



Region X Minutes

Friday Apr 10, 2015

Conference Call

Attendance: Bonnie Anderson, Michelle Steeler, Jack Griffith, Rocky Simmons, Jeff Carlson, Liz Norton, Tim Taylor, Max VanValey.

Absent: Eddie Larson.

Agency: John Geppert, Mark Hurliman, Sharell Lien, Carol Henning.

Planning: Margie Brice.

Safety Share: John Geppert reminded everyone that there is an OSHA stand down with fall protection in May. This allows us to revisit the issue of fall protection with workers. Bonnie Anderson reminded everyone to know your location and understand the proper speed limits – speed limits can change dramatically (within a few yards), it's our responsibility to obey the law.

National Report: Bonnie Anderson shared that the state of Virginia has codified VPP as a line item in the state's budget (first state to do so). VPPPA is still working at the federal level for the same codification. The national BOD will be advocating on the hill in June, anyone who would like to join the effort please let Bonnie know ASAP. National VPPPA registration is open and attendance at the conference has been down by 10-15%. The national award deadline has been extended to the first week of June so please have companies submit their success and be recognized. There has been more movement with staff at the national level please look on the website for any support from that staff. Companies are advised to send correspondence materials to the general mailing address for the national VPPPA office, the office does not check the PO box listed that much.

Finance Report: Jack Griffith gave an update on the finances. Region X did have an audit completed and Jack is working through some clarification issues but sees no problems with the audit in the end. Jack educated the BOD on the 990 form and process. Wells Fargo transfer is complete minus a small sum in our previous account to still cover outstanding debt. Jack has received monies from 6 companies as conference sponsors – please keep working the sponsor support. GE will supply a home surveillance system instead of a refrigerator for the end of conference drawing.

Conference task teams: Michelle Steeler shared an update – the quilt has been purchased for \$290. Artic branding is supporting the golf outing for prizes (Michelle will work with everyone at the golf course as Tim's replacement). Need more applications for awards – please encourage companies to

send information in. Margie Brice has identified a photographer for our conference at a very nice price. Margie will continue to help developed a process to purchase pictures for those who will seek them. The band for the reception will be paid through the hotel contract.

Region X Conference update: Sharell Lien shared the grid up date with everyone looks very good. Sharell stated we have sold out our vendor space but if anyone would like to join refer them to her. Elections will be handled by our national BOD rep terry Schulte this year (vice president, secretary, treasurer, labor rep and one at large position). Jeff Carlson will send nominations materials to Bonnie Anderson for Terry to use. Jeff Carlson will also send the changes to the by-laws for the membership to review and vote on. John Geppert stated the VPP day on March 19<sup>th</sup> went very well – 166 were in attendance. The SGE class at the Hanford site was a great success 12 new folks were added to the program led by Jacob Ewer. Jack Griffith is putting together our newsletter so if anyone has anything they would like to share in the newsletter please forward to Jack before April 20.

Next Meeting: Conference call 8am Pacific Time Apr 30.

Motion to adjourn: Michelle Steeler motion to adjourn 9:09 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Carlson, motion passed.

Rocky Simmons



Region X Recording Secretary

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