



Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2017
Chanhassen, MN

Attendees in person: Jeff Law-Korterra, Scott Hand-MNOPS, Mike Mendiola-MNOPS, Jolena Ware-GSOC, Tammy Gardner-GSOC, Stephanie Menning-MUCA, Tom Schmitz-DEA, Eric Klute-MNDOT, Tom Hall-Korterra, Keith Novy-Centerpoint, Ben Wallace-USIC, Jodi Corrow-MN Power

Attendees by phone: Ward Westphal-MP Technologies, Jerry Cobenias-Xcel Energy, Chuck Jensen-Connexus, Andrew Fiskness-AMEC Foster Wheeler, Sarah Shamlal-Sander Resources

Introductions

Introductions were made around the room and those on the phone.

Committee Updates

Ag Committee (*Led by Claude Anderson*)

- No update – Claude not present.

Technology Committee (*Led by Jeff Law*)

- Send all calendar requests to Jeff or Estelle for placement on the website.
 - Korterra will be able to update the website
 - They need to choose a template, source graphics, get new ideas
- ACTION ITEM: We need volunteers for an Ad Hoc Task Force to help design the updated website. Please contact Jeff Law if interested.**
- ACTION ITEM: S. Menning to send J. Law the Day of the Dozer Banner for website. DONE**

Education Committee – (*Betty Jo Keisow –not present*)

DP Meeting Evaluations (*Alicia Berger*)

- Response was very limited (only 2 or 3 DP meeting evaluations were submitted for compiling).
- Insights: The DP evaluation forms that we did receive have been overwhelmingly positive. Almost all the answers are 4's and 5's with no 1's and 2's. For the comments several people noted that the State Patrol presentation was too long.
- The MN CGA needs to find a way to capture this data in a 21st Century format.

Best Practices SubCommittee (*Led by Chris Madden- not present; Mike Mendiola updated the group*)

- The Best Practices meetings are consumed with 216D topics. Discussion was held about taking in more opinions.
 - Minnesota Power & Dakota Electric are piloting the black/white flags for winter. They would like for excavators to use them.
- ACTION ITEM: S. Menning to ask MUCA members if they're interested in using black/white flags.**
- The next Best Practices SubCommittee meeting will be held on September 12th at the GSOC Offices, 10 AM – Noon.

Marketing Committee (*Led by Estelle Richard- not present*)

Communication/MN CGA Forum (*Barbara Cederberg- not present*)

- Barb requested ideas for the August edition
 - 811 Run
 - Promote State Fair presence

- Heads up –UCC folks start planning for 2018 DP meetings
- Reach out to CGA Members for ideas on the DP Meetings
- 216D Meeting
- Day of the Dozers

Special Projects Committee: (Need a Volunteer to Lead this Committee)

811 Run (Jerry Cobenias)

- 811 Run is on track. Next meeting is Friday, July 15th.
- Working on getting shirts ordered and advertising
- They volunteers for water stations
- They will be present at the Torchlight and Aquatennial Parade (Mpls/St. Paul firefighters have a booth).
- Looking at a Shovel Award, instead of a typical medal

ACTION ITEM: S. Menning to promote 811 Run in the bi-Weekly Member Update; will also post around Lake Nokomis and in surrounding businesses. **DONE**

Day of the Dozers (Stephanie Menning)

- September 30th at ERX Motor Park in Elk River
- Registration is open

ACTION ITEM: S. Menning to send the “Call Before You Dig Corner” exhibit partners insurance sponsorship form

SuperBowl Task Force (Scott Landes- not present)

- Scott is leading this effort – information coming soon.

Update on 216D Stakeholder Review Meeting (Mike Mendiola)

Next meeting is August 22nd in St. Cloud 10 AM -3 PM. 3 topics are being addressed: Definition of Excavation; 48 Hour Notification; and Boundary Surveys. More key stakeholder groups are needed to attend. Folks that should be involved: nursery/landscape, fencing, masonry, stake driving, curb & gutter, etc.

National CGA Update (Jeff Law)

Looking at technology utilized by others – beyond the DIRT Report.

Other Business

S. Menning addressed the group regarding the House bill introduced prior to the end of last session seeking contractor protections and recourse in 216D. This effort was the result of contractor attendance at the MN CGA Best Practices Committee meetings and the 216D Stakeholder Review meetings and not having their concerns addressed by the group. One suggestion was that in order for issues to be considered valid, more than one contractor must attend the meetings. When Menning stated that these concerns were reflected by 30 contractors in a survey, the group discussed the difficulty in adding the requested changes to the 216D Law, and for some of the issues, a remedy may reside in engaging other entities. More discussion and a greater effort are needed to resolve the issues experienced by contractors and it may be that the contractors will find their remedies outside of the CGA, as they are seeking with this current/separate legislative effort. Perhaps the proposed legislation may lead to a state-wide effort in finding real solutions. Menning expressed hope that conversations would continue within CGA, as it is the ‘home’ of shared responsibility.

NEXT MEETING: Sept 13th, 10 AM – Noon, Korterra Offices, Chanhassen