



## **REGION X VPPA BOD MEETING MINUTES**

### **March 12, 2024**

#### **Safety Topic:**

Margie: Watch out for potholes. Damage to cars and possible employee accident. This time of year, roads need repair and shortage of repair crews to complete.

Billy: Car maintenance after winter driving conditions. Look for items that need to be replaced or repaired due to usage in the snow and rain.

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

**Agencies:** Stehanie Dovalina, Darren James, Abby Lopez, Mike Johnson, Mark Hurliman, Sharell Lien,

**Planning Committee:** Jared Davis, Alesha Jorgensen

#### **Agency Reports:**

- WA-Darren James/John Geppert
  - Introduced Mike Johnson – IH VPP DOSH
  - March 26, 2024: Maritime Safety Day, Puyallup, WA
  - March 27, 2024: Construction Safety Day, Puyallup, WA
  - Translation program added for bi-lingual documents.
  - Ergo program-hiring ergonomics
  - New legislation regarding warehouse work, trenching rescue, cranes, outdoor smoke, sanitation
  - New construction representative
- OR-Mark Hurliman
  - Sharp Alliance Meeting on Leadership
  - Scheduling audits 4
  - Fourteen (14) SGE's will assist with the reviews
- Federal: Hana Patterson
  - Federal Heat Rule in review
  - Emergency Response rule in comment (Fire fighters)
  - Andrew will return in April and will be attending the Safety Conference in Alaska.
  - Openings occurring at the Federal Level

- Annual evaluation in progress
- Onsite to start after April 2024
- Finalizing the rule for the Walk around rule regarding Union sites.
- ID: Stephane Dovalina
  - Overview of activities
- Alaska: Christian Hendrickson
  - None – Not available for meeting

### **Financial Report: Jack Griffith**

- Financial Report
  - Status updates of the checking and savings accounts

### **Approve Prior Board of Director Minutes:**

- Approval of the January and February 2024 Board Minutes

### **2024 Anchorage, Alaska:**

- Discussion of planning grid and revisions/updates to the workshops.
  - Review the grid updated by Sharell Lien

### **2025 Portland, OR – Holiday Inn Jantzen Beach – May 13-15, 2025**

- Review of the contract
- Offering Government Rate Rooms
- Complimentary Board Meeting Rooms
- Allowing our AV Company
- Request deposit to be paid in June-July 2024

### **2026 Boise, ID – The Boise Center – May 4-6, 2026**

- Review of the proposed contract and schedule
- Sharell will request RFQ for hotel rates

### **Region X:**

- Discussion of how to promote VPP membership with the VPP sites in Region X and have the sites meet the Board. Discuss with the State Agencies to promote with their VPP sites.
- Openings for two members on the Planning Committee. Max has been contacting several of the VPP sites to add to the Region X group.
- Discussion of promoting membership benefits at the various Region X safety conference.

### **Region X Committee Reports**

- **Communication: Andy Foster**
  - Region X Website: Updates are in process to Region X organization and pictures
  - Update dates on forms from 2023 to 2024.
  - Set an annual date in January of each year to update the dates on the website
  - Discussion of one person collecting the website updates and forwarding for updates.
  
- **Nominations: Tim Taylor/Margie Brice**
  - Chairperson
  - 1st Director at Large
  - 2nd Director at Large
  - Labor Representative Non-Bargaining Unit
  
- **Awards: Max VanValey/Saprena Lyons**
  - Currently reviewing
  
- **Outreach: Vendor Opportunities & Assignment: Tim Taylor**
  - Tim will be going to the Governor's Conference in Alaska to promote the Safety Conference for exhibitors and participants.

### **OUTREACH LIST:**

- MEJ Seminar – March 19, 2024. Tukwila, WA Labor and Industries.
    - Max and Margie attending
  - Alaska Governor's Conference Anchorage, AK April 2-3, 2024
    - Tim Taylor attending
  - Northwest Safety & Health Summit by Region X VPPPA May 14-16, 2024 • Anchorage, Alaska
  - Safety Fest – Pocatello, ID May 2024
    - Curtis and Saprena attending
  - Blue Mountain Occupational Safety & Health Conference June 16-17, 2024, - Pendleton
    - Jack Griffith
  - Washington Governors Conference – September 25-26, 2024
  - 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
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- **Mentoring:**
    - No new update

**National's: Jack Griffith**

- No additional updates

### **2024 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:**

- April 7, 2024
- May 1, 2024 (Will discuss if needed after the April conference call)

#### **In-Person Meeting:**

- July 30-31, 2024 OR-OSHA facility
- October 22-23, 2024 Try to schedule at the Holiday Inn-Jantzen Beach

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

Marjorie Brice  
Secretary, Region X