

# Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering

Eastern Chapter Meeting – Minutes

March 2, 2012

Central Washington Hospital- Wenatchee, Washington

Host-Tim Heidlebaugh

## Attendees:

Name	Company
Gary Wood	ThyssenKrupp Elevator
Ryan Mathews	Fulcrum Environmental
Kyle Graves	Coulee Medical Center
Eric Rodgers	Coulee Medical Center
Neil Helberg	North Valley Hospital
Don Kelly	Seimens
Dennis Niehenke	Seimens
Tim Heidlebaugh	Central Washington Hospital
Ron Haxton	Siemens
Brian Winter	Siemens
Rick Beach	Siemens (Fire)
Ramona Reynolds	Klickitat Valley Health
Autumn Marks	Cascade Natural Gas Conservation
Richard Oakley	Wenatchee Valley Medical Center
Ray Davis	North Valley Hospital
Roger Hahn	AAtronics
Dennis Zimmer	Meier Architecture and Engineering

## Administrative

1. Introduction of attendees
2. Approval of December minutes-Approved and seconded
3. Treasurer's Report
  - In Brads absence there was no report given. Tim stated the balance of our account. Current Eastern Chapter Account balance of \$20,003.60.

2012 Future Meeting Dates, Locations and Hosts:

- **June 8**, Coulee Medical Center, Grand Coulee, Host-Eric Rodgers
- **September 7**, Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, Yakima, Host-Ron Urlacher
- **December 7**, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane Host-Phil Kercher

Tim reported on the future dates for our upcoming meetings and suggested a topic of natural gas incentive programs from the local utilities that offer pay back and money for energy saving plans and equipment Autumn Marks with Cascade natural gas was in attendance and may be interested in having that program.

## Advocacy and Networking

4. State Board Updates-Ben Myers was not able to attend, Tim gave updates in his absence;
  - Ben Myers -Working with State Board Members to address concerns related to DOH CRS proposed 22% fee increase. Tim explained the new fee proposal and Ramona Reynolds from Klickitat Valley Hospital sent the attachment form the State DOH with that announcement. Tim will forward to have that posted on the website should that not already have been done. CRS Fee Increase – Geoff & I met with Bart Egan & John Williams with CRS to discuss the fee increase. There are 2 contributing factors behind the fee increase.

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- ❖ No adjustment in the fee schedule has been conducted since 1997.
  - ❖ The adjustment will be used to achieve their targeted turn-around-time of 29 days.
  - ❖ Quarterly meetings will be held with CRS to review their process and to begin identifying/removing barriers to an online submittal process. (Wouldn't it be nice for small projects or addendums to be able to submit them electronically?!)
- Mac MacKenzie – The paperwork and check has been filed with the IRS for 503c status. (non-profit) The funds needed to be separated out from the State funds due to tax reasons. We're now waiting for the IRS to officially recognize the Mac MacKenzie Scholarship Fund as a separate entity.
  - ByLaws – Expect to see an email of the proposed changes to the ByLaws. Tim Heidlebaugh will be sending the updated ByLaws out prior to the Semi-Annual Symposium. A formal vote will take place at the Semi-Annual to adopt the changes. Feedback is welcome. The goal is to tighten up the language as well as improve their alignment with ASHE. Tim reported the state is working to improve the look of the WSSHE website.
5. ASHE Advocacy/ Liaison update - Phil Kercher was unable to attend. Report was deferred to next meeting. Tim discussed notes from agenda;
- Chapter Affiliation Award – submitted for Platinum status. We expect to receive Platinum again with thanks to Katie Bohocky, Russell Kent and Phil Kercher for their combined efforts.
  - The Region 10 Emerging Leader - nomination for Keith Deline, our Past-President, was submitted by Brad Jones with assistance from Geoff Glass and others. Change of ASHE.
  - CHFM Certification - if you have 8-10 years in Facilities Management you may want to consider taking the test and becoming a Certified Healthcare Facilities Manager.

## Growth and Communication

WSSHE Semi-Annual – April 25-27 – *Tame the Wet 'n Wild: Fire Suppression for Health Care Facilities.*

- The flash was sent last Monday and we are already seeing sponsorships and registrations.

## 6. WSSHE Scholarships

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

7. Discussed Building Operator Certification and how great this program is for learning the basics of Building Operation and many components related to building operation and maintenance.

8. June Training 2012-Tim Heidlebaugh will contact HVAC Technical Instructor, Greg Jourdan at Wenatchee Valley Community College, to look at his availability to provide basic HVAC training/education to Eastern Chapter members in June.

## News Line Articles

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter- Phil Kercher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter- Bruce Price
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter- Don Kilgore

***Eastern Chapter Members- Please keep in mind all members can submit news 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.***

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## 9. Questions from Chuck

- Elevator Inspections –We discussed the possibility of yet another new elevator inspector for eastern Washington, and the letter of the law being imposed on all elevator operations.
- Discussed our roles in what's happening in our facilities as far as additional responsibilities. Tim brought up the need for quality education subjects and the need for good input from our members. We need to keep up with our changing environment and WSSHE is our opportunity to share information.
- Discussed emergency management and our changing roles in having more involvement in that process. Discussed this as a possible training education topic for the annual.
- Discussed environmental concerns regarding asbestos and mold removal and possible training on proper methods and documentation.

## Education Topic:

Greg Jourdan, Professor, Environmental Systems & Refrigeration Technology at Wenatchee Valley Community College.

- Greg has a Master's degree in adult and continuing education from Washington State University.
- BS in industrial technology and an AS in air conditioning and heating technology from Central Missouri State University.
- Two time recipient of the Alcoa Excellence in Teaching Award.

Greg discussed DDC Controls-Networks-BacNet vs Lon vs. Tridium. His presentation discussed solutions to bringing multiple DDC controls vendors products under one software control scheme without changing the hardware I/O (inputs and outputs). Greg presented an informative program on the cloud and how that technology is being used to support multiple systems and locations to a central user. Greg stressed the importance of a dashboard for every system to instantly look at building performance, measure the result and be able to respond quickly to changing conditions. Greg also stressed the importance of re-commissioning your facilities at least every 5 years to ensure the systems and assets installed are still performing at desired levels and achieving intended results. This was an excellent presentation.

Building Tour- Members were guided by Tim Heidlebaugh and shown the central rooms and plant facilities of Central Washington Hospital.

Meeting Adjourned.

**Next Meeting - June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Coulee Medical Center, Grand Coulee**

**Host - Eric Rodgers**

Respectfully Submitted –Tim Heidlebaugh, WSSHE Eastern Chapter President.

Reviewed and submitted for posting to website by Brad Jones, WSSHE Eastern Chapter Secretary