

Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering

Eastern Chapter Meeting Minutes

Spokane, Washington

December 3, 2010

Attendees:

Name	Company
Brad Jones	CWCMH
Jeff Phelan	Energy Industries
Chris Pashen	Providence St. Joseph Care Center
Cliff Rogers	WSP/SFM
Jerry Bradley	Ohio Medical
Ben Myers	Samaritan Hospital
Lindsey Mickelson	ThyssenKrupp Elevator
Josh Jensen	ThyssenKrupp Elevator
Denny Denholm	Advanced Med Tech
Steve Durante	KDF Architecture
Ray Garner	Proctor Sales Inc
Ron Darling	Precision Electrical Systems
Tim Heidlebaugh	Central WA Hospital Wenatchee
Philip Kercher	Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center
Robert Fitzsimons	Water Engineering Technologies
Mike Kelly	Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center
Tim Ice	Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center

Administrative

1. Introductions of attendees
2. Approval of March minutes
3. Recognition of Service- *To be deferred as honorees were unable to attend meeting*
 - Bruce Price –Immediate Past Eastern Chapter President
 - Randy Kaiser- Secretary/Treasurer, 2004-2010
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Current account balance of \$23,600.15
5. Determined 2010/11 meeting Date / Location / Host
 - March 4th- Wenatchee Valley Hospital, Wenatchee-Tim Heidlebaugh
 - June 3rd - Samaritan Hospital, Moses Lake- Ben Myers
 - September 9th -Memorial Hospital, Yakima- Ron Urlacher
 - December 2nd – Holy Family, Spokane-Norm McLarin

Advocacy and Networking

6. State Board Updates
 - Next board meeting- FebruaryDiscussed Key focus areas of State Board / Performance Improvement Initiatives
 - Distribution of education information to members
 - Policy/Procedure Manual
 - New member recruitment

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- Mentoring of new board members
- Reviewing use technology – webinars, and how we may effectively utilize this technology
- Leadership development
- WSSHE/ASHE Advocacy

7. ASHE Code Reform Initiative

- ASHE has published a new page on their website and are asking you to "voice your frustrations" about code compliance. The page, which is titled **Code Reform**, can be found at this link: <http://www.ashe.org/codereform>. This initiative is very important to our industry. Please take a few minutes to provide your anonymous input to Chad Beebe see below contact info;

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8. Phil Kercher ASHE Liaison-Discussed several reasons WSSHE members should join ASHE;

- Diverse Membership-Architects, Engineers , Contractors, Peers from other hospitals
- ASHE supports the health care engineering profession and health care industry by keeping members informed about the issues and challenges that face health care organizations today.
- Advocacy and Representation
- Codes and Standards Compliance
 - A Web-based resource library
 - Codes and standards alerts
 - ASHE resource personnel
- An Information Source
 - *Inside ASHE*
 - *ASHE e-News, Building Health, and Career Flash*
 - ASHE Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition
 - International Summit and Exhibition on Health Facility Planning, Design, and Construction (PDC)

9. Phil Kercher ASHE Liaison- Discussed ASHE Platinum level of affiliation requirements / benefits / awards. WSSHE was awarded Platinum recognition in 2010. This effort is now being led by Russ Kent, Katie Bohocky with AMI and Phil.

10. Ben Myers-Eastern Chapter President encouraged all attendees to complete and submit feedback for the DOH-CRS customer satisfaction survey that was emailed to WSSHE members by DOH.

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Growth and Communication

11. WSSHE Scholarships

1. Available to WSSHE members
2. 4-5 scholarships valued at \$750.00 available annually
3. Applicants must take and pass class to be eligible to receive money
4. Scholarship pays for books and tuition only (Not travel)

12. Website-News Line Articles

- The following have volunteered to submit for the quarters listed
 - 1st Quarter-Phil Kercher
 - 2nd Quarter-Ben Myers
 - 3rd Quarter-Tim Heidlebaugh
 - 4th Quarter-Lindsey Mickelson w/Thyssen-Krupp Elevators
- Keep in mind all members can submit news line articles and they only need to be a couple of paragraphs. These articles can be related to anything to do with Health Care Facilities Management that you feel our members may find valuable.

13. June Training

- The training will be held June 15th, 2011
- Ben is looking for suggestions/ideas for the annual front line staff training held at the Hallmark Inn - Moses Lake

14. ASHE Annual in Seattle July 17-20, 2011. WOW!!!

- Planning committee formed and Robert Blakey of Puget Sound Chapter will be heading up this committee
- Brad Jones is part of the ASHE planning task force

15. Questions from Chuck?

- Below are some of the questions topics of discussion;
 1. Phil: The paver story-how a leaky water line was undetected and created a small cave-in at a courtyard garden area
 2. Tim: Prevailing wage process for County owned Healthcare Facilities
 3. Tim: Processes/software, such as RepTrax, used in the ongoing monitoring of persons performing services or visiting healthcare facilities.
 4. Tim: Construction or service providers orientation prior to working at facility. Sample packets were distributed.

16. Educational Speaker – Cliff Rodgers, Deputy State Fire Marshal

Discussed the “Top Ten” most common deficiencies found during Life Safety inspections of Healthcare Facilities;

1. Misuse of extension cords-used in place of permanent wiring, daisy chains, piggy backed power cords, open junction boxes
2. Fire rated doors did not latch or close properly, wedged open with door stops
3. Egress not maintained free of obstructions. Equipment, carts, furniture and storage encroaching egress corridors.
4. Areas had no or insufficient sprinkler protection, missing sprinkler heads, obstructed sprinkler pattern and damaged heads
5. Fire Drills not being held regularly, not keeping records of fire drill
6. Cooking facilities did not have proper chemical protection, such as Ansul System
7. Addresses not posted on building

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8. Existing construction did not meet with the fire protection system provided. This was especially common if exceptions were given at time of construction and there is no longer a record available as to why that decision was made.
9. Missing escutcheons/escutcheon rings and painted fire sprinkler heads. Missing ceiling tiles, overdue tests/inspections were also noted
10. The 1999 version of NFPA 99, which is adopted by CMMS and consequently is applicable to any hospital that receives Medicare or Medicaid funding, still must maintain a minimum humidity of 35% in anesthetizing locations. Cliff discussed some of the compliance challenges surrounding this issue, which many agree no longer has any fire safety application

Other inspection related discussed information –

- Smoke Detector Sensitivity Testing
 - New construction – Test, skip a year, test again then test every five years assuming no issues at each test point
- Battery powered smoke detectors
 - Expiration date noted on back of detector and it must be changed out when manufacturer recommends. Also, yearly battery replacement is required.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:30pm

Next meeting- March 4th- 10am-2pm @ Wenatchee Valley Hospital

Tim Heidlebaugh will be our host

Respectfully submitted –Brad Jones, WSSHE Eastern Chapter Secretary Treasurer