



January 13, 2026

Bi-monthly Member Meeting Minutes

Meeting Purpose

Kick off 2026, review 2025 performance, and plan for the new year.

Key Takeaways

Membership Dues Increase: Dues are increasing to fund new tech (CRM), expanded outreach, and cover rising costs. Invoices will be sent this month.

Record Training Year: The Education & Training Committee trained 2,047 people in 2025, a 30% increase, and is launching a new curriculum with a "train-the-trainer" session in February.

USA North Expanding to Vegas: USA North 811 is opening a physical office in Southern Nevada, which will include a classroom and warehouse to support local training and events.

ConExpo Volunteers Needed: The CGA needs volunteers for its booth at ConExpo (March 4–8) to promote its free online excavator curriculum. Please reach out if you are interested in volunteering to support their booth space.

Topics

Organizational Updates

Membership Dues Increase:

Rationale: To fund new tech (CRM), expand outreach, and cover rising costs.

New Rates:

Associate (Vendors): \$750

Stakeholder (Utilities, Excavators): \$1,000

Invoices will be sent this month with a note explaining the change.

Member Survey: A survey will be emailed within a month to gather member feedback and shape organizational priorities in the future.

Secretary Position: A non-director is needed to help with meeting invites and member communications.

CGA Initiatives & Events

ConExpo Volunteer Opportunity (March 4–8, Las Vegas):

Goal: Promote CGA's free online excavator curriculum (English/Spanish).

Booth Location: West Hall, next to the beer tent for high traffic.

Volunteer Role: Greet attendees, share info, encourage sign-ups. No sales or



technical expertise required.

Commitment: Full-day shifts are preferred; half-days are also welcome.

Registration: CGA pays the \$100 registration fee for volunteers.

Giveaways: Donations of 500 promotional items are requested.

CGA Conference & Expo (April 27–30, Colorado Springs):

Details: Annual event with ~1,600 attendees, 98,000 sq ft exhibit hall, and 30 education sessions.

Keynote: NTSB Chairman.

Unique Tours: Private tours of the U.S. Air Force Academy infrastructure and a steel dam on Pikes Peak.

Networking: Casino night and Badger Bash.

Registration: Register early at cgaconference.com as the room block sells out.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee:

Engaged a CPA firm for financial reporting to increase transparency.

Members are encouraged to submit budget questions or future project ideas.

Craig Rogers Award Committee:

Three nominees have accepted and are submitting materials.

The committee will review responses in February.

Facilities Embedded in Sidewalk Task Force:

Goal: Resolve liability for damages to utilities embedded in sidewalks (pre-1996 homes) and establish better installation practices.

Catalyst: A current damage claim with Cox Communications, despite a prior statement from Cox that they do not charge for such damages.

An invitation to schedule the next meeting will be sent soon.

Education & Training Committee:

2025 Record Performance: 2,047 people trained (+30%), 184 companies (+56%), 149 classes (+59%).

2026 Curriculum Update: A "train-the-trainer" session for the new curriculum is planned for February.

Data Tracking: The committee will explore tracking reasons for attendance (e.g., damage-related) to identify trends, while being mindful of privacy concerns.

Scholarship Program: Partnering with NUCA to provide four Southern Nevada high school seniors with operator certification and NRCGA training.

Operations Committee:

Focus: Addressing the "size and scope of ticket" issue.

Status: Work is temporarily paused while leadership focuses on new tech implementation (CRM, invoicing).

Silver Shovel Committee:



Planning for the April event is underway; a venue will be finalized this month.
The winner selection process will begin at the end of January.

USA North 811 Updates

2025 Ticket Volume: Nevada set a new record with **226,737 tickets**, a 0.8% increase over 2024.

New Vegas Office: A physical office is opening in Southern Nevada with a classroom and warehouse. Leadership is touring sites next week.

Website Redesign: The new site features an AI chatbot that translates between languages.

Action Item: Wayne will email Ryan about adjusting the website's narrative on ticket start/end times.

Next meeting: March 10, 2026