



**REGION X VPPA BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Conference Call)  
March 7, 2016**

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

Absent: Jack Griffith, Tim Taylor

Agency Present: John Geppert, Carol Henning, Jacob Ewer, Sharell Lien

**Safety Topic:** Rocky Simmons presented

There has been major rain fall within the region. Temperatures are dropping in the higher elevations and slick spots in some of the areas, as well as hydroplaning due to flooding. High winds and thunderstorms are an extra hazard during the spring session.

**National VPP Report & Outreach: Jack Griffith / Rocky Simmons**

- March National Board of Directors Meeting and Outreach in DC (Jack/Rocky)
  - Rocky presented review:
    - Outreach program conducted and very positive meeting
    - Backfilling open positions
    - Conference Planning workshops confirmed
    - Labor Management Committee planning additional workshop
    - Awards: Deadline June 30<sup>th</sup>
    - Legislative Meeting: Communicated that not currently on a consistent schedule.
    - Mike Maddox is retiring after this year.

**Financial:**

- Jack Griffith e-mailed that a sponsorship check from Unisea for \$1,000.00 was received and the current sponsorship total is \$15,050.

**Region X Report: Michelle Steeler**

- By-Laws Review Update
  - Final draft sent out to all BOD members. All members review and communicate any final revisions before presenting to the membership in May.
- Region X Website Updates
  - Presidents message updated
  - Working with Rob on additional revisions
  - BOD members, review and communicate to Rob any changes

- Update to Committee Interest Form
  - Updated form for the commitment language to include a letter from supervisor/company for travel to meetings and conference.
- Future Meeting - Visit the Vancouver Hilton - meeting proposal for February 2017. The meeting date is February 20-21 which is the President's Day holiday.
  - Review for a date change to the week before because of the holiday issue. Michelle will discuss with Sharell to contact the Hilton.

**Region X Committee Reports: All**

- Max Van Valey: Nominations committee:
  - Review of open positions for 2016 membership meeting
  - Updated Nomination form for commitment language.
- Rocky Simmons: Awards
  - Jack Griffith will send out an e-mail blast as a reminder.
  - Award type and criteria is listed on the Region X Website
- Liz Norton: Vendor Opportunities
  - Currently have 17 vendors
  - Michelle Steeler will send out conference packet to all the vendors that attended the Idaho Safety Fest.
- Rocky Simmons: Membership
  - National sent reminder cards to renew membership.
  - Waiting to receive the list from National for Region X
- Rocky/Jack: Mentoring:
  - No updates
- Jeff Carlson: Legislative
  - Rocky informed Jeff that no set schedule has been communicated for the Legislative Committee Meetings.
- Labor & Management: Jack Griffith and Rocky Simmons
  - No updates to report

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

Board Meeting Adjourned



Marjorie Brice  
Region X Board Secretary