



REGION X VPPA BOD MEETING MINUTES October 2, 2024

Safety Topic: Max Van Valey

Proper use of PPE (Ear Plugs). Noticing the PPE, especially ear plugs, are not worn correctly. PPE should be talked about and communication of any issues.

John Geppert: September is flu awareness month. Be aware and make sure to get your vaccinations.

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

Agencies: John Geppert, Darren James, Mike Johnson, Mark Hurliman, Sharell Lien, Peter Wilsey, Stephane Dovalina, Mitch Wallace

Planning Committee: Jared Davis, Alesha Jorgensen

Agency Reports:

- WA-Darren James/John Geppert/Mike Johnson
 - Governor's Conference in September 700 participants and 80 exhibitors
 - Ergonomic Initiative for training a tools
 - Washington State Patrol has an initiative for lithium battery fire best practices
 - November 14th Ag Event
 - Networking meeting November 20, 2024, at the L&I Auditorium
 - Planning for the March 2025 safety & health lectures.
 - Currently 21 VPP sites
 - Communication with potential VPP sites continuing.
 - Focusing on the PSM sites and audits
- OR-Mark Hurliman
 - Scheduling onsite audits to finish 2024 and planning 2025
 - 22 VPP sites currently in Oregon
 - Working on a presentation of the pros for membership as a VPP site. E-mail to Mark any slides to improve the presentation.
- Federal: Abby Lopez/Peter Wilsey
 - Approximately 27 VPP sites
 - Requested budget to support the SGE and VPP Region X conference.
- ID: Stephane Dovalina

- Had to leave meeting
- Alaska: Mitch Wallace
 - Continuing to work on VPP membership

Financial Report: Jack Griffith

- Status updates of the checking and savings accounts

Approve Prior Board of Director Minutes:

- September
 - Tim Taylor made a motion approve the minutes, Max VanValey seconded.
Minutes approved

2025 Safety Conference Portland, OR:

- Continue to research tracks and potential speakers to input into the schedule for the October in-person meeting.

Region X:

- Ashley currently not able to stay on the Planning Committee due to circumstances with her employer.

Region X Committee Reports

- **Communication/Website: Andy Foster**
 - Review of the website once a month during meeting to send one communication to Saprena Lyons for implementation.
- **Nominations: Tim Taylor/Margie Brice**
 - Open position on the Board for Director - Labor Representative Union
- **Awards: Max VanValey/Saprena Lyons**
- **Outreach: Vendor Opportunities & Assignment: Tim Taylor**

OUTREACH LIST:

- Southern Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Conference October 15-17, 2024, Ashland, OR
 - Flyers setup at the Sharp Alliance table
- Western Pulp, Paper, and Forest Products Safety & Health Conference December 3-6, 2024, • Portland, OR

- Darren James & John Geppert to attend.

➤ **Mentoring:**

National's: Jack Griffith

- 2025 National Event will be in St. Louis, MO
- 2026 National Event will be in Nashville, TN

2024/2025 Region X BOD & Conference/Meeting Schedule

**NEW LINK Conference Calls: (9:00 AK /10:00 PAC/ 11:00 MTN) +1 860-785-9628
#460835274:**

- November 6, 2024
- December 4, 2024

In-Person Meeting:

- October 22-23, 2024, Skamania Lodge, WA
- March 2025 meeting. Holiday Inn Jantzen Beach walk-through. Reviewing dates.

Meeting Adjourned

Marjorie Brice
Secretary, VPPA Region X