



Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- NV Energy, 1 Ohm Place, Reno, NV
- PUCN, 9075 W. Diablo Drive, #250, Las Vegas, NV

MEETING ATTENDEES:

- **North:** Jay Mendiola, NV Energy | Jack Byrom, TMWA | Geoff Daferno, TMWA | Julie Hearn, SW Gas | Ken Saarem, PUCN
- **South:** Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell | Greg Noel, USIC | Harold Lefler, ELM | Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment | Mike Marrero, USIC | Rick Torrens, KCI | Corina Ortega, NOVA | Ricardo Fino, NOVA | Nick Nishihama, City of Las Vegas | Joseph Norby, City of Las Vegas | Bob Ward, NV Energy | Tommy Nix, Team Fishel | Juan Flores, Team Fishel
- **Phone:** Ryan White, USA North | Brad Poulson, Kern River

Standing Items:

1. Introductions (Jay Mendiola)

Self-introductions took place.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Jay Mendiola)

Jack Byrom made a motion to adopt the agenda as is. Geoff Daferno seconded the motion.

3. Financial Status Report – For Information Only (Dawn Rivard)

Dawn provided a financial status report.

4. Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)

Tabled.

5. CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Cesar Castillo, Bob Ward)

Bob Ward

- Wed., Nov. 29, CGA will release 2018 Communications Plan.
- Bob Ward – A southern Nevada child won a recent CGA art contest. CGA will present \$5,000 to the kid's school on Dec. 6. Bob asked for the NRCGA to vote to present the school with a \$1,000 check from the NRCGA. Members voted to approve the expenditure. Bob will look into the Dec. 6 check presentation.

Mike Marrero – From the CGA committee meetings in Houston:

- CGA Education and Marketing Committee is developing training for landscapers. It's almost ready for CGA members to use.
- Super Bowl – CGA will be doing a super bowl app again this year. The winner gets a trip to Disney. The MN Regional CGA will be doing some kind of tailgate.
- The CGA annual conference will be held in Phoenix in March 2018.
- The CGA surveyed members about what they want for the next 5 years. Survey results were eye-opening for the Board.

New Business:

6. Bylaw Discussion (Dawn Rivard)

The NRCGA is not following its bylaws. On Dec. 31, 2017, Jay Mendiola's term as chair will expire. The Board needs to meet to discuss elections for the chair and vice-chair, as well as nominations for open Board of



Directors positions. Jack Byrom volunteered to chair a new committee to look at the bylaws and a nomination committee for open Board of Director positions. Jack will set up a meeting.

7. 811 Online Dig Ticket Submittal Training (Craig Rogers)

To increase the number of people who submit tickets online versus over the phone, the NRCGA will use PHMSA grant money to conduct e-ticket training in Southern Nevada. The goal is to raise the number of people who submit online tickets from 55% to 75%, which should help reduce call wait times.

Committee Reports:

8. Education/Training (Jay Mendiola, Cesar Castillo, Dennis Bott)

- Jay Mendiola – Jay held a two trainings since last month in the north. Jay was also contacted by two more contractors who want to schedule training.
- Julie Hearn – Southwest Gas conducted a training for NDOT and in-house trainings for a few contractors. Approximately 500 contractors were trained.
- Cesar – The NRCGA held six trainings in the south, 2 in English and one in Spanish. There is one English and one Spanish class scheduled for December.
- All – Attendees are asking for certifications or something to prove that they've taken the training. The NRCGA's hard hat stickers are the NRCGA's equivalent of certs. Dawn will ask Roger Brady to order 2,000 stickers.

9. Locate Rodeo Committee (Dennis Bott, Mike Marrero)

No committee meeting in Nov. The Int'l Utility Locate Rodeo met with the NULCA Board last Wednesday. The rodeo wants NULCA to take ownership of it and to conduct the rodeo in conjunction with the CGA annual conference.

10. USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Tom Georgi)

Jack Byrom – USAN is recruiting people for online training to help with staffing. The 24-hour call center idea is on hold. USAN is studying to see if there will be a monetary impact on members. USAN is also discussing whether or not there will be a rate increase in 2018. There hasn't been an increase in 2 years.

Non-Agendized Items:

11. Dashboard Calendars (Jay Mendiola)

USA North is not purchasing dashboard calendars anymore. Should the NRCGA purchase them?

12. Excavator Event – Southern Nevada (Bob Ward)

We had 134 RSVPs and 97 showed. We're going to "retool" this event next year, including finding a new venue and caterer. Silver Lake Construction won the Silver Shovel Award and Tyler Byrd gave a nice speech about his experience as 2016's Silver Shovel Award winner.

13. Excavator Event – Northern NV (Jay Mendiola)

It will take place Dec. 15 at the Nugget in Sparks.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017