



Minutes

MEETING DATE: Jan. 18, 2022

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- **MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**

ATTENDANCE:

Dennis Bott, SW Gas, Chair	Steve Wibalda, G2 Integrated Solutions
Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell, Vice-Chair	Harold Lefler, Western States
Dawn Rivard, PUCN, Secretary/Treasurer	Charles Atkinson, TMWA
Jamie Haas, Great Basin	Marc Krichman, 811 Spotter
Sal Caponigro, Stake Center	Nancy Lopez, SW Gas
Boyd Duchene, CCWRD	Mike Millora, Lumen (CenturyLink)
Ryan White, USA North 811	Matt Brecke, NV Energy
Rick Torrens, KCI Engineering	Jeff Kennedy, Cox Communications
Craig Rogers, PUCN	Shane Ayers, Stake Center Locating
Jeff Trumbull, Zayo	Shane Thacker, SW Gas
Kathleen Williams	Andrea Stainback, CenturyLink
Greg Carreras, City of North Las Vegas	Saundra Waggoner, C&S Company
Edmund Garcia, Kern River	Marshall Johnson, AT&T
Michael Williams, Blood Hound Underground	Kathleen Williams
Tammy Bentley, C&S company	Jethro Dijkman
Elizabeth Duenez, Sunstate Companies	Ryan Egan
David Estes, CenturyLink	702-202-8319
Eric Cowan, G2 Integrated Solutions	702-467-9170

STANDING ITEMS:

1. Introductions (Dennis Bott)

Dennis thanked everyone for joining our first meeting of 2022. Everyone was encouraged to look at the membership list to note all those in attendance.

2. Adoption of the Agenda (Dennis Bott)

Cesar made a motion. 2nd from Boyd Duchene. No opposed.

3. Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)

We didn't have to spend much money during quarantine. We have a cushion in our budget at the moment, but as we ramp up and start moving forward with our 3 main events (rodeo, 811 Day, excavator event), we may need to look at raising dues to keep our work funded. Matt will join the finance committee. Dawn will host a meeting ASAP to get the budget finalized so that Matt can work with his Reno Aces partners to solidify our partnership with the Aces.



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

3 civil penalties – 2 operators and one excavator. Many written warnings – about 20. Reason for the civil penalties were multiple damages without calling in tickets and getting into a gaseous atmosphere – jumping in to try and fix a damaged gas line. Things that will lead to a civil penalty include: 1) trying to perform your own repair; 2) damaging something and not reporting it; and 3) a person using a bore machine and boring into an area near a power meter without a ticket.

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

Cesar provided an update.

NEW ITEMS:

6. **Executive Committee (Dennis Bott)**

At our board meeting at 9 this morning, the Board voted to keep the current executive board in place – Dennis/Chair, Cesar/Vice-Chair, Dawn/Secretary/Treasurer.

7. **Nominating Committee (Dennis Bott)**

Robbie Reed has stepped down as this committee chair because he accepted a new position at the city of Henderson. Dennis asked Jethro to chair and he accepted. No one opposed. Dennis will talk to Jethro about filling the new northern board position.

8. **Northern Board Position (Dennis Bott)**

The Board just agreed to add this new position to the Board. Dennis asked if anyone up north is interested in holding this position that they let him know.

9. **Reno Aces Promotion (Dennis Bott)**

NRCGA Budget committee will develop this sponsorship.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

10. **Education/Training (Cesar Castillo, Dennis Bott, Steve Wibalda, Nancy Lopez)**

Dennis asked for nominees from attendees to chair this committee. Dennis has chaired for 5 years. He nominated Steve Wilbalda. Seeing no other nominations, Steve is now the chair.

Training committee consists of Cesar Castillo, Steve Wibalda, Elizabeth Duenez, Chance Walker, and Nancy Lopez. We started tracking training attendance in 2016. We broke our record for attendees in 2021 with 2,279 people trained, 89 trainings held and 147 companies taking the training. Elizabeth translated the slideshow into Spanish. It used to be the slideshow was in English, but the trainer spoke in Spanish.

11. **Locate Rodeo (Dennis Bott)**

Int'l Locate Rodeo has been passed around to different owners and has been in Florida, Texas, and Missouri. Now UTTO owns the rights to the rodeo and is changing it to a virtual rodeo. UTTO specializes in virtual locate training. Locate Rodeo will be held in November and Excavator Event will be held in April. Dennis nominated himself to chair this committee. No one opposed Dennis and he is now the rodeo chair.



12. Excavator Appreciation Event (Dennis Bott)

We just held our last event in Nov. 2021. The same companies would be nominated in 2022 as 2021, so rather than have an award in 2022, we'll hold the event but not have an award ceremony. We'll still hold an appreciation event, but we'll just have the dinner. Dennis asked for volunteers to chair the event. Sal volunteered to chair. No one opposed so Sal is the chair.

13. NUCA Damage Prevention Committee (Harold Lefler)

Successful December meeting with great participation. The next meeting will likely be in February. Harold will chair this committee again in 2022.

14. Design Ticket Exploratory Committee (Rick Torrens)

We need to schedule a meeting with all our utility owner/operators, USA North and Rick to get everyone involved.

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

This is the year that USAN is changing to the Pelican (?) system. It will change how you submit and receive your tickets. USAN sent out an email blast recently about this system. Pay attention to your USAN emails. USAN will provide updates on this change to Pelican through email and NRCGA meetings. There is e-ticket training on Jan. 27. Ryan posted the link to sign up in the chat of this Teams meeting and will send it to Dawn so she can forward it to NRCGA members.

16. Best Practices (Craig Rogers)

1 – changing the definition of excavation – this has gotten pushed back until the PUCN updates their version of the definition. No idea when this will be done. Sounds like PUCN will open a BDR for this item.
2 – Positive Response – Craig was under the impression that this was done. It's not. The PUCN is accepting comments until Jan. 21 on this issue, which is designated as docket 21-01028. This is a change to NAC and workshops will be held at PUCN offices. The workshop will be on Feb. 1 at 9 a.m.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2022