



February 22, 2016
Region X Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Heathman, Vancouver, WA

Attendance: Michelle Steeler, Rocky Simmons, Marjorie Brice, Jack Griffith, Liz Norton, Eddie Larson, Max Van Valey

Teleconferenced: Tim Taylor, Jeff Carlson

Agency Present: Mark Hurliman, John Geppert, Sharon Perkins, Carol Henning, Jacob Ewer, Sharell Lien, Debbie

Safety Topic: Carole Henning presented

Emergency preparation: Recognize equipment or items that can be used in case of an emergency and available when needed, as well as a secondary plan if the equipment is not operational. Example is that snow and ice can be used in an emergency situation to slow blood flow.

Prior Board Minute's Approval:

Motion made by Rocky Simmons and seconded by Eddie Larson to approve the October 2015, November 2015, December, 2015 and January 2016 Board of Directors Minutes. Motion approved by the Board. Margie Brice will forward the minutes to Rob Thomas for recording on Region X website.

Finance Report: (Jack Griffith)

- Sponsor checks are being received and current total is \$14,050.00
- Jack presented the total for the current balance of checking and CD's
- Checks for deposits for the Alaska and Spokane conferences are completed.

National VPPA Report: Jack Griffith

- Demand for Vendor booths at the National Conference
- Registration fees for the National VPP Event are going up for \$50 participants and \$100 for vendors next year
- More Training class opportunities are in discussion.
- Reported that 16 fatalities had occurred at VPP sites in 2015.
- June 6th-9th scheduled for next outreach program.

Region X Report: Michelle Steeler

- Bylaw Review Committee: Jack Griffith presented
-Aligning Region bylaws with the Nationals Bylaws

-Initially reviewed and approved by the Region X Board and sent to Nationals for acceptance. The Region X Board had some recommended changes for the committee to consider. Following committee changes they will be sent to the BOD for approval. Then to the annual meeting of the membership at the Northwest Safety and Health summit for final approval.
-In process of review before submitting to the membership in May 2015.
-Contact Jack for any further input or comments.

- Region X Website Updates: Michelle Steeler
 - Rob Thomas was contacted and changes have occurred to the website for contacts, updates, revisions.
 - All Board of Directors can contact Rob for updates to the website.
- Discussion re: BOD meeting and involvement and participation requirements/guidelines.
 - Michelle Steeler: Conoco Phillips Board members (Jeff Carlson & Tim Taylor) cannot attend the face to face board meetings due to budget cuts within their company.
 - Bylaws state that extenuating circumstances (see Section 2.12) allow for teleconferencing for the Board members who cannot attend due to issues beyond their control.
 - Future meetings, Board members that cannot attend will need to contact the Board for potential teleconference setup.
 - Jack Griffith presented the language change for the nomination protocol.
 - Max Van Valey made a motion to accept the language change and Rocky Simmons seconded. The Board nominated with 6 approved and one member abstaining. Motion passed.

Region X Committee Reports: Committee Leaders

- Jack Griffith: Communications
 - Looking for additional assistance on the communications committee.
 - Working on the Leader and will be reviewing a possible Region X newsletter.
 - Reminder that Region X information is being requested for The Leader.
- Max Van Valey: Nominations committee: Open elections positions for 2016.
 - Chairperson
 - Labor representative non bargaining unit
 - First Director at Large
 - Second Director at Large.
 - Planning Committee Members: Presented the names of Jerome D. Jackson, Cliff Butler, and Tracy Williamson to the Board for approval to join the Planning Committee. Motion made and approved.
- Rocky Simmons: Awards
 - Region X has several award categories for nominations

- Jack Griffith will send an e-mail for a reminder to all Region X Members regarding the awards and criteria.
- o Liz Norton: Vendor Opportunities
 - Developing a list of Region X Safety Fests/Conferences that members of Region X Board could attend for Vendor opportunities for 2016
- o Rocky Simmons: Membership
 - Nationals sent out cards for renewal in VPPPA.
 - Region X current list was obtained from Nationals database
- o Mentoring:
 - Collect data on recommending sites within the Region that have been active.
- o Jeff Carlson: Legislative:
 - No meetings have been scheduled. At this particular time unsure of the status of this committee.
- o Labor & Management: Jack Griffith and Rocky Simmons
 - Article in the Leader
 - Conducting workshops
 - Workshop of pulling the plug on VPP:
 - Mediation workshop to review why and discuss problems and resolve before unions or companies terminates membership from the VPP.

Motion made by Max Van Valey and seconded by Eddie Larson to adjourn.

Board Meeting Adjourned



Marjorie Brice
Region X Board Secretary

