



REGION X VPPA BOD MEETING MINUTES March 14, 2023

Safety Topic: Curtis Reece

Curtis Reece: Weather related issues regarding unusual weather conditions that can contribute to slips, trips, and falls. Use ice melt, check shoes for tread and try to avoid or be aware.

Andy Foster: Sites that have contractors during the cold months need to be aware of locations where snow has been pushed due to parking and working hazards.

Attendance: Max VanValey, Saprena Lyons, Jack Griffith, Margie Brice, Curtis Reece, Tim Taylor, Billy Brown

Post Board Meeting & Safety Conference Planning Committee Attendance:

Agencies: Hana Patterson, Nicholas Hall, Mark Hurliman, Sharell Lien

Safety Conference Planning Attendance:

Planning Committee: Dale Combs, Melanie Keyes, Jared Davis, Justin Calwell

Agency Reports:

- WA- Nicholas Hall
 - Completing backlog of re-evaluations
 - Reviewing new applications
- OR-Mark Hurliman
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 - Interest from Construction companies
 - SGE workshop in April
 - Currently have eleven (11) participants
- Federal: Hana Patterson Andrew Martinson
 - Assisting Andrew Martinson with evaluations.
 - Hosting a trenching event
 - Safety as a core value regarding diversity
- ID: Mike McAnulty
 - Posting to fill the agency advisor position
- Alaska: Elaine Banda

- Not available

Financial Report: Jack Griffith

- Financial Report
 - Jack communicated status report of finances and sponsorship update.

Approve Prior Board of Director Minutes:

- None for review

2023 Conference, Kenwick, WA:

- Discussion of planning grid and revisions/updates to the workshops.
- Currently 31 exhibitors
- Andy Foster - Band confirmed
 - Tim Taylor: Made a motion to pay additional \$250.00 for band to perform until 10:30 pm rather than 10:00 pm. Motion passed
 - Andy Foster will contact the band to confirm the time change
- Jack Griffith: photographer confirmed
- Andy Foster/Jack Griffith: Color Guard review
- Jack Griffith: Gifts
 - Speaker & participant gifts ordered
 - Label pins ordered
- Tim Taylor: Requesting 3 nights of comp for a speaker conducting two sessions
 - Jack Griffith made a motion, Saprena Lyons seconded
 - Motion passed by the board.

Region X:

- Motion made to vote Billy Brown as Director-Labor Representative from a site with a collective Bargaining Agent to the Board.
 - Saprena Lyons made a motion, Curtis Reece seconded, motion passed
- Discussion of how to improve the assistance between the VPP Board and the State Agencies.

Region X Committee Reports

- **Communication: Andy Foster**
 - Region X website 100% operational
 - Look at assistance for social media improvements, Saprena will develop some thoughts and review with the board.
- **Nominations: Tim Taylor/Margie Brice**
 - All documentation to Tim Taylor for approval prior to the May meeting.
- **Awards: Max VanValey/Saprena Lyons**

- Sharell will send out an e-mail and forms to attendees to promote the awards program for 2023.

➤ **Outreach: Vendor Opportunities & Assignment: Tim Taylor**

- All Board & Planning Committee members search your state for safety conferences to develop a list and discuss during the next Board meetings.
- Alaskan Governor's Conference April 4 & 5, 2033 in Anchorage, AK
- SGE Training April 18-20, 2023
- Safety Fest Pocatello – May 9-11, 2023
 - Saprena and Curtis to attend and will request items from Max for the booth.
- Blue Mountain: June 5-6, 2023, Pendleton, OR

➤ **Mentoring:**

- No update

National's:

- Saprena communicated no new business to discuss.

2023 Region X BOD & Conference/Meeting Schedule

NEW LINK Conference Calls: (9:00 AK /10:00 PAC/ 11:00 MTN) 1-866-799-9419 ID#683739260

Conference Calls:

- May 3, 2023

In-Person Meeting:

- Meeting dates July 18-19, 2023
- Oregon OSHA Durham Training Office – Tigard, OR
- Discuss October 2023 trip to Anchorage, AK
- October 3 & 4th-onsite meeting in Alaska

2025 Portland, OR Safety Conference

- Currently no location selected for contract
- Discussion of continued use of the Jantzen Beach hotel. Changed ownership to the Holiday Inn.

Meeting Adjourned

Marjorie Brice
Secretary, Region X