# Region X VPP Conference History

The following pages list the history of the Region X VPP Conferences and Board of Directors.
These pages are in chronological order, going back in time from present to 1994. **Updated on 11/05/2026.**

**2027** The **31st Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," will be held May 18-20, 2027, at Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick WA. Tuesday, May 18 will consist of full day and half day workshops, and the conference classes take place on May 19 and 20.

The Conference theme will be "*Destination Safety*." The Keynote address will be "*Authentic Leadership*" by Amy Leneker. The General Closing session on Thursday will be "*Situational Awareness Training: Making Sure Your Pathway to Safety is C.L.E.A.R.*" presented by Jesus Villahermosa. The Region X SGE Workshop will be hosted by Cardinal IG in Hood River, the week of April 27th, 28th and 29th.

The 2026/2027 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Max VanValey | Milgard |
| Vice Chairperson | Saprena Lyons | Idaho Environmental Coalition |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CPCC |
| Director (Union Site) | Bill Randall | PCA |
| Director (Non-Union) | Mike Hill | MiterBrands |
| 1st Director at Large | Bobby Hammond | Jacobs |
| 2nd Director at Large | Billy Brown | Hanford MIS |
| 3rd Director at Large | Dustin Caldwell | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Peter Wilsey/Abbey Lopez | DOSH: Darren James/Mike Johnson |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Christian Hendrickson/Mitch Wallace |
| DOE: Stephanie Dovalina | |

In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2027 conference planning committee also included: Enrique Mendivil, Matt Erickson, Tim Taylor, and Chuck Smith.

**2026** The **30th Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," was held May 19-21, 2026 at The Boise Centre in Boise ID. Tuesday, May 19 consisted of full day and half day workshops, and the conference classes took place on May 20 and 21.

The Conference theme was "30 Years of Excellence." The Keynote address was "Building and Sustaining a Safe Work Culture" by Jeff Carlson. The General Closing session on Thursday was "Surviving the Active Lethal Threat Event" presented by Jesus Villahhermosa. The Region X SGE Workshop was hosted by Wright Brothers The Building Company in Eagle ID, the week of April 22-24, 2026.

The 2025/2026 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Max VanValey | Milgard |
| Vice Chairperson | Saprena Lyons | Idaho Environmental Coalition |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CPCC |
| Director (Union Site) | Bill Randall | PCA |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| 1st Director at Large | Bobby Hammond | Jacobs |
| 2nd Director at Large | Billy Brown | Hanford MIS |
| 3rd Director at Large | Dustin Caldwell | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Peter Wilsey/Abbey Lopez | DOSH: Darren James/Mike Johnson |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Christian Hendrickson/Mitch Wallace |
| DOE: Stephanie Dovalina | |

In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2026 conference planning committee also included: Enrique Mendivil, Mike Hill, and Chuck Smith.

The board positions up for election in 2026 include:

- Chairperson
- 1st Director at Large
- 2nd Director at Large
- Labor Representative Non-Bargaining Unit

## 2025




The **29th Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," was held May 13-15, 2025 at the Holiday Inn Portland – Columbia Riverfront in Portland OR. Tuesday, May 13 consisted of full day and half day workshops, and the conference classes took place on May 14 and 15.

The Conference theme was "Beacon of Safety." The Keynote address was be "It Won't Happen To Me" by Russ and Laurel Youngstrom. The General Session on Thursday was "The Little Things Make All the Difference" presented by Dan Miller. The Region X SGE Workshop was hosted by Cardinal IG, Hood River, the week of April 22-24, 2025.

The 2024/2025 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Max VanValey | Milgard |
| Vice Chairperson | Saprena Lyons | Idaho Environmental Coalition |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CPCC |
| Director (Union Site) | Open | |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| 1st Director at Large | Curtis Reece | Idaho National Laboratory |
| 2nd Director at Large | Billy Brown | Hanford MIS |
| 3rd Director at Large | Dustin Caldwell | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Peter Wilsey | DOSH: Darren James/Mike Johnson |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Christian Hendrickson/Mitch Wallace |
| DOE: Stephanie Dovalina | |

In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2025 conference planning committee also includes: Jeff Fry, Matt Erickson, Jared Davis, and Alesha Jorgensen.

