

Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering

Eastern Chapter Meeting Minutes
Samaritan Hospital -Moses Lake, Washington
Host-Eastern Chapter President –Ben Myers
June 3, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Introductions of attendees

Today's Meeting Attendees	Company /Facility
Paul Boysen	Bouten Construction
Eric Rodgers	Coulee Medical Center
Ben Myers	Samaritan Healthcare
Brad Jones	Comprehensive
Bruce Price	Walla Walla General
Bret Miche	Graham Construction
Ted Anderson	Whitman Hospital
Roger Hahn	AAtronics
Robert Fitzsimons	Wet Inc.

2. Approval of March minutes

- Approved and seconded

3. Treasurer's Report

- Account Balance \$25,457.22
- Check from Eastern Chapter distributed to ASHE Conference Community project - Head Start Makeover in the amount of \$2000.00 5-25-11
- Deposited into account \$975.00 for Member dues 5-19-11
- Deposited into account \$3850.00 for members dues 3-23-11
- Approval granted to purchase Quickens Software for treasurer reporting to AMI.

Advocacy and Networking

4. State Board Updates

- Semi-Annual Conference: Great Success waiting to hear the final outcome related to registrants and vendors.

5. ASHE Advocacy/ Liaison update – Ben reported in Phil Kercher's absence

- WSSHE once again recognized with the Platinum Level of affiliation!!!
- ASHE Annual in Seattle--(Receive Complimentary Registration)
- "Together We Can – Head Start Makeover" – July 16th
 - www.headstartmakeover.org
 - Donations/Volunteers needed
- We also need 8 room monitors from each chapter to assist during the conference- (Volunteers will receive a Complimentary Conference Registration a \$700.00 value-The Complimentary registration does not include travel, lodging or Tuesday night music experience event)
 - Volunteers most likely will stand at the door of the educational sessions and hand out surveys and collect them at the end of the sessions
 - Must commit to all 3 days M-W
 - Participate in Blood drive July 19
- The following Eastern Chapter members have volunteered;

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Brad Jones, Bruce Price, Norm McLarin, Ben Myers, Eric Rodgers, Chris Pashen

Growth and Communication

6. WSSHE Scholarships

- Ben informed the members present there are some changes coming related to scholarship accounts he is part of a committee with Ray Tiedemann, Jim Mead, Bruce Holliday to look at the scholarship accounts and review status as it relates 501c3.
- Ben also requested 25 “Likes” to create a face book page:
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Washington-State-Society-for-Healthcare-Engineering/207766522590600>

7. News line Articles

- 1st Quarter –Phil Kercher-Completed
- 2nd Quarter- Ben Myers –Due Now
- 3rd Quarter –Tim Heidlebaugh
- 4th Quarter –Lindsey Mickelson

8. June Training

- June 15th 2011
- Rotating Equipment presented by Balance Dynamics, Inc.
- Flyers were sent out to members in May and early this month

9. Questions from Chuck

- Brad followed up from our previous meeting and discussion in regards to sprinkler head life cycles and replacement /testing requirements with the Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal –Dan Johnson his response is as follows;

NFPA 25 1998 Edition

2-3.1.1*

Where sprinklers have been in service for 50 years, they shall be replaced or representative samples from one or more sample areas shall be submitted to a recognized testing laboratory acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction for field service testing. Test procedures shall be replaced at 10-year intervals.

Exception No. 1: Sprinklers manufactured prior to 1920 shall be replaced.

Exception No. 2: Sprinklers manufactured using fast response elements that have been in service for 20 years shall be tested. They shall be retested at 10-year intervals.

Exception No. 3*: Representative samples of solder-type sprinklers with a temperature classification of extra high [325 F (163 C)] or greater that are exposed to semi continuous to continuous maximum allowable ambient temperature conditions shall be tested at 5-year intervals.

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10. Questions from Chuck Continued

- Discussed the effects the economy has had on projects and contractors approx 60% decrease in work according to contractors present.
- Discussed the value of installing occupancy sensors to reduce energy consumption / energy costs.
- Discussed pros and cons of partnering with qualified vendors verses bidding out services-Quality of work, Price, Customer expectation, Reduced training were some of the areas discussed as pros. The cons were some hospitals that receive certain types of funding are required to put work out to bid.
- Very important to check vendor references prior to hiring
- Many hospitals are having efficiency experts coming in and determining staffing levels
- Several Health care facilities have had to look at how resources are being utilized and make some pretty big changes due to staffing levels and attrition. