



REGION X VPPA BOD MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2023

Safety Topic: Sapren Lyons

Saprena Lyons: 11 Benefits of Being Positive

- Attached the list to the minutes.

Andy Foster: While in Alaska be very aware of your surroundings for potential dangers and natural hazards.

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

Agencies: Christian Hendrickson, Sharell Lien

Planning Committee: Jared Davis, Alesha Jorgensen

Agency Reports:

- WA- John Geppert/Darren James
 - Not able to attend
- OR-Mark Hurliman
 - Not able to attend
- Federal: Hana Patterson & Andrew Martinson
 - Not able to attend
- ID: Mike McNulty
 - Not able to attend
- Alaska: Mitch Wallace
 - Continuing to encourage new applications
 - Promote and support the 2024 Safety Conference

Financial Report: Jack Griffith

- Financial Report
 - Status update completed
 - Preparing for audit

Approve Prior Board of Director Minutes:

- April - September 2023
 - Curtis Reese made a motion to accept the minutes, Max Van Valey seconded, motion passed.

2024 Anchorage, Alaska:

- Discussion of planning grid and revisions/updates to the workshops.
 - Sharell Lien and Max VanValey went to the Dena'ina Center to meet with the conference project coordinators.
 - Review the grid sent out in July and update Sharell
 - SGE Class scheduled for May 17-19, 2024, at the ConoPhillips Anchorage building and published in the Federal website.
 - Contracts are signed for facility and hotel.

Region X:

Mike McAnulty sent an e-mail communicating a replacement for him:

- Stephanie Dovalina Industrial Hygienist, DOE-Idaho Cleanup Project, Facility Safety Team

Vote for new Planning Committee Member

- Alesha.Jorgensen
 - Tim Tyler made motion, Saprena Lyons, seconded, motion passed.
- Max and Saprena will follow up with Dale.
- Max to send out the bylaws for review and future discussion
- Margie to create the form of interest and send to the board to approve and have Andy put into the Website for committee member to submit applications.
- Discussion of how to improve the mentorship process in Region X for new sites as well as helping for recertifications, if needed.

Region X Committee Reports

- **Communication: Andy Foster**
 - Region X Website: Updates are in process to Region X organization and pictures
- **Nominations: Tim Taylor/Margie Brice**
 - No new updates
- **Awards: Max VanValey/Saprena Lyons**
 - No new update
- **Outreach: Vendor Opportunities & Assignment: Tim Taylor**
 - All Board & Planning Committee members search your state for safety conferences to develop a list to discuss participation during the Board meetings.
 - Tim Tyler discussing with Jeff to have Conoco Phillips sponsor a table at the 2024 Alaska Governor's Conference.

OUTREACH LIST:

- Western Pulp, Paper, and Forest Products Safety & Health Conference November 28-December 1, 2023 • Portland, OR
- Mid-Oregon Construction Safety Summit January 29 & 30, 2024 • Bend
- Cascade Occupational Safety & Health Conference March 4 & 5, 2024 Eugene, OR
- MEJ Seminar – March 2024. Tukwila, WA Labor and Industries.
 - Darren will have a table setup with Region X VPPA information and promoting the conference
- Northwest Safety & Health Summit by Region X VPPPA May 14-16, 2024 • Anchorage, Alaska
- Safety Fest – Pocatello, ID May 2024
- Blue Mountain Occupational Safety & Health Conference June 3 & 4, 2024 • Pendleton
- Washington Governors Conference – Sept 2024 (TBD)
- Central Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Conference September 16 & 17, 2024 • Bend, OR
- Southern Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Conference October 15-17, 2024 • Ashland, OR
- Western Pulp, Paper, and Forest Products Safety & Health Conference December 3-6, 2024 • Portland, OR

➤ Mentoring:

- No new update

National's: Andy Foster

- Discussion of a SGE Coordinator for reach Region
- Host a SGE training session for each Region for continuous education to assist the SGE's.
- National Conference in Colorado in 2024.

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:

- November 1, 2023
- December 6, 2023
- January 3, 2024
- February 7, 2024

In-Person Meeting:

- Discussion of March in-person meeting at Skamania lodge.
 - Sharell to review for cost
 - Possible March 12 & 13, 2024

Meeting Adjourned

Marjorie Brice
Secretary, Region X