
Minutes

MEETING DATE: Dec. 18, 2018

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- NV Energy, 1 Ohm Place, Reno, NV
- NV Energy, 7155 Lindell Road, Las Vegas, NV

ATTENDANCE:

- **North:** Jay Mendiola, NV Energy | Geoff Daferno, TMWA
- **South:** Boyd Duchene, CCWRD | Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell | Cindy Schackelford, Kern River Gas | Craig Rogers, PUCN | Dawn Rivard, PUCN | Dennis Bott, Southwest Gas | Greg Noel, USIC | Jerry Poage, USIC | Kyle Wright, Haaker Equipment | Rick Torrens, KCI | Robbie Reed, City of Henderson | Robert Ward, NV Energy | Ryan White, USA North | Ryan Eyer, ELM Utility | Nick Nishihama, City of Las Vegas | Tom Georgi, LVVWD | Ken Spencer, USIC | Aaron Vincent, Clauss Construction
- **Phone:** Wayne Scott, AT&T | James Wingate, USA North | Bill Riggs, ELM | Sarah Ormand, ELM

STANDING ITEMS:

1. **Introductions (Bob Ward)**

Introductions took place.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda (Bob Ward)**

Cesar Castillo made a motion to adopt the agenda; Boyd Duchene seconded the motion.

3. **Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)**

The NRCGA will carry over approximately \$14,000 from 2018. A motion was introduced to implement an NRCGA PayPal account to allow members to pay dues and sponsorships online via credit card. Members electing to pay online via PayPal will be charged PayPal's 2.9% transaction fee. Dawn will set up the NRCGA's PayPal account and incorporate it into the NRCGA's website. The motion carried with no objections.

4. **Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)**

The PUCN held two settlement conferences with contractors. One in the north and one in the south.

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

The CGA Expo is in Orlando in March. The CGA's Marketing and Education committee will meet at the Mirage in Las Vegas, Jan. 23 – 24. Anyone can attend this committee in person or by phone. You need to register first on the CGA's website.

6. **Positive Response Program (Ryan White)**

Ryan's report to show who's using this program by region was tabled until Jan. 15, 2019. The same number of people are using PR as last month. No one has stopped using it. The NRCGA could help get people using PR by sending an email blast to members about it. Dennis and Cesar will also incorporate info about PR into the NRCGA's excavator training presentation.

NEW ITEMS:

N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Jay did a class for a contractor in the north for 35 people. There will be two more classes for this same company in the coming months, for a total of 120 people.
- Ryan White will work with Cesar to record Spanish voiceovers for English-language videos currently incorporated into the NRCGA's training.
- A total of 1,877 people received the NRCGA's training in 2017. The NRCGA is on track to break that record in 2018.
- USA North 811 has purchased a Damage Prevention Academy online training program. USAN will pick up the cost of the first 2,000 people in CA and NV to take the course once USAN has training "built." The DPA training is a couple hours long and will not take the place of the NRCGA's training. It's intended to help those people who would prefer to take training from home or who cannot attend the NRCGA's training for whatever reason. Ryan White will play the training at a future NRCGA meeting. Ryan will provide updates on how many Nevadans take the class. He will see if the video is available in Spanish.
- Because of the growing economy, new companies are moving into NV every day. New companies utilities have never heard of are damaging underground facilities. The NRCGA is reactive – we train contractors on damage prevention AFTER they've damaged a line. The NRCGA should build a database to see who's damaging facilities so we can go to these companies and train them. DIRT report does this training. Ryan White will do a presentation at a future NRCGA meeting on the DIRT report so we can see what it looks like. Ryan will also invite Ann Diamond to attend a future NRCGA meeting.
- Cesar is going to unions to offer to do NRCGA training for them.

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

Missouri 811 is considering taking over the Int'l Locate Rodeo. If this doesn't pan out and the Int'l Rodeo disappears, the NRCGA will send our rodeo winner to the CGA's annual conference. The CGA has suggested all feeder rodeos in the U.S. send their winners to the CGA conference. The winners will be recognized by the CGA at the conference. The Rodeo Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Jan. 15, 2019.

9. Excavator Appreciation Events (Dennis Bott, Jay Mendiola)

Bliss will present survey results at the Jan. 2019 meeting.

10. USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Dennis Bott)

Boyd made a motion that the sitting board from 2018 remain the same in 2019. No new people have expressed interest in serving on the board. Cindy Shackelford seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objections.

11. Best Practices Committee (Craig Rogers)

The next committee meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 15, 2019. Mike Marrero is compiling positive response laws in other states. We will use these laws to decide what Nevada's law should say. PUCN attorneys will decide if we need a NRS or NAC.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:11 a.m.

Next Meeting: Jan. 15, 2019