



## REGION X VPPA BOD MEETING MINUTES August 5, 2020

### Safety Topic

Tim Taylor: Discussion of COVID-19. Several cases have now occurred in the North Slope. Be cautious especially when flying and protect yourself.

**Attendance:** Rocky Simmons, Max Van Valey, Jack Griffith, Margie Brice, Curtis Reece, Tim Taylor, Saprena Lyons

**Agencies:** Carol Henning, Darren James, Justine Callahan, Mark E Hurliman, Sharell Lien, Elaine Banda

**Planning Committee Members:** Mike VanWyhe, Jonathan Hagen, Mike Welsh

### Agency Reports:

- WA - John Geppert  
Darren James reported:
  - Scheduling onsite, will continue to monitor situation.
  - Hired his counterpart and should start in October 2020.
- ID/Federal – Justine Callahan
  - Continuing to work from home
  - Onsite evaluation are still not being scheduled, only Compliance
  - Approved several federal applications
  - Johnathan Hagen was nominated for SGE of the year for 2019
- OR – Mark Hurliman
  - Continuing to work from home
  - Assisting with enforcement
  - Conducting virtual onsite evaluations
  - Possible, after the first of the year, to create procedures to conduct onsite evaluations
- AK – Christian Hendrickson  
Elaine Banda reported:
  - First VVP onsite in October
  - Submitted VPP Manual
  - Cases of COVID-19 are increasing.
  - Invoking precautions while visiting employers.
  - Received a budget for VPP to hire 3 members.

- DOE -Carol Henning
  - Onsite evaluations still on hold
  - Possible virtual evaluations in discussion

### **Financial Report: Jack Griffith & Sharell Lien**

- Financial Report
  - Status report conducted by Jack Griffith

### **Approve Prior Board of Director Minutes:**

- June 10, 2020
  - Motion made by Jack Griffith to approve. Saprena Lyons seconded. Minutes approved.

### **National Report – Rocky Simmons & Jack Griffith**

- VPPPA National Report
  - Overview of actions and virtual business meeting on August 11, 2020.
  - Encouraged all Region X members to join.
  - Link was sent to Region X Board members, Agencies and Planning Committee Members.

### **Region X Report/Actions: Rocky Simmons/Max Van Valey**

- 2020 Virtual Business Meeting
  - Discuss Region X format after the National’s conduct their virtual membership meeting to review for ideas.
- Planning Committee Interest Request Review
  - Michael Bessler – AECOM, Richland, WA
    - Motion made by Tim Taylor, seconded by Eddie Larson, approved by Board. Mike to join the Planning Committee.
- Plaque for Sharon Perkins: Jack Griffith
  - Max:
    - Plaque completed for Sharon Perkins
    - Innovation Award: GP
      - Max working on when to present the award and allowed.
      - Max will get photos to add to the website.
- Region X Website Status: Saprena
  - Continue to monitor and send updates to Saprena.

### **2021 Conference – Kennewick, WA**

- Conference Grid
  - All areas highlighted yellow on grid require the responsible person to confirm the training or trainers for 2021.

- Report during the October 2020 conference call.
- Justine - SGE Workshop
  - Confirmed that SGE workshop will be on agenda for 2021 Conference
  - Sharell confirmed that hotel has room for the workshop for \$600.00.
    - Margie Brice made motion to support the SGE training and allocate the \$600.00. Saprena Lyons seconded and motion passed.
    - Justine will send Whitney the dates for the scheduled SGE training.
  - Sharell to add room to the block for SGE participants.

**Region X Committee Reports: All**

- Nominations-Cliff/Tim/Eddie
  - Nomination applications were received for Board Members that are currently holding a position.
  - No new applications
  - Eddie Larson is retiring and one open position at end of August 2020.
- Outreach- Vendor Opportunities and Assignment: Eddie/Rocky
  - Washington Governors Conference cancelled but conducting a virtual conference.
  - Region X VPP will not participate for 2020.
- Mentoring-Jack/Max/Saprena
  - Members that have participated as a mentor for a VPP site should consider contacting to keep in touch. Includes sites that may have started the VPP process.
- L/M-Rocky/Jack
  - Jack will re-start the meetings. Due to COVID, the meetings were cancelled.

**2020/2021 Region X BOD & Conference/Meeting Schedule:**

Microsoft Teams Conference Calls: **(9:00 AK /10:00 PAC/ 11:00 MTN) 1-866-799-9419**  
**Conference ID: 281765579#**

- September 2, 2020: Process and schedule the Virtual membership meeting for end of September. 1 hour meeting.
- October 7, 2020: Main Topic - Conference 2021. 2 hour meeting.
- Kennewick site review. Monitor for possible travel.
- Sharell will contact Alaska event center/hotels and possible schedule dates for 2023 Safety summit.
  - Communicating with the Event center. No solid plans due to potential future issues with Region X Conferences.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Jack Griffith to adjourn; Curtis Reece seconded. Meeting adjourned.

  
 Marjorie Brice, Secretary, Region X

