

2015



The **21st Annual Region X Conference** will be called the “**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**,” and will be held on May 13-14, 2014 at the Red Lion on the River-Jantzen Beach, in Portland OR. The Conference theme will be “Bridge to the Star.”

For the 2015 VPPPA Conference, Region X will host our second SGE (Special Government Employee) Workshop, which will be held at the Conference Hotel on May 9-11, 2015.

The 2014/2015 Region X Board of Directors are:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Bonnie Anderson	CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC
Vice Chairperson	Michelle Steeler	URS Corporation
Secretary	Rocky Simmons	MSA
Treasurer	Don King / Jack Griffith	HAMTC Rep / WRPS HAMTC Rep / CHPRC
Director (Union Site)	Elizabeth Norton	HAMTC Rep / WRPS
Director (Non-Union)	Tim Taylor	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Director at Large	Jeff Carlson	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Director at Large	Jack Griffith / Edward Larson	HAMTC Rep / CHPRC Georgia-Pacific Toledo, LLC
Director at Large	Max Van Valey	Oldcastle Precast
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Jacob Ewer		DOSH: John Geppert
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Dave Guinn
DOE: Carol Henning		

Don King resigned as Director at Large to take on the position of Treasurer, then had to resign in September. On 6/10/2014, Tim Taylor resigned as Director at Large to take over the open position of Director-Non Union Site. On 10/21/14, Jack Griffith resigned as Director at Large and was approved to serve the remainder of the Treasurer’s term, and Edward Larson was approved by the board to serve the remainder of the Director at Large term.

The board positions up for election at the 2015 Portland Conference include:

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| Vice Chairperson | Secretary |
| 3 rd Director at Large | Hourly Director from Union Site |
| Treasure | |



Region X VPP Conference History

The following pages list the history of the Region X VPP Conferences and Board of Directors. These pages are in reverse chronological order, going back in time from 2014 to 1994. This format reveals one year per page for year 2014 to 2009 and 2 per page prior to 2009:

2014



The **20th Annual Region X Conference** was called the “**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**,” and was held on May 13-15, 2014 at the Dena’ina Center and Anchorage Marriott in Anchorage AK. The Conference theme was “SOAR Into Safety”. There were 205 attendees representing 67 companies. The Keynote was “Controlling Risk in a

Dangerous World – The Leader’s Role” presented by former Astronaut Jim Weatherbee.

The 2013/2014 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Bonnie Anderson	CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC
Vice Chairperson	Michelle Steeler	URS Corporation
Secretary	Rocky Simmons	MSA
Treasurer	Terry Schuebert	Idaho National Laboratory
Director (Union Site)	Elizabeth Norton	WA River Protection Solutions
Director (Non-Union)	Brian Stevens	Endicott BP Alaska, Inc.
Director at Large	Jeff Carlson	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Director at Large	Tim Taylor	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Director at Large	Don A. King	Washington Closure Hanford
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Jacob Ewer		DOSH: John Geppert
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Dave Guinn
DOE: Carol Henning		



Terry Schuebert resigned from the board in late 2013. The position was covered through the Conference by Bonnie Anderson with help from the Board. The board positions up for election at the 2014 Alaska Conference included:

- Chairperson
- 1st Director at Large
- 2nd Director at Large
- Labor Representative Non-Bargaining Unit

2013



The **19th Annual Region X Conference** was held on May 14-16, 2013 at the Davenport Hotel & Tower in Spokane WA. The Conference theme was “Mining VPP Stars”. There were 250 attendees representing 85 companies (109 sites). 74 were first time attendees. The Keynote was “Keep Safe, Keep Healthy, Keep Laughing,” and speaker Leigh Anne Jasheway had the whole audience at the Bing Crosby Theater cracking up!

The 2012/2013 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Bonnie Anderson	CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC
Vice Chairperson	Ella Iott	Clearwater Paper Corporation
Secretary	Michelle Steeler	URS Corporation
Treasurer	Terry Schuebert	Idaho National Laboratory
Director (Union Site)	Jim Chonzena / Elizabeth Norton	Weyerhaeuser / Washington River Protection Solutions
Director (Non-Union)	Brian Stevens	Endicott BP Alaska, Inc.
Director at Large	Jeff Carlson	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Director at Large	Jack Griffith	CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation
Director at Large	Don A. King	Washington Closure Hanford
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Jacob Ewer		DOSH: John Geppert
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Bill Nickerson
DOE: Carol Henning		

Jim Chonzena retired from the board in early 2013, and Liz Norton was appointed by the board to fill the remainder of Jim’s term.

