



Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017
Chanhassen, MN

Attendees in person: Jeff Law-Korterra, Estelle Richard-GSOC, Keith Novy-CenterPoint, Darren Johnson-CenterPoint, Michael Overstreet-PRG, Brian Johnson-Tiller Corporation, Jodi Corrow-MN Power, Tom Schmitz-Dakota Electric Assoc., Thomas Coffman-MNOPS, Mike Mendiola-MN OPS, Barb Cederberg-GSOC, Jerome Vikse-Duininck, Inc., Jeff Otten-PRG, Claude Anderson-MNOPS, Stephanie Menning-MUCA, Tom Hall-Korterra

Attendees by phone: Alicia Berger-Xcel Energy, Chuck Jensen-Connexus, Chris Madden City of Duluth, Nick Nicholson Enterprise Products, Jerry Cobenais Xcel Energy

Charter Update

No update-Steph will send proposed meeting dates to Alicia, Ben and Chuck to revise and update the Charter.

Committee Updates

Special Projects Committee:

- 811 Run will take place August 12th, 2017 at Lake Calhoun. Mary Anderson can assist with organizing the race. Steph will reach out to Whitney to get a timeline and additional information. Keith Novy with CenterPoint Energy and Jerry Cobenais with Xcel Energy will take the lead on this event
- Day of the Dozers will be scheduled for Sept 16th or 23rd. Alicia Berger will take the lead on organizing MNCGA participation

Technology Committee (*Led by Jeff Law*)

- All known meetings are on the website (damage prevention and others) If you have other industry meetings you want to add, please send information to Jeff Law to add
- Next MNCGA meeting will demo some options for the new website. **Volunteers are needed to assist with website design and should contact Jeff Law at jlaw@korterra.com**

Marketing Committee (*Led by Estelle Richard*)

- Estelle will take the lead for this committee
- Estelle creating a field guide similar to what Maryland and Washington DC uses. Stephanie has offered material she has to assist. A group will be formed to develop Minnesota material. **Volunteers are needed to help develop this and should contact estelle.richard@gopherstateonecall.org**
- The next edition of the Minnesota CGA forum will be February 1st. Topics will include: highlighting the excavator guide as available, Industry and Damage Prevention meetings, MNOPS 216D update, National CGA meeting, Industry News, open GSOC Board positions and a link to the DIRT report. Following publication will come May 1.

Ag Committee (*Led by Claude Anderson*)

- Recently held a meeting where they reviewed last year's achievements and scheduled 2017 meetings.
- 2017 focus will be on several targeted projects. The group is planning to create a pilot in Polk and Stearns County with a two control counties to be identified to determine whether or not additional outreach efforts are having an impact. The group is working to partner with the U of MN Ag Extension office. Metric will utilize the volume of one call locates to determine impact. **Volunteers are needed ad to participate and should contact Claude.Anderson@state.mn.us**
- Survey Monkey was used to identify 10 items to work on refining for the best practices committee and other appropriate teams for consideration for implementing.

Damage Prevention Meetings (Led by Estelle Richard)

- Estelle will be creating a power point to share at Damage Prevention Meetings to encourage more excavators to get involved for the CGA at the Damage Prevention Meetings. Estelle is creating a sign-up sheet for volunteers to deliver presentation.
- Chris with the City of Duluth shared damage prevention efforts
 - City requires any folks who will request permits to attend training
 - Calling contractors who damaged their facility over the last three years and encouraging them to attend the Damage Prevention Meetings

Best Practices Committee (Led by Mike Mendiola)

- Chris Madden with the City of Duluth has volunteered to facilitate the Best Practices Committee! Thank you Chris!
- The group reviews national and local best practices, the 216D laws to enhance safety within Minnesota.
- Betty Jo is piloting the use of white flagging with black alternate markings in winter to help identify the routes that may be difficult to see in winter conditions in Minnesota
- Other topics have been focused around marking unknown facilities, updating the website and purpose
- Estelle will include information about the winter proposed flag pilot into the presentation for Damage Prevention meetings to encourage feedback and data. Targeted folks will have contact information and additional information. Jodi will also promote at local UCC Meetings.
- Stephanie is promoting Best Practices with MUCA and distributed books out to members

Additional Information

216D Stakeholder Review Meeting: Next meeting is January 19th hosted by Connexus Energy in Ramsey, MN. It's your opportunity to have your voice heard with the one call laws. Mike has reached out to additional industry groups felt needed attendance. Contractors and Excavators who perform curb stakes and driving pins are encouraged to attend.

GSOC Board and User Group positions

- GSOC has posted on the website information is accepting applications for open board positions. Those interested should visit the GSOC website for additional information.

811 Promotions –National Excavator Initiative

Sander Resources has hired Mike Rowe to promote 811 marketing campaign. This effort is open to anyone interested in supporting and promoting damage prevention. To learn more, contact Lindsay Sander at (712) 208-0273 or LNS@SanderResources.com