The board positions up for election in 2025 included:

- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- 3rd Director at Large
- Treasurer
- Director from a Union site




**2024**

The **28th Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," was held May 14-16, 2024 at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage AK. There were 228 attendees from 9 states! Tuesday, May 14 consisted of full day and half day workshops, and the conference classes took place on May 15 and 16. The Conference theme was "Climb to Safety Excellence." The Keynote address was "Usability Mapping: Applying the Science of Safety" by Klaus Hofer, Pd.D. Chief Science Officer for Usability Mapping, Inc., Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The General Session on Thursday was "Great Leaders that Made VPP Happen," presented by Paul Savage, MS, SMS. There was an SGE Workshop immediately following the conference. hosted by ConocoPhillips Alaska on Friday May 17, through Sunday, May 19.

The 2023/2024 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Max VanValey | Milgard |
| Vice Chairperson | Saprena Lyons | Idaho Environmental Coalition |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CPCC |
| Director (Union Site) | Billy Brown | Hanford MIS |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| 1st Director at Large | Curtis Reece | Idaho National Laboratory |
| 2nd Director at Large | Andy Foster | Central Plateau Cleanup Co. |
| 3rd Director at Large | Dustin Caldwell | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Andrew Martinson, CIH, CSP | DOSH: Darren James/Mike Johnson |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Christian Hendrickson/Mitch Wallace |
| DOE: Michael McAnulty/Stephanie Dovalina | |

In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2024 conference planning committee also includes: Dale Combs, Jared Davis, Alesha Jorgensen, Stephanie Dovalina, and Ashley Novak.

The board positions up for election in 2024 include:

- Chairperson
- 1st Director at Large
- 2nd Director at Large
- Labor Representative Non-Bargaining Unit




## 2023

The **27th Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," was held May 16-18, 2023 at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick, WA. The Conference Theme was "Coming Together for Safety." The keynote presentation was by James "Jimmy" Hart, President, Metal Trades Department of AFL-CIO. There were 375 attendees representing 64 companies. 215 attendees were first time attendees! There were 51 exhibitors and 27 sponsors helping this conference succeed.

Region X sponsored an SGE Workshop that was held at the Oregon OSHA Tigard Field Office Training Room on April 18-20, 2023.

The 2022/2023 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Max VanValey | Carlisle WT |
| Vice Chairperson | Saprena Lyons | Idaho Environmental Coalition |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE River Road Generating Plant |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CPCC |
| Director (Union Site) | VACANT | |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| 1st Director at Large | Curtis Reece | Battelle Energy Alliance |
| 2nd Director at Large | Andy Foster | Hanford Mission Integration S. |
| 3rd Director at Large | Billy Brown | CPCC |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Andrew Martinson | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Christian Hendrickson |
| DOE: Mike McAnulty | |

In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2023 conference planning committee also includes: Dale Combs, Jared Davis, and Alesha Jorgensen.

The board positions up for election in 2023 included:

- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- 3rd Director at Large
- Treasurer
- Hourly Director from a Union site




## 2022

The **26th Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," was held May 12-14, 2020 at the Boise Centre, in Boise ID with a Conference theme of "25 Years of Sustained Safety Excellence."

Region X sponsored an SGE workshop scheduled prior to this conference on May 9, 10, and 11, 2020.

This first in-person conference since COVID restrictions were released, had 192 attendees representing 56 companies. 120 of the attendees were first-timers! There were 42 exhibitors and 18 sponsors, including 6 sponsors who were scheduled to sponsor the 2020 conference and transferred their sponsorship to 2022!

The 2021/2022 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Max VanValey | Carlisle |
| Vice Chairperson | Saprena Lyons | Fluor Idaho |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CHPRC |
| Director (Union Site) | Rocky Simmons | MSA |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| 1st Director at Large | Curtis Reece | Battelle Energy Alliance |
| 2nd Director at Large | Michael Welch | Owens-Corning |
| 3rd Director at Large | Don Slaugh | MSA |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Andrw Martinson | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Christian Hendrickson |
| DOE: Carol Henning | |

In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2022 conference planning committee also includes: Jonathan Hagen, Mike VanWyhe, Dale Combs, and Mike Bessler.

The board positions up for election in 2022 included:

- Chairperson
- 1st Director at Large
- 2nd Director at Large
- Labor Representative Non-Bargaining Unit

**2021**

**Continuing travel restrictions and Covid 19 issues resulted in postponement of the 2021 Region X conference by a quorum of the Region X Board of Directors on January 13, 2021.**

The Board was able to hold a **virtual business meeting** on May 20, 2021, as required by the Region X by-laws as well as conducting several **virtual workshops** on May 20 and 21, 2021, to maintain VPP momentum. Additional nominations were requested to fill a vacancy in the 3rd Director at Large position due to retirement.

The **26th Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," was to be held in May 2021 Boise ID, but was held virtually instead.