2012



The **18th Annual Region X Conference** was held on May 15-17, 2012 at the Boise Centre on the Grove, in Boise ID. The Conference theme was “Gems of the Northwest”. There were 328 attendees representing 81 companies.

The Keynote speaker was Jeff "Odie" Espenship who presented "Getting Back to Basics is Vital to Superior Performance — It's the Little Things that Matter".

The former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, author, and renowned speaker motivated audience members to rethink and refocus their work behavior. Attendees reported that “this was the best conference yet!”



The 2011/2012 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Bonnie Anderson	CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC
Vice Chairperson	Ella Iott	Clearwater Paper Products
Secretary	Michelle Steeler	URS Corporation
Treasurer	Terry Schuebert	Idaho National Laboratory
Director (Union Site)	Jim Chonzena	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	Kemmer Sorrel	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Director at Large	Jeff Carlson	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Director at Large	Jack Griffith	CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation
Director at Large	Chris Thursby	CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Steve Gossman		DOSH: John Geppert
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Bill Nickerson



2011/2012 Region X Conference Planning Committee

at the

18th Annual Region X Conference held on May 15-17, 2012

at the

Boise Centre on the Grove, in Boise ID

2011



The 17th Annual Region X Conference was held on May 17-19, 2011 at the Red Lion on the River-Jantzen Beach, in Portland OR. The Conference theme was “VPP-Coming Up Roses”. There were 328 attendees representing 88 companies or organizations! The keynote speaker was Dan Clark.

For the 2011 VPPPA Conference, Region X hosted our first SGE (Special Government Employee) Workshop, which was held at the Conference Hotel on May 14-16, 2011.

The 2010/2011 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Bonnie Anderson	CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC
Vice Chairperson	Ella Iott	Clearwater Paper Products
Secretary	Michelle Steeler	URS
Treasurer	Terry Schuebert	INL
Director (Union Site)	Jim Chonzena	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	Kemmer Sorrel	ConocoPhillips Alaska
Director at Large	Jeff Carlson	ConocoPhillips Alaska
Director at Large	Bill Rippon	Georgia-Pacific
Director at Large	Chris Thursby	CH2M Hill
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Steve Gossman		DOSH: John Geppert
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Bill Nickerson

2010



The **16th Annual Region X Conference** was held on May 11-13, 2010, at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel in Anchorage, AK. The Conference theme was “VPP ... North to Alaska!” and there were 274 attendees. Bruce Wilkinson was the keynote speaker.

The 2009/2010 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Bonnie Anderson	CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC
Vice Chairperson	Ella Iott	Clearwater Paper Products
Secretary	Michelle Steeler	URS
Treasurer	Chris Adolfson / Terry Schuebert	INL / INL
Director (Union Site)	Jim Chonzena	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	Mike Morrow / Kemmer Sorrel	Monsanto / ConocoPhillips Alaska
Director at Large	Jeff Carlson	ConocoPhillips Alaska
Director at Large	Bill Rippon	Georgia-Pacific
Director at Large	Chris Thursby	CH2M Hill
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Steve Gossman		DOSH: John Geppert
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Bill Nickerson

In July of 2010, Chris Adolfson ran for the National Board and Mike Morrow stepped down as Director from a site without a Collective Bargaining agent. The BOD appointed Terry Schuebert, INL to fill the remainder of Chris’ term as Treasurer, and Kemmer Sorrell to fill the remainder of Mike’s term.

2009



The **15th Annual VPPA Region X Conference** was held May 19-21, 2009, at the Davenport Hotel & Tower in Spokane WA. The keynote speaker was Vince Lombardi Jr. The Conference theme was “The Tradition of Excellence”, and there were 288 attendees.



The 2008/2009 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Bonnie Anderson	CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC
Vice Chairperson	Rich Gibson	Rohm & Haas
Secretary	Maggie Duff	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Treasurer	Chris Adolfson	INL
Director (Union Site)	Jim Chonzena	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	Mike Morrow	Monsanto
Director at Large	Jeff Carlson	ConocoPhillips Alaska
Director at Large	Ella Iott	Potlatch Forest Products
Director at Large	Bill Rippon	Georgia-Pacific
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dave Baker		DOSH: Tom Norris
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Ann McCarthy



2008



The **14th Annual VPPA Region X Conference** was held May 13- 15, 2008 at the Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley ID. The Conference theme was “Stars of the West”, and there were 293 attendees.

