



REGION X VPPA BOD MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2024

Safety Topic: Ashley Novak

School is back in session. Be aware of school bus safety. Watch out for children crossing roads and buses stopping.

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

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

Planning Committee: Ashley Novak, Jared Davis, Alesha Jorgensen

Agency Reports:

- WA-Darren James/John Geppert/Mike Johnson
 - Governor's Conference September
 - NW Ag Event
 - New construction site added to the VPP program
 - Networking meeting November 20, 2024, at the L&I Auditorium
- OR-Mark Hurliman
 - Extending Sharp Alliance for SW Washington
- Federal: Abby Lopez/Peter Wilsey
 - Introduced Peter Wilsey as the new Federal OSHA VPP Manager
 - Realignment: Region X no longer exists. Part of the OSHA San Francisco Region
 - Region X Decommissioning event in Seattle, WA either virtually or in-person.
 - Proposed rule for Heat Injury & Illness in Outdoor & Indoor Work Settings
- ID: Stephane Dovalina
 - DOE VPP program retagging the program and rewriting standard for virtual VPP assessments.
- Alaska: Christian Hendrickson
 - Not available for meeting

Financial Report: Jack Griffith

- Status updates of the checking and savings accounts

- Tax audit complete for the 990 reports for the National office

Approve Prior Board of Director Minutes:

- In progress to complete for the next meeting.

2025 Safety Conference Portland, OR:

- Action item for October meeting to bring documentation or send information for tracks and potential speakers.
- Business cards from the National Event forward to Jill for invite to the Portland conference.
- Jared Davis: Various drafts of the flyer developed. Jared will e-mail and action item to review before the October 2nd conference call for discussion.

Region X:

- Jack Griffith has a potential Planning Committee member. Working on documentation to submit to the Board.

Region X Committee Reports

➤ Communication/Website: Andy Foster

- Andy Foster has volunteered to continue management of the Region X website.
- 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:

- 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
 - 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:**

- October 2, 2024
- 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