The 2020/2021 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Max VanValey | Carlisle |
| Vice Chairperson | Saprena Lyons | Fluor Idaho |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CHPRC |
| Director (Union Site) | Rocky Simmons | MSA |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| 1st Director at Large | Curtis Reece | Battelle Energy Alliance |
| 2nd Director at Large | Michael Welch | Owens-Corning |
| 3rd Director at Large | Don Slaugh | |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Justine Callahan | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Christian Hendrickson |
| DOE: Carol Henning | |

In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2021 conference planning committee also included: Jonathan Hagen, Mike Bessler, and Mike VanWyhe.

The board positions up for election in 2021 included:

- Chairperson (due to change from Vice Chair)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 2nd Director-at-Large
- 3rd Director-at-Large

**2020**

**Due to COVID-19 and the subsequent travel restrictions the 2020 conference was cancelled. The Boise Conference Plans were postponed for at least a year.**

The **26th Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," was to be held May 12-14, 2020 at the Boise Centre, in Boise ID with a Conference theme of "25 Years of Sustained Safety Excellence" and an SGE workshop scheduled prior to this conference on May 9, 10, and 11, 2020. Workshops and speakers were moved to the 2021 Conference.

In accordance with Region X VPPPA By-Laws, a **virtual Teams business meeting** for the region was held, with a quorum, on September 30, 2020 at 10AM Pacific.

The 2019/2020 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Rocky Simmons | MSA |
| Vice Chairperson | Max VanValey | Carlisle |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CHPRC |
| Director (Union Site) | Edward Larson | Georgia-Pacific Toledo, LLC |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Saprena Lyons | Fluor Idaho |
| Director at Large | Curtis Reece | Battelle Energy Alliance |
| Director at Large | Cliff Butler | Sherwin-Williams, Purdy |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Justine Callahan | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Christian Hendrickson |
| DOE: Carol Henning | |

In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2020 conference planning committee also included: Jonathan Hagen, Don Slaugh, Mike VanWyhe, and Mike Bessler.

The board positions up for election at the 2020 Conference included:

- Chairperson
- 1st Director at Large
- 2nd Director at Large
- Labor Representative Non-Bargaining Unit




**2019**

The **25th Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," was held May 14-16, 2019 at the Red Lion on the River at Jantzen Beach, in Portland Oregon. The Conference theme was "Sustaining Safety Excellence While Protecting People" The Keynote Speaker on Wednesday was "Just a Second ago" by Brad Livingston, followed by his daughter Kayla Rath on Thursday morning covering "The Ripple Effect." The conference was supported by 264 attendees, representing 82 companies, 50 exhibitors, 25 sponsors, and 5 supporting government agencies! There was an SGE workshop prior to this conference with 10 attendees in training, held May 11, 12, and 13, 2019, and hosted by Sherwin-Williams' Purdy Brush facility and Owens Corning's, Linnton Asphalt Plant.

The 2018/2019 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Rocky Simmons | MSA |
| Vice Chairperson | Max VanValey | Carlisle |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CHPRC |
| Director (Union Site) | Edward Larson | Georgia-Pacific Toledo, LLC |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Saprena Lyons | Fluor Idaho |
| Director at Large | Curtis Reece | Battelle Energy Alliance |
| Director at Large | Cliff Butler | Sherwin-Williams, Purdy |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Derek Engard, CIH, CSP | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Christian Hendrickson |
| DOE: Carol Henning | |

In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2019 conference planning committee also included: Jonathan Hagen, Brooke Carey, Jessica Ferrick, Mike VanWyhe, and Cynthia Shultz.

The board positions up for election at the 2019 Portland Conference include:

- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- 3rd Director at Large
- Treasurer
- Hourly Director from a Union site

Max Van Valey, Marjorie Brice, Cliff Butler, Jack Griffith, and Eddie Larson were all re-elected.

The bowling night event on Tuesday, May 14 was a huge success with over 60 in attendance!

## 2018




The **24th Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," was held May 1-3, 2018 at the Anchorage Dena'ina Center in Anchorage AK. The Conference theme was "Hooked on Safety!" The keynote Speaker was Brian Horner, who covered Active Shooter: Are we Prepared. The conference was supported by 207 attendees representing 74 companies, 40 exhibitors and 15 sponsors. An SGE workshop hosted by ConocoPhillips was held prior to the conference.

The 2017/2018 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Rocky Simmons | MSA |
| Vice Chairperson | Max VanValey | Carlisle |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CHPRC |
| Director (Union Site) | Elizabeth Norton | HAMTC Rep / WRPS |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Jeff Carlson | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Edward Larson | Georgia-Pacific Toledo, LLC |
| Director at Large | Cliff Butler | Sherwin-Williams, Purdy |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Derek Engard CIH, CSP | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Christian Hendrickson |
| DOE: Carol Henning | |

In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2018 conference planning committee also included: Sharon Perkins, William D Turner, Saprena Lyons, Tracy Williamson, and Jerome Jackson.