The 2007/2008 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Chris Thursby	Flour Federal Services
Vice Chairperson	Rich Gibson	Rohm-Haas
Secretary	Maggie Duff	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Treasurer	Chris Adolfsen	INL
Director (Union Site)	Jim Chonzena	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	Bonnie Anderson	CWI
Director at Large	Rick Blackmarr	Masterbrand Cabinets
Director at Large	Jack Griffith	Fluor Hanford
Director at Large	Bill Rippon	Georgia-Pacific
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dave Baker	WISHA became DOSH: Ken Werenko	
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM	AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz	

2007



The **13th Annual VPPA Region X Conference** was held May 22-24, 2007 at the Downtown Hilton in Portland OR. The Conference theme was “The Trail to Excellence”, there were 361 attendees.

The 2006/2007 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Brent Jensen	Potlatch
Vice Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Secretary	Maggie Duff	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Treasurer	Chris Adolfsen	INL
Director (Union Site)	Jim Chonzena	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	Bonnie Anderson	CWI
Director at Large	Rich Gibson	Rohm & Haas
Director at Large	Jack Griffith	Fluor Hanford
Director at Large	Bill Rippon	Georgia-Pacific
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dave Baker	WISHA: Ken Werenko	
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM	AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz	

Also in November of 2007, for the first time, Region X held a second VPP Application Workshop[®]. The workshop was held in Roseburg OR, and was attended by 30 persons representing 19 companies from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

2006



The **12th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 23-25, 2006 at the Davenport in Spokane WA. The Conference theme was “Return to the Beginning”, and there were 285 attendees.

The 2005/2006 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Brent Jensen	Potlatch
Vice Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Secretary	Chris Adolfson	INL
Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch Consumer Products
Director (Union Site)	Jim Chonzena	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	Bonnie Anderson	CWI
Director at Large	Rich Gibson	Rohm & Haas
Director at Large	Jack Griffith	Fluor Hanford
Director at Large	Bill Rippon	Georgia-Pacific
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dave Baker		WISHA: Ken Werenko
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz

2005



The **11th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 3-5, 2005 at the Doubletree Riverside in Boise ID. The Conference theme was “Discover the Star”, and there were 249 attendees.

The 2004/2005 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Chris Thursby	Monsanto
Vice Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Secretary	Chris Adolfson	INL
Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch Consumer Products
Director (Union Site)	Gale Ahrens	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	Bonnie Anderson	CWI
Director at Large	Brent Jensen	Potlatch
Director at Large	Jack Griffith	Fluor Hanford
Director at Large	Bill Rippon	Georgia-Pacific
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dave Baker		WISHA: Ken Werenko
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz

2004



The **10th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 18 - 20 2004 at the Marriott in Portland OR. The Conference theme was “Celebrating a Decade of Excellence” and there were 303 attendees.

The 2003/2004 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Chris Thursby	Monsanto
Vice Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Secretary	Chris Adolfson	INEEL
Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch
Director (Union Site)	Gale Ahrens	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	Bonnie Anderson	INEEL
Director at Large	Bill Rippon	Georgia Pacific
Director at Large	Jack Griffith	Fluor Hanford
Director at Large	Brent Jensen	Potlatch
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dave Mahlum		WISHA: Ken Werenko
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz

2003

The **9th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 6-8, 2003 at the Red Lion in Pasco WA. The Conference theme was “Share the Energy”, and there were 331 attendees.

The Secretary/Treasurer position was split to form two positions in 2003, and Board Advisors were added to the Bylaws.

The 2002/2003 Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Gary McDonough	Georgia-Pacific
Vice Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Secretary	Chris Adolfson	INEEL
Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch
Director (Union Site)	Gale Ahrens	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	David Shelton	Rohm & Haas
Director at Large	Chris Thursby	Monsanto
Director at Large	Clegg Meadows	Potlatch
Director at Large	Brent Jensen	Potlatch
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dave Mahlum		WISHA: Ken Werenko
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM		AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz

2002

The **8th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held April 23 - 25, 2002 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene ID. The Conference theme was "Best in the West", with 228 attendees.

The 2001/2002 Region X Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Gary McDonough	Georgia Pacific
Vice Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Secretary-Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch
Director (Union Site)	Gale Ahrens	Weyerhaeuser
Director (Non-Union)	Dave Shelton	Rohm & Haas
Director at Large	Clegg Meadows	Potlatch
Director at Large	Lynda Stoneberg	WISHA
Director at Large	Chris Thursby	Monsanto
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dan Hoeschen	WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko	
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman	AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz	

2001

The **7th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 8 - 10, 2001 at Sun River Resort in Sun River OR. The Conference theme was "Valuing Peak Performance." There were 174 attendees.

The 2000/2001 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Mike Shuey	Potlatch
Vice Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Secretary-Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch
Director (Union Site)	Dennis Hernandez	JR Simplot
Director (Non-Union)	Jeanne Larson	Northwest Alloys
Director at Large	Terry Lish	JR Simplot
Director at Large	Gary McDonough	Georgia-Pacific
Director at Large	Lynda Stoneberg	WISHA
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dan Hoeschen	WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko	
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman	AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz	

2000

The **6th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 9- 11, 2000 in Doubletree in Seattle WA. The Conference theme was “VPP Reigns in Region X.” There were 187 attendees.

The 1999/2000 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Mike Shuey	Potlatch Corporation
Vice Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Secretary-Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch Corporation
Director (Union Site)	Dennis Hernandez	JR Simplot
Director (Non-Union)	Elizabeth Allen	BP Alaska
Director at Large	Terry Lish	JR Simplot
Director at Large	Dave Matyus	Solutia
Director at Large	Lynda Stoneberg	WISHA
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dan Hoeschen	WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko	
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman	AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz	

1999

The **5th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held April 27 - 29, 1999 in Coeur d’Alene Resort in Coeur d’Alene ID. The Conference theme was “Above and Beyond”, and there were 235 attendees.

In 1999, Boyd Schvaneveldt stepped down from the Board and was replaced by Dave Matyus. The 1998/1999 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Vice Chairperson	Mike Shuey	Potlatch Corporation
Secretary-Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch Corporation
Director (Union Site)	Dennis Hernandez	JR Simplot
Director (Non-Union)	Elizabeth Allen	BP Alaska
Director at Large	Terry Lish	JR Simplot
Director at Large	Boyd Schvaneveldt Dave Matyus	Kerr McGee Solutia
Director at Large	Lynda Stoneberg	WISHA
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dan Hoeschen	WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko	
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman		

1998

The **4th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 19 - 21, 1998 at the Jantzen Beach Doubletree in Portland OR. The Conference theme was “Journey to Excellence” and there were 182 attendees.

The 1997/1998 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Vice Chairperson	Stephen Brown	Potlatch Corporation
Secretary-Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch Corporation
Director (Union Site)	Vince Diaz	Pioneer Chemical
Director (Non-Union)	Elizabeth Allen	BP Alaska
Director at Large	Terry Lish	Simplot
Director at Large	Boyd Schvaneveldt	Kerr-McGee
Director at Large	Lynda Stoneberg	WISHA
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dan Hoeschen	WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko	
OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman		

1997

The **3rd Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 13 - 15, 1997 in Tumwater WA. The Conference theme was “Region X is Buzzin”. The Region began hosting the VPP Application Workshop[®] at all future conferences in 1997.

In 1997, the positions of Vice Chair, Director from a Site with a Collective Bargaining Agent, Director from a Site without a Collective Bargaining Agent and another Director at Large position were added to the Region X Board of Directors. Not all were filled that first year.

The 1996/1997 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Boyd Schvaneveldt	Kerr McGee
Vice Chairperson	Paul Hooper	Agrium
Secretary-Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch Corporation
Director (Union Site)	Vince Diaz	Pioneer Chemical
Director at Large	Terry Lish	JR Simplot
Director at Large	Lynda Stoneberg	WISHA
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dan Hoeschen	WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko	
OR-OSHA: Phyllis Straight-Millan		

1996

The **2nd VPP Conference** was actually the first Region X VPPPA Conference held by the newly formalized Chapter, and was held in Tumwater, Washington at the Labor and Industries building, May, 8-10, 1996. The conference had 99 attendees and 4 vendors.

The 1995/1996 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Boyd Schvanevldt	Kerr, McGee
Secretary-Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch Corporation
Director at Large	Conrad Watkins	Monsanto
Director at Large	Paul Hooper	Nu West
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dan Hoeschen	WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko	
OR-OSHA: Phyllis Straight-Millan		

1995

There was no VPP Conference held in Region X in 1995.

1994

The **1st VPP Conference** in Region X was held in Spokane, Washington in the winter of 1994 at the Double Tree Inn. Dan Hoeschen, the OSHA Region X VPP Manager, set up the conference. The conference lasted one day and had about 37 attendees.

At that time there were only three VPP sites in Region X and a Region X Chapter of the VPPPA had not yet been established. Region X became a formal chapter of Voluntary Protection Program Participant's Association (VPPPA) on March 6, 1996.

The first Region X Chapter Board of Directors (1994/1995) were:

Board Position	Person	Company
Chairperson	Boyd Schvanevldt	Kerr, McGee
Secretary-Treasurer	Kent Lang	Potlatch Corporation
Director at Large	Conrad Watkins	Monsanto
Director at Large	Paul Hooper	Nu West
Board Advisors		
OSHA: Dan Hoeschen	WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko	