



Oct 19 2015

Region X BOD/Agency Minutes

Skamania Lodge WA

Attendance: Michelle Steeler, Jack Griffith, Rocky Simmons, Liz Norton, Eddie Larsen, Max VanValey.

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

Agency: Mark Hurliman, John Geppert, Carol Henning, Sharon Perkins, Jacob Ewer.

Safety Topic: Mark Hurliman shared a hand out on fall protection (attached). Michelle Steeler reminded everyone of the need to ensure their headlights are cleaned and clear. Animals on the road at this time of year are hard to see or notice – it is much better when your vehicle light are operating at full capacity.

Reformat Meeting Discussion: Michelle Steeler reviewed the suggested protocol for the board and agencies future meetings. The Agency will report out first then the board will conduct its business. This will allow enough time for our agency partners to talk about specific issues.

Agency Report:

WA - John Geppert, 32 star sites, 2 withdrawals (Carlyle Construction in July and US Ecology in Aug). Participated in the Mar 24<sup>th</sup> safety excellence seminar (appx. 190 attendees). Participated with a panel workshop in the WA Governors conference on Oct 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>. Terry Schulte from the VPPA national office also was present (appx. 1500 attendees). On Nov 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a networking meeting and Nucor Steel will be the host. New things to report – updated the video library for companies to access online. Reviewed and changed record keeping requirements. Work place fatalities now are under the 8 hour notification process.

ID-Fed – Jacob Ewer, there is some movement in the regional office setting with personnel. Jacob is now the acting area director for the Bellevue area (through the end of the 2015 year). Not sure if they will backfill the VPP coordinator job but there are 5 reports to be written (2) merits sites are approved. There will be (9) onsite evaluations to be conducted in the future. Also (4) new applications to be processed.

AK – No report provided. Jacob will contact Michael Bowles for any updates.

OR – John Hurliman, 21 sites (1) new application not accepted – but meeting with that company to see if they can participate in the sharp alliance program. (2) More applications received. The new saw that has been promoted showing the finger stop needs to have a guard on the unit, there was some confusion on that subject area but no longer. Oregon does not encourage the Merit designation but will honor it because it is still recognized as part of the program. Haz Com is the most cited failure area for OR OSHA office.

DOE – Carol Henning, there will be some contractor changes coming up in the near future. Working through some sub-contractor interface clarification issues. A serious arc flash issue on one site – a very good lessons learned was created if you would like more information on that please contact Carol.

SGE Update – Jacob Ewer, the manual was recently updated and will take effect July 15, 2016 (we may conduct some gap training at the 2016 Region X conference).

Agency needs: Region X BOD send letter of thanks to the department heads for the states, this creates a better connection and reinforces the positive support for both groups. Encourage conference attendance for the agency leaders and find more ways to grow the VPP membership.

Adjourn at 2:30.

Board of Directors Meeting:

Attendance: Michelle Steeler, Jack Griffith, Rocky Simmons, Liz Norton, Eddie Larsen, Max VanValey.

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

Guest: Mark Hurliman, John Geppert, Carol Henning, Sharon Perkins, Jacob Ewer.

Safety Topic: Carried over from previous meeting.

Minutes Approval: Minutes from July 27, 2015 and Oct 1, 2015 were reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve both minutes made by Eddie Larson and second by Jack Griffith, motion carried unanimously.

Finance report: Jack Griffith reviewed the report. Motion to accept the financial report made by Eddie Larsen and second by Rocky Simmons – motion carried unanimously.

National Report: Jack Griffith will attend the Nov board meeting for Region X. Michelle Steeler will get a schedule of the yearly meetings for the board to review. A motion was made by Jack Griffith and second by Eddie Larsen - to modify the Region X bylaws to include the requirement for board members to attend the national conference – motion carried unanimously. The bylaws committee review team will be Jeff Carlson, Michelle Steeler, Jack Griffith and Rocky Simmons.

Region X Report: A discussion on the open position for vice chairperson was done. Max VanValey stated no nominations were received for this position as advertised. A motion to accept Rocky Simmons as the vice chairperson was made by Liz Norton and second by Eddie Larsen – motion carried unanimously. The secretary position will be opened immediately, Max VanValey and Jack Griffith will work to get it posted. Rocky will continue to perform the secretary duties until the position is filled. Committee Reports: This will be tabled until the next call in meeting (November). Budget Discussion: Michelle reviewed the budget conversation adding we will be more transparent as a team – we want everyone's input going forward. Artic Branding issue close out – Michelle and Jack will continue to work with the issue with Jeff Carlson and Tim Taylor. We hope the issue can be resolved by the November meeting.

Action Items:

1. Jack to modify election protocol forms – will add to the website.
2. Max/Jack will advertise the secretary position. Rocky will continue to act in that position until it is filled.
3. Michelle and Jack will continue to work through the Artic Branding closeout.
4. All please send in outreach opportunities/specific information to Liz Norton.

Future Meetings:

Nov 5 – conference call.

Dec 3 – conference call.

Jan 7 – conference call.

Feb 22 & 23 meeting Heathman Lodge Vancouver WA.

May 17 thru 19 Region X Conference in Boise ID.

Vendor Opportunities:

Jan 26 & 27 – Boise Safety Fest (Michelle Steeler will attend). Liz will provide an updated list of other opportunities as she receives them from the team.

Adjourn: Motion made by Eddie Larsen and second by Liz Norton, motion carried unanimously.

Rocky Simmons   
Region X Recording Secretary

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