The board positions up for election at the 2018 Anchorage Conference include:

- Chairperson
- 1st Director at Large
- 2nd Director at Large
- Labor Representative Non-Bargaining Unit

Liz Norton retired at the end of the conference and the board appointed Eddie Larson to complete her term.

**2017**

The **23rd Annual Region X Conference,** AKA the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," was held May 16-18, 2017 at the Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane WA. The Conference theme was "Blazing the Trail for Safety!" Matt Pomerinke was the keynote speaker. There were 261 attendees at the Conference, representing 82 organizations. Of the 261 attendees, 147 were first time attendees! 8 states were represented at the conference.

The 2016/2017 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Michelle Steeler/<br>Rocky Simmons | AECOM /<br>MSA |
| Vice Chairperson | Rocky Simmons /<br>Max VanValey | MSA /<br>Carlisle |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CHPRC |
| Director (Union Site) | Elizabeth Norton | HAMTC Rep / WRPS |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Jeff Carlson | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Edward Larson | Georgia-Pacific Toledo, LLC |
| Director at Large | Max Van Valey /<br>Cliff Butler | Carlisle /<br>Sherwin-Williams |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Derek Engard | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Michael Bowles |
| DOE: Carol Henning | |




In addition to the board members and agency advisors, the 2017 conference planning committee also included: William D Turner, and Saprena Lyons, Tracy Williamson, Cliff Butler, and Jerome Jackson.

In October 2016, Michelle Steeler had to resign due to a non-VPP direction taken by the new ownership of her company. Rocky Simmons was appointed by the Board to complete the remainder of the Chair's term. Max VanValey was appointed to complete the Vice Chair's term. The Board then opened the Director-at-Large to qualified volunteers. Cliff Butler was approved by the board to fill the remainder of the term.




The board positions up for election at the 2017 Spokane Conference include:

Vice Chairperson
3rd Director at Large
Treasurer
Secretary
Hourly Director from Union Site

**2016**

The **22nd Annual Region X Conference** was again called the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," and was held May 17-19, 2016 at the Boise Centre and The Grove Hotel in Boise ID. The Conference theme was "Saddle Up for Safety." Gene Balsmeier, Integrated Waste Treatment Project Deputy Project Manager for the Idaho Cleanup Project, a DOE Star site in Region X, was the Keynote Speaker. He talked about Balancing Workplace Choices and Leaving a Legacy. There were 240 attendees at the Conference, representing 80 organizations. Of the 240 attendees, 144 were first time attendees!

The 2015/2016 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Michelle Steeler | AECOM |
| Vice Chairperson | Rocky Simmons | MSA |
| Secretary | Marjorie Brice | GE Power & Water |
| Treasurer | Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / CHPRC |
| Director (Union Site) | Elizabeth Norton | HAMTC Rep / WRPS |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Jeff Carlson | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Edward Larson | Georgia-Pacific Toledo, LLC |
| Director at Large | Max Van Valey | Oldcastle Precast |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Jacob Ewer | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Michael Bowles |
| DOE: Carol Henning | |

Bonnie Anderson resigned as Chair upon her retirement. The board selected Michelle Steeler to take the interim chair position until the 2016 elections. Rocky Simmons agreed to step into the Vice Chair position on 10/19/2015, leaving the Secretary position open. Marjorie Brice was appointed to complete the term.

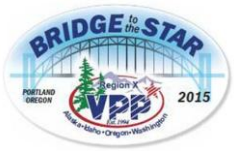



In addition to the board members, the 2016 conference planning committee also included: William D Turner, and Saprena Lyons. Newly appointed to the planning committee were Tracy Williamson, Cliff Butler, and Jerome Jackson.

The board positions up for election at the 2016 Boise Conference were:

- Chairperson
- 1st Director at Large
- 2nd Director at Large
- Labor Representative Non-Bargaining Unit

**2015**




The **21st Annual Region X Conference** was again the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," and was held May 13-14, 2015 at the Red Lion on the River-Jantzen Beach, in Portland OR. The Conference theme was "Bridge to the Star." Keni Thomas (of Blackhawk Down fame) was the keynote speaker, and there were 255 attendees, including 193 first time attendees!

For the 2015 VPPPA Conference, Region X hosted our second SGE (Special Government Employee) Workshop, which was held at the Conference Hotel on May 9-11, 2015 for 10 new Region X SGEs.

