to help it identify research gaps to be targeted in future Center initiatives. Steve Hargarten, also a Co Chair of this Committee, will represent SAVIR at the September 19-20 CDC Partners to Partners Conference to further define CDC’s long range plan to accomplish its goals through working with its partners.