



REGION X VPPA BOD MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2023

Safety Topic: Saprena Lyons

Psychological Safety: Shedding light on a great job of the physical hazards but also need to look at the voice: Behaviour based, pre-job briefings, give people a chance to express their concerns and they are heard.

OSHA is focusing on the construction industry and suicide rate. Factors include seasonal work, hours of work, etc.

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

Post Board Meeting & Safety Conference Planning Committee Attendance:

Agencies: John Geppert, Darren James, Nicholas Hall, Andrew Martinson, Hana Patterson, Christian Hendrickson, Sharell Lien

Safety Conference Planning Attendance:

Planning Committee: Melanie Keyes, Jared Davis, Justin Caldwell

Agency Reports:

- WA- John Geppert/Darren James/Nicolas
 - Caught up with evaluation backlog
 - In process of new site evaluations
 - Washington Governor's Conference last week of September in Spokane, WA
 - Continuing to review the Heat Stress and Wildfire smoke rules for implementation
- OR-Mark Hurliman
 - Unable to attend
- Federal: Hana Patterson & Andrew Martinson
 - One new evaluation scheduled
 - Conducted the SGE class and swore in 10 new SGE's and 1 renewal
- ID: Mike McAnulty
 - Unable to attend

- Alaska: Christian Hendrickson
 - Two re-evaluations scheduled and one hopeful

Financial Report: Jack Griffith

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

Approve Prior Board of Director Minutes:

- None to approve during this meeting

2023 Conference, Kenwick, WA:

- Discussion of planning grid and revisions/updates to the workshops.
- Sharell:
 - Registration is continuing
 - Bowling event is full
 - Shuttle service: Jack Griffith
 - Contracted for the time frame
 - Bus will return to the conference center after dropping off the bowling group
- Currently 39 exhibitors
- Jack Griffith: Photographer is confirmed

Region X:

Region X Committee Reports

- **Communication: Andy Foster**
 - Region X website 100% operational
 - Forms for scholarships and awards added to the website
- **Nominations: Tim Taylor/Margie Brice**
 - Receiving documentation for positions.
- **Awards: Max VanValey/Saprena Lyons**
 - Reviewed the Awards that will be presented
- **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.
 - Safety Fest Pocatello – May 9-11, 2023
 - Saprena Lyons and Curtis Reece to attend and will request items from Max for the booth.
 - Blue Mountain: June 5-6, 2023, Pendleton, OR

- **Mentoring:**
 - No update

National's: Jack Griffith

- Meeting in June with the Department of Labor

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:

- No virtual call in June 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

Meeting Adjourned

Marjorie Brice
Secretary, Region X