The 2014/2015 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Bonnie Anderson | CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC |
| Vice Chairperson | Michelle Steeler | URS Corporation |
| Secretary | Rocky Simmons | MSA |
| Treasurer | Don King /<br>Jack Griffith | HAMTC Rep / WRPS<br>HAMTC Rep / CHPRC |
| Director (Union Site) | Elizabeth Norton | HAMTC Rep / WRPS |
| Director (Non-Union) | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Jeff Carlson | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Jack Griffith /<br>Edward Larson | HAMTC Rep / CHPRC<br>Georgia-Pacific Toledo, LLC |
| Director at Large | Max Van Valey | Oldcastle Precast |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Jacob Ewer | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Dave Guinn |
| DOE: Carol Henning | |

Don King resigned as Director at Large to take on the position of Treasurer, then had to resign in September. On 6/10/2014, Tim Taylor resigned as Director at Large to take over the open position of Director-Non Union Site. On 10/21/14, Jack Griffith resigned as Director at Large and was approved to serve the remainder of the Treasurer's term, and Edward Larson was approved by the board to serve the remainder of the Director at Large term.

The board positions up for election at the 2015 Portland Conference include:

Vice Chairperson
3rd Director at Large
Treasurer
Secretary
Hourly Director from Union Site

**2014**

The **20th Annual Region X Conference** was called the "**Northwest Safety & Health Summit**," and was held on May 13-15, 2014 at the Dena'ina Center and Anchorage Marriott in Anchorage AK. The Conference theme was "SOAR Into Safety". There were 205 attendees representing 67 companies. The Keynote was "Controlling Risk in a Dangerous World – The Leader's Role" presented by former Astronaut Jim Weatherbee.

The 2013/2014 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Bonnie Anderson | CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC |
| Vice Chairperson | Michelle Steeler | URS Corporation |
| Secretary | Rocky Simmons | MSA |
| Treasurer | Terry Schuebert | Idaho National Laboratory |
| Director (Union Site) | Elizabeth Norton | WA River Protection Solutions |
| Director (Non-Union) | Brian Stevens | Endicott BP Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Jeff Carlson | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Tim Taylor | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Don A. King | Washington Closure Hanford |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Jacob Ewer | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Dave Guinn |
| DOE: Carol Henning | |




Terry Schuebert resigned from the board in late 2013. The position was covered through the Conference by Bonnie Anderson with help from the Board. The board positions up for election at the 2014 Alaska Conference included:

- Chairperson
- 1st Director at Large
- 2nd Director at Large
- Labor Representative Non-Bargaining Unit

**2013**




The **19th Annual Region X Conference** was held on May 14-16, 2013 at the Davenport Hotel & Tower in Spokane WA. The Conference theme was "Mining VPP Stars". There were 250 attendees representing 85 companies (109 sites). 74 were first time attendees. The Keynote was "Keep Safe, Keep Healthy, Keep Laughing," and speaker Leigh Anne Jasheway had the whole audience at the Bing Crosby Theater cracking up!

The 2012/2013 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Bonnie Anderson | CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC |
| Vice Chairperson | Ella Iott | Clearwater Paper Corporation |
| Secretary | Michelle Steeler | URS Corporation |
| Treasurer | Terry Schuebert | Idaho National Laboratory |
| Director (Union Site) | Jim Chonzena / Elizabeth Norton | Weyerhaeuser / Washington River Protection Solutions |
| Director (Non-Union) | Brian Stevens | Endicott BP Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Jeff Carlson | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Jack Griffith | CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation |
| Director at Large | Don A. King | Washington Closure Hanford |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Jacob Ewer | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Bill Nickerson |
| DOE: Carol Henning | |

Jim Chonzena retired from the board in early 2013, and Liz Norton was appointed by the board to fill the remainder of Jim's term.

**2012**

The **18th Annual Region X Conference** was held on May 15-17, 2012 at the Boise Centre on the Grove, in Boise ID. The Conference theme was "Gems of the Northwest". There were 328 attendees representing 81 companies.



The Keynote speaker was Jeff "Odie" Espenship who presented "Getting Back to Basics is Vital to Superior Performance — It's the Little Things that Matter". The former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, author, and renowned speaker motivated audience members to rethink and refocus their work behavior. Attendees reported that "this was the best conference yet!"

