



REGION X VPPA BOD MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2023

Safety Topic: Max VanValley

The importance of collaboration within your own team, external sites, and contractors. Important interaction and listening, knowledge and resource networking.

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

Agencies: John Geppert, Mark Hurliman, Christian Hendrickson, Sharell Lien

Planning Committee: Jared Davis, Justin Caldwell

Agency Reports:

- WA- John Geppert/Darren James
 - Open position to replace Nicholas Hall
 - Organization Change - Darren James is now the VPP Contact
 - Change in some sites due to high incidents and removed from the VPP program
 - Added two new sites and requests for applications.
 - All recertifications are completed
- OR-Mark Hurliman
 - Continuing to review potential new sites for VPP
 - Central Oregon Conference in September
- Federal: Hana Patterson & Andrew Martinson
 - No Update
- ID: Mike McAnulty
 - No Update
- Alaska: Christian Hendrickson
 - Awards ceremony in process
 - One new application

Financial Report: Jack Griffith

- Financial Report
 - No report

Approve Prior Board of Director Minutes:

- None to review

2024 Anchorage, Alaska:

- Discussion of planning grid and revisions/updates to the workshops.
 - No current updates
 - Review the grid sent out in July and update Sharell
 - SGE Class, Mark Hurliman to confirm on the Federal list.
 - Flyer is ready to publish
 - Use at the National Conference and collect business cards from groups to forward invitations for exhibiting.

Region X:

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.
 - Washington Governors Conference – Sept 27-28th, Double Tree Spokane, WA
 - Darren will use business cards and flyers to promote the 2024 Conference
 - VPPA Nationals September 17-20, 2023
 - Central Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Conference September 25-, 2023 • Bend, OR
 - Seguridad y salud laboral y sus derechos en el trabajo (Safety, Health, and Your Rights at Work) October 17, 2023 • Ashland
 - Southern Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Conference October 17-19, 2023 • Ashland, OR
 - 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
 - Central Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Conference September 23 & 24, 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

- No updates.
- Finalizing actions for the National Conference

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 7, 2024

In-Person Meeting:

- October 3 & 4th-onsite meeting in Alaska
 - Virtual meeting for those who cannot attend
- Discussion of dates in February or March for in-person meeting and location

Meeting Adjourned

Marjorie Brice
Secretary, Region X