

REGION X CHAPTER VPPPA

July 22, 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Region X Board of Directors

Chairperson- Bonnie Anderson, CWI, (208) 351-2962

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Director at Large- Don King, Washington Closure Hanford, (509) 372-9141

Director at Large- Tim Taylor, Conoco Phillips, (509) 995-5967

Director at Large- Jeff Carlson, Conoco Phillips, (907) 659-7590

Attendees: Bonnie Anderson, Michelle Steeler, Rocky Simmons, Don King, Tim Taylor, Jeff Carlson, Liz Norton, Brian Stevens (via call in) excused: Terry Schuebert. Agents; Mark Hurliman- Oregon, John Geppert- Washington, Sharell Lien- Oregon, Carol Henning- DOE, Sharon Perkins- Washington (via call in).

Meeting was called to order at 12:45 with a quorum.

Safety Share: Bonnie shared a recent scaffolding accident killing three individuals when the scaffold came in contact with a buss bar. Reminding everyone the importance of walking your path and have a spotter when needed. Bonnie also shared an incident on a butane lighter someone was using and it did not turn off as engineered – causing a fire – the unit was recalled. Michelle reviewed the evacuation procedure for the URS building with us.

Financial Update: Bonnie reviewed our financial record spread sheet sent by Terry; the report update is from Jan 1, 2013 to July 9, 2013. Bonnie advised we still have three outstanding bills from our Region X conference to pay out. Two CD's are still working for the membership and will be rolled over once matured. Motion to accept the financial report/update was made by Don King and 2nd by Tim Taylor, approved unanimously.

Region X Board Update: Bonnie recognized the new board members at this time. Michelle will transfer secretarial duties and information to Rocky during the two day meeting and Michelle will contact Ella Lott before the meeting in October to discuss transfer of the vice-chair information to her.

National VPPPA Update: Bonnie informed the board of the latest staff changes at the national level. There are now a lot of new individuals coming on board and an appeal from the VPPPA chair Mike Maddox is; please be patient with the new staff. Due to this change the national office is looking for volunteers from each region to help more this year – Bonnie will see who can help and send in the names (committed to attending right now is Bonnie, Rocky, Brain, Don, Michelle, Mark and John). Because of some new changes this year there will be no Sunday reception occurring. Also no region row so that more vendors can participate. Region X will have a small reception on Monday night at the hotel. Some congressional visits netted 787 visits within two days to senators and congressman about supporting/funding the VPPPA program. That work caused two more individuals to sign up on the bill.

Region X Conference: Sharell Lein walked us through the 2013 conference budget – all in order. Sharell then walked us through the 2014 tentative budget working through the possibilities as well as some challenges. The team will be working on the 2014 budget to support the conference in the next few months. A motion was made by Don King to raise some conference fees and 2nd by Michelle Steeler, unanimously approved. After a robust discussion on changing the conference title to a more open audience; a motion made by Rocky Simmons and 2nd by Don King to change the title to be Northwest Safety & Health Summit, unanimously approved. Bonnie advised that the discussion to potentially merge Region X with another region will continue but will not happen before 2018. There was a consensus vote to hold the 2017 conference in Spokane WA.

Action Item: Bonnie asked all committee members to create a mission statement for their assigned committee and bring that to our next scheduled meeting in Oct.

Action Item: Bonnie will verify what amount the Region X chapter will donate to the Steven Brown national scholarship.

Committee Reports: Bonnie addressed some candidate's applications for consideration for Region X committee work – two candidates Max VanValey, Oldcastle Precast Inc. Auburn WA and Kerry Clark, Boise Packaging and Newsprint Burley, Id. A motion to accept Max VanValey to the planning committee was made by Don King and 2nd by Tim Taylor – unanimously approved. A motion to accept Kerry Clark to the planning committee was made by Don King and 2nd by Michelle Steeler - unanimously approved.

Vendor Booth opportunities:

September 25-26 Washington's Governors Conference Tacoma, WA (Sharon/Rocky).

October 22-24 Lewiston ID, Safety Fest (Darren/John).

December 3-6 Western Pulp and Paper Conference Portland OR (Darren/John).

January 21-24 Boise Safety Fest (Michele)

April 21-25 Pocatello Safety Fest (Bonnie)

Post Falls Safety Fest (Kerry Clark – will report back on details)

Twin Fall Safety Fest (Bonnie will report back with details).

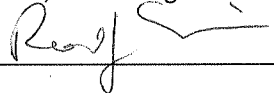
Next Meeting: Oct 28/29 Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel – BOD & Agency from 1-5 on the 28th;
Planning Committee from 8-3 on the 29th.

Open Discussion: Tim Taylor wanted to remind everyone on good protocols during our conference time and to review opportunities to be as transparent as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 4pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Rocky Simmons, Recording Secretary

Approved:  _____