The 2011/2012 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Bonnie Anderson | CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC |
| Vice Chairperson | Ella Iott | Clearwater Paper Products |
| Secretary | Michelle Steeler | URS Corporation |
| Treasurer | Terry Schuebert | Idaho National Laboratory |
| Director (Union Site) | Jim Chonzena | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | Kemmer Sorrel | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Jeff Carlson | ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. |
| Director at Large | Jack Griffith | CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation |
| Director at Large | Chris Thursby | CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Steve Gossman | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Bill Nickerson |



2011/2012 Region X Conference Planning Committee

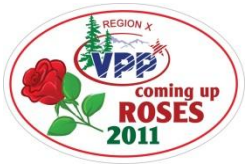
at the

18th Annual Region X Conference held on May 15-17, 2012

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## 2011




The **17th Annual Region X Conference** was held on May 17-19, 2011 at the Red Lion on the River-Jantzen Beach, in Portland OR. The Conference theme was "VPP-Coming Up Roses". There were 328 attendees representing 88 companies or organizations! The keynote speaker was Dan Clark.

For the 2011 VPPPA Conference, Region X hosted our first SGE (Special Government Employee) Workshop, which was held at the Conference Hotel on May 14-16, 2011.

The 2010/2011 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Bonnie Anderson | CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC |
| Vice Chairperson | Ella Iott | Clearwater Paper Products |
| Secretary | Michelle Steeler | URS |
| Treasurer | Terry Schuebert | INL |
| Director (Union Site) | Jim Chonzena | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | Kemmer Sorrel | ConocoPhillips Alaska |
| Director at Large | Jeff Carlson | ConocoPhillips Alaska |
| Director at Large | Bill Rippon | Georgia-Pacific |
| Director at Large | Chris Thursby | CH2M Hill |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Steve Gossman | DOSH: John Geppert/Darren James |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Bill Nickerson |

**2010**




The **16th Annual Region X Conference** was held on May 11-13, 2010, at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel in Anchorage, AK. The Conference theme was "VPP … North to Alaska!" and there were 274 attendees. Bruce Wilkinson was the keynote speaker.

The 2009/2010 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Bonnie Anderson | CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC |
| Vice Chairperson | Ella Iott | Clearwater Paper Products |
| Secretary | Michelle Steeler | URS |
| Treasurer | Chris Adolfson /<br>Terry Schuebert | INL /<br>INL |
| Director (Union Site) | Jim Chonzena | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | Mike Morrow /<br>Kemmer Sorrel | Monsanto /<br>ConocoPhillips Alaska |
| Director at Large | Jeff Carlson | ConocoPhillips Alaska |
| Director at Large | Bill Rippon | Georgia-Pacific |
| Director at Large | Chris Thursby | CH2M Hill |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Steve Gossman | DOSH: John Geppert |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Bill Nickerson |

In July of 2010, Chris Adolfson ran for the National Board and Mike Morrow stepped down as Director from a site without a Collective Bargaining agent. The BOD appointed Terry Schuebert, INL to fill the remainder of Chris' term as Treasurer, and Kemmer Sorrell to fill the remainder of Mike's term.

**2009**

The **15th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 19-21, 2009, at the Davenport Hotel & Tower in Spokane WA. The keynote speaker was Vince Lombardi Jr. The Conference theme was "The Tradition of Excellence", and there were 288 attendees.



The 2008/2009 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Bonnie Anderson | CH2M –WG Idaho, LLC |
| Vice Chairperson | Rich Gibson | Rohm & Haas |
| Secretary | Maggie Duff | Puget Sound Naval Shipyard |
| Treasurer | Chris Adolfson | INL |
| Director (Union Site) | Jim Chonzena | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | Mike Morrow | Monsanto |
| Director at Large | Jeff Carlson | ConocoPhillips Alaska |
| Director at Large | Ella Iott | Potlatch Forest Products |
| Director at Large | Bill Rippon | Georgia-Pacific |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dave Baker | DOSH: Tom Norris |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Ann McCarthy |






## 2008

The **14th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 13- 15, 2008 at the Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley ID. The Conference theme was "Stars of the West", and there were 293 attendees.

The 2007/2008 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Chris Thursby | Flour Federal Services |
| Vice Chairperson | Rich Gibson | Rohm-Haas |
| Secretary | Maggie Duff | Puget Sound Naval Shipyard |
| Treasurer | Chris Adolfson | INL |
| Director (Union Site) | Jim Chonzena | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | Bonnie Anderson | CWI |
| Director at Large | Rick Blackmarr | Masterbrand Cabinets |
| Director at Large | Jack Griffith | Fluor Hanford |
| Director at Large | Bill Rippon | Georgia-Pacific |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dave Baker | WISHA became DOSH: Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz |

## 2007

The **13th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 22-24, 2007 at the Downtown Hilton in Portland OR. The Conference theme was "The Trail to Excellence", there were 361 attendees.

