



REGION X VPPA BOD MEETING Conference Call July 18, 2016

Attendees:

Attendees: Michelle, Jack, Rocky, Liz, Tim, Eddie, Max.

Absent: Margie (delayed flight), Jeff (work commitment).

Agencies: John Geppert (WA), Mark Hurliman (OR), Carol Henning (DOE).

Safety Topic: Presented by Carol Henning

Carol shared a story of snakes in a vehicle. A group was out in a desert area and when leaving the site, the driver felt a snake on her leg – and an accident did happen.

Lesson learned - take a look around in your vehicle before you leave and always make sure the door is shut behind you.

Approve Prior Board of Director Minutes:

June 2016 Board Meeting

Motion made by Jack Griffith and seconded by Eddie Larson to approve the June 2016 Board of Directors Minutes. Motion passed.

Agency Reports:

- WA - John Geppert:
John reported 32 star sites, with 1 withdrawal (US Gypsy).
There will be a safety network opportunity at the Starbucks roasting facility in Kent, WA in November.
- ID/Federal – Derek Engard
Unable to attend - no report.
- OR – Mark Hurliman
Mark reported 21 star sites, (3 audits last week all recommended for STAR).
OR OSHA redid their website and Mark requested that everyone take a look at it for links – some links may need to be turned on again – please let him know.
- AK - Michael Bowles

Unable to attend no report

- DOE-Carol Henning
Carol passed out a handout of lessons learned on heat stress.
Communication about the DOE process of 24-month transition for companies to remain in VPP. Contractor would assume current VPP standing but will need to state their wishes to continue in the program and establish that plan. We currently have one contractor in Idaho and one at Hanford in this process now.

Trends reported by all agency groups are mostly: falls, ladder issues, modifying tools/equipment.

Financial Report: Jack Griffith

- Report of financial status.
- We will have a close out of the 15/16 year and an audit of the books in August. Region X did contribute a 1K scholarship to the National office to be awarded at the national convention in August. Jack would like us to pay our conference speakers within 30 days of events (we will put the billing process in the correspondence).

National VPP Report & Outreach:

- Jack reported back to the group on national's activities, running candidates for national office, and an effort to participate in a combined conference in 2018 while in Nashville with the Tennessee governor's safety conference.

Region X Report: Michelle Steeler

- Michelle shared that our Fed OSHA Representative, Derek Engard, will be in charge of the SGE class in Spokane this year. Derek may be reaching out to the BOD for support – Jack will send an email blast out to remind folks and get them going with their applications.
- The BOD discussed some keynote speaker ideas and will share that preliminary discussion with the planning team tomorrow. VPPPA will give all the Regions a free registration – our Region is issuing the registration to Eddie Larson.
- Please contact Michelle with any needed updates for the Region X website.
- Region X will forgo registration fees for the Region X Conference for all of our Region X agency representatives who will be presenting.
- Outreach work: A BOD member will be present at all outreach venues and if a BOD member is not available we will ask our planning members if they would be available to man our booth. We need to build capacity for these events and learn from one another. All regions will be sharing best practices on how the outreach is working at these venues.
- Tim suggested to add our sponsorship application to the website and add sponsor information once they committed for a significant amount.

Region X Committee Reports: All

- Committee reports: All BOD assigned leader reported out on their committee.
- National Board meeting at the conference: Michelle will look at our slide deck and determine the process for the caucus meeting. Rocky will work on a jeopardy game for 10 minutes of history and fun.
- Michelle will set up a conference call in August to solidify the plans.
- National Conference Schedule – 2017 will be in New Orleans, 2018 will be in Nashville.

2016/2017 Region X Conference/Meeting Schedule:

August 9, 2016: Conference Call

September 2016: TBD

October 24 & 25, 2016: Spokane, WA (10/24/16 - Board Meeting - 10/25/16 Board/Planning Committee)

November 2016: TBD

February 6 & 7, 2017: Hilton, Vancouver

2016 National Board Meetings:

August 28-Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee, Florida during national conference (Michelle)

November 2- Board Meeting in Phoenix, AZ (Michelle)

No Congressional Outreach due to elections

August 2017 – National Conference, New Orleans

Vendor Opportunities & Assignment:

- See Attached Table to Minutes

Motion to adjourn made by Eddie, 2nd by Tim, motion passed.



Marjorie Brice
Region X Secretary