



## Region X BOD Minutes

July 27 2015

Spokane WA

Attendance: Bonnie Anderson, Michelle Steeler, Jack Griffith, Rocky Simmons, Max VanValey, Eddie Larson, Liz Norton.

Absent: Jeff Carlson, Tim Taylor (travel restrictions).

Guest: Sharell Lien, Carol Henning, Mark Hurliman, Jacob Ewer, John Geppert, Darren James.

Safety Topic: Carol Henning shared an experience when she was boating and needed to charge her cell phone. The cell phone would not charge because it was too hot – be sure to understand the cell phone capabilities so they are in good working order and are able to charge when you need to. Bonnie Anderson stated it was important to reemphasize safety at work – some areas of concern are viewed as malice intent when we really just need to have better safety conversations more often (why we have rules and why we need to follow them). Also lightning strikes can be misleading (32 deaths this year with a total of 35 last year) contributed to lightning.

Finance Report: Jack Griffith reported the status of the finances. There will be an audit in Aug 2015 on the financial book keeping. Motion to approve the report made by Michelle Steeler and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eddie Larson – motion passed unanimously.

Region X Report: Nothing to update on.

National VPPPA Report: Bonnie Anderson, Jack Griffith and Rocky Simmons attending the national board meeting in DC. Jack and Rocky stayed on to support the educational outreach to congress about VPP. Jack Griffith will schedule a room for the Region X reception (Monday night Aug 23 from 7-9). Some of the VPPPA conference information has changed please refer to the national web site for updated information. There will be no chapter booths this year. We will have the Region X caucus meeting on Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 9:15 – 10:15 (Grapevine room 5/6).

2016 Conference Report: Sharell Lien shared the new business cards with everyone. Sharell asked everyone to look hard at the national conference app and report back on the functions to help determine if any changes can be made to the regions app. We will discuss the report for next year's conference in full tomorrow. A conversation about the golf outing next year yielded an effort to charge a flat fee plus \$5 to be more cost neutral – more details coming in the Oct meeting. Some discussion on the sponsorship process with Artic Branding. A motion was made by Michelle Steeler and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liz Norton to draft a positive letter to this company explaining the facts of the agreement and what we believe they still owe the region. Artic branding previously committed to a \$2500 sponsorship and for two vendor booth sections (\$900.00) motion passed unanimously (draft letter will be brought back to the BOD for approval). Discussion about cost cutting opportunities for the conference, everyone should think of ways we can do this for the next meeting in Oct (Sharell will take a cut at this while working through the conference grid and the finance worksheet). A discussion about current fees for conference – Region X is one of the lowest rates in the country. Motion to increase the conference fee by \$25.00 and delete the early bird process was made by Michelle Steeler and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eddie Larson - motion passed

unanimously. Sharell will continue to work the 2018 venue in Alaska – Sharell shared some results but feels she need more time to work out a proposal for the group.

Next Meeting: Skamania Lodge WA Oct 19/20. (19<sup>th</sup> meet at 1-5) - (20<sup>th</sup> meet 8:30-3). Note: meeting times may change either early or later – these are approximate times.

Motion to adjourn made by Eddie Larson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Liz Norton, motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Simmons 

Region X Recording Secretary

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