The 2006/2007 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Brent Jensen | Potlatch |
| Vice Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Secretary | Maggie Duff | Puget Sound Naval Shipyard |
| Treasurer | Chris Adolfson | INL |
| Director (Union Site) | Jim Chonzena | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | Bonnie Anderson | CWI |
| Director at Large | Rich Gibson | Rohm & Haas |
| Director at Large | Jack Griffith | Fluor Hanford |
| Director at Large | Bill Rippon | Georgia-Pacific |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dave Baker | WISHA: Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz |

Also in November of 2007, for the first time, Region X held a second VPP Application Workshop®. The workshop was held in Roseburg OR, and was attended by 30 persons representing 19 companies from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

**2006**

The **12th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 23-25, 2006 at the Davenport in Spokane WA. The Conference theme was "Return to the Beginning", and there were 285 attendees.

The 2005/2006 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Brent Jensen | Potlatch |
| Vice Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Secretary | Chris Adolfson | INL |
| Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch Consumer Products |
| Director (Union Site) | Jim Chonzena | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | Bonnie Anderson | CWI |
| Director at Large | Rich Gibson | Rohm & Haas |
| Director at Large | Jack Griffith | Fluor Hanford |
| Director at Large | Bill Rippon | Georgia-Pacific |

| Board Advisors | |
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**2005**

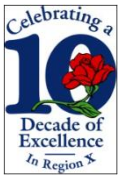
The **11th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 3-5, 2005 at the Doubletree Riverside in Boise ID. The Conference theme was "Discover the Star", and there were 249 attendees.

The 2004/2005 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Chris Thursby | Monsanto |
| Vice Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Secretary | Chris Adolfson | INL |
| Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch Consumer Products |
| Director (Union Site) | Gale Ahrens | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | Bonnie Anderson | CWI |
| Director at Large | Brent Jensen | Potlatch |
| Director at Large | Jack Griffith | Fluor Hanford |
| Director at Large | Bill Rippon | Georgia-Pacific |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dave Baker | WISHA: Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz |

## 2004




The **10th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 18 - 20 2004 at the Marriott in Portland OR. The Conference theme was "Celebrating a Decade of Excellence" and there were 303 attendees.

The 2003/2004 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Chris Thursby | Monsanto |
| Vice Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Secretary | Chris Adolfson | INEEL |
| Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch |
| Director (Union Site) | Gale Ahrens | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | Bonnie Anderson | INEEL |
| Director at Large | Bill Rippon | Georgia Pacific |
| Director at Large | Jack Griffith | Fluor Hanford |
| Director at Large | Brent Jensen | Potlatch |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dave Mahlum | WISHA: Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz |

## 2003

The **9th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 6-8, 2003 at the Red Lion in Pasco WA. The Conference theme was "Share the Energy", and there were 331 attendees.

The Secretary/Treasurer position was split to form two positions in 2003, and Board Advisors were added to the Bylaws.

The 2002/2003 Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Gary McDonough | Georgia-Pacific |
| Vice Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Secretary | Chris Adolfson | INEEL |
| Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch |
| Director (Union Site) | Gale Ahrens | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | David Shelton | Rohm & Haas |
| Director at Large | Chris Thursby | Monsanto |
| Director at Large | Clegg Meadows | Potlatch |
| Director at Large | Brent Jensen | Potlatch |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dave Mahlum | WISHA: Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman, CSHM | AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz |

## 2002

The **8th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held April 23 - 25, 2002 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene ID. The Conference theme was "Best in the West", with 228 attendees.

The 2001/2002 Region X Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Gary McDonough | Georgia Pacific |
| Vice Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch |
| Director (Union Site) | Gale Ahrens | Weyerhaeuser |
| Director (Non-Union) | Dave Shelton | Rohm & Haas |
| Director at Large | Clegg Meadows | Potlatch |
| Director at Large | Lynda Stoneberg | WISHA |
| Director at Large | Chris Thursby | Monsanto |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dan Hoeschen | WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman | AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz |

## 2001

The **7th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 8 - 10, 2001 at Sun River Resort in Sun River OR. The Conference theme was "Valuing Peak Performance." There were 174 attendees.

The 2000/2001 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Mike Shuey | Potlatch |
| Vice Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch |
| Director (Union Site) | Dennis Hernandez | JR Simplot |
| Director (Non-Union) | Jeanne Larson | Northwest Alloys |
| Director at Large | Terry Lish | JR Simplot |
| Director at Large | Gary McDonough | Georgia-Pacific |
| Director at Large | Lynda Stoneberg | WISHA |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dan Hoeschen | WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman | AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz |

**2000**

The **6th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 9- 11, 2000 in Doubletree in Seattle WA. The Conference theme was "VPP Reigns in Region X." There were 187 attendees.

The 1999/2000 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Mike Shuey | Potlatch Corporation |
| Vice Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch Corporation |
| Director (Union Site) | Dennis Hernandez | JR Simplot |
| Director (Non-Union) | Elizabeth Allen | BP Alaska |
| Director at Large | Terry Lish | JR Simplot |
| Director at Large | Dave Matyus | Solutia |
| Director at Large | Lynda Stoneberg | WISHA |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dan Hoeschen | WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman | AKOSH: Krystyna Markiewicz |

**1999**

The **5th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held April 27 - 29, 1999 in Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene ID. The Conference theme was "Above and Beyond", and there were 235 attendees.

In 1999, Boyd Schvaneveldt stepped down from the Board and was replaced by Dave Matyus. The 1998/1999 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Vice Chairperson | Mike Shuey | Potlatch Corporation |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch Corporation |
| Director (Union Site) | Dennis Hernandez | JR Simplot |
| Director (Non-Union) | Elizabeth Allen | BP Alaska |
| Director at Large | Terry Lish | JR Simplot |
| Director at Large | Boyd Schvanaveldt /<br>Dave Matyus | Kerr McGee<br>Solutia |
| Director at Large | Lynda Stoneberg | WISHA |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dan Hoeschen | WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman | |

## 1998

The **4th Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 19 - 21, 1998 at the Jantzen Beach Doubletree in Portland OR. The Conference theme was "Journey to Excellence" and there were 182 attendees.

The 1997/1998 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Vice Chairperson | Stephen Brown | Potlatch Corporation |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch Corporation |
| Director (Union Site) | Vince Diaz | Pioneer Chemical |
| Director (Non-Union) | Elizabeth Allen | BP Alaska |
| Director at Large | Terry Lish | Simplot |
| Director at Large | Boyd Schvaneveldt | Kerr-McGee |
| Director at Large | Lynda Stoneberg | WISHA |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dan Hoeschen | WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Mark E. Hurliman | |

## 1997

The **3rd Annual VPPPA Region X Conference** was held May 13 - 15, 1997 in Tumwater WA. The Conference theme was "Region X is Buzzin". The Region began hosting the VPP Application Workshop® at all future conferences in 1997.

In 1997, the positions of Vice Chair, Director from a Site with a Collective Bargaining Agent, Director from a Site without a Collective Bargaining Agent and another Director at Large position were added to the Region X Board of Directors. Not all were filled that first year.

The 1996/1997 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Boyd Schvanaveldt | Kerr McGee |
| Vice Chairperson | Paul Hooper | Agrium |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch Corporation |
| Director (Union Site) | Vince Diaz | Pioneer Chemical |
| Director at Large | Terry Lish | JR Simplot |
| Director at Large | Lynda Stoneberg | WISHA |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dan Hoeschen | WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Phyllis Straight-Millan | |

## 1996

The **2nd VPP Conference** was actually the first Region X VPPPA Conference held by the newly formalized Chapter, and was held in Tumwater, Washington at the Labor and Industries building, May, 8-10, 1996. The conference had 99 attendees and 4 vendors.

The 1995/1996 Region X Chapter Board of Directors were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Boyd Schvanevldt | Kerr, McGee |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch Corporation |
| Director at Large | Conrad Watkins | Monsanto |
| Director at Large | Paul Hooper | Nu West |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dan Hoeschen | WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko |
| OR-OSHA: Phyllis Straight-Millan | |

## 1995

There was no VPP Conference held in Region X in 1995.

## 1994

The **1st VPP Conference** in Region X was held in Spokane, Washington in the winter of 1994 at the Double Tree Inn. Dan Hoeschen, the OSHA Region X VPP Manager, set up the conference. The conference lasted one day and had about 37 attendees.

At that time there were only three VPP sites in Region X and a Region X Chapter of the VPPPA had not yet been established. Region X became a formal chapter of Voluntary Protection Program Participant's Association (VPPPA) on March 6, 1996.

The first Region X Chapter Board of Directors (1994/1995) were:

| Board Position | Person | Company |
|---|---|---|
| Chairperson | Boyd Schvanevldt | Kerr, McGee |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Kent Lang | Potlatch Corporation |
| Director at Large | Conrad Watkins | Monsanto |
| Director at Large | Paul Hooper | Nu West |

| Board Advisors | |
|---|---|
| OSHA: Dan Hoeschen | WISHA: Mel James, Ken Werenko |