



REGION X VPPA BOD MEETING MINUTES January 11, 2017

Attendance: Michelle Steeler, Max Van Valey, Jack Griffith, Eddie Larson Margie Brice, Cliff Butler, and Jeff Carlson.

Absent: Rocky Simmons, Liz Norton, Tim Taylor

Agency: John Geppert, Darren James, Carol Henning, Mark Hurliman, and Sharell Lien

Planning Committee: Saprena Lyons

Chairperson Rocky Simmons unable to attend meeting. The meeting was led by Co-Chair, Max Van Valey.

Safety Topic

Cliff Butler: Snow issue, make sure that exhaust tail pipe is clear before starting car.

BOD / AGENCY / PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Agency Reports:

- WA - John Geppert
 - Darren James Reported
 - Two approval reports for Cintas
 - Recertification Columbia Vista sawmill
 - 2017 schedule being reviewed
 - Potential Trident location for a VPP site
- ID/Federal – Derek Engard
 - None
- OR – Mark Hurliman
 - 4 scheduled re-certifications
- AK - Michael Bowles
 - None
- DOE -Carol Henning
 - Currently at the Hanford Plateau Radiation project
 - Hanford Tank farm coming up in February

Financial Report: Jack Griffith

- Financial Report

- All expenses processed
- Close to final closure of Wells Fargo Bank

Approve Prior Board of Director Minutes:

- November 30, 2016
 - Motion made by Jeff Carlson to approve the minutes, seconded by Jack Griffith and the Board Minutes approved.

National Report – Jack Griffith

Rocky instructed Margie to send out the latest information from the last Region chair meeting through e-mail to all Board Members. Jack updated the Board on National VPPPA team news.

- Voted to change name of the Safety Conference to Safety Plus
- Abstracts open for conference workshops.

Region X Report: Max Van Valey

- March & April Conference Calls for BOD
 - March 1, 2017 scheduled
 - Review for April during the February meeting.

2017 Conference Planning:

- Sharell reported currently five (5) paid exhibitors.
 - Majestic Glove
 - Justin FR
 - Ergogenesis
 - Rasco FR
 - Working Concepts
- Sharell reminded everyone to get bios and time sequence of where each class is scheduled on the grid and send the updates to her.
- Contract for the Spokane venue are signed.
- Rocky reported communicated via e-mail that he received the cost estimates for speakers and the expenses are reasonable.
- Jack is working on sponsorship efforts in support of the conference. All Region X members will need to support Jack in supporting this effort.
- Jack communicated that Nucor Steel has paid for sponsorship. Jack will be re-sending another round of sponsorship letters.
- Max communicated that there are ideas on speaker gifts and Rocky has a list. Discussion and decisions will be conducted during the February meeting.
 - Backpacks or bags need be decided and ordered to receive in a time for the conference.
 - Need prices for backpacks or messenger bags. Contact AIM for pricing.

Region X Committee Reports: All

- Involvement opportunities:
- Communications – Jack
 - National Office Communication due for Region X update.
- Nominations – Cliff Butler /Tim Taylor/Eddie Larsen
 - Nothing to report
 - Nomination information needs to be updated
- Awards – Max
 - Nothing new to report
- Outreach – Liz
 - Unable to attend meeting
- Membership – Rocky & Max
 - Nothing new to report
- Mentoring – Jack and Max
 - Nothing new to report
- Planning – Rocky
 - Unable to attend meeting
- Leg/Regs – Jeff
 - First meeting scheduled for January 14th.
- L/M – Jack and Rocky
 - Nothing new to report

Vendor Opportunities and Assignment – Liz Norton

- Liz is out on short term.
 - The Boise fest will be manned by Michelle Steeler. Michelle will continue to do projects for the region in January.
 - Darren supporting the OR Governors conference in March and we will want a BOD to help with that venue, please consider. Jerome will be assisting. Rocky has the ordered items.
- Liz could help to gather items to send out (avoids a single point failure).
- Update Outreach Schedule
 - Obtain a copy from Liz.
- Discussion of Conferences & volunteers to be assigned to the booths.
 - Safety Fest: Michelle will be manning the booth.

2017 Region X Conference/Meeting Schedule:

February 6 & 7, 2017: Hilton, Vancouver

-Contact Sharell to confirm hotel reservations for the meeting.

March 1, 2016: Conference BOD/Planning Committee Meeting

April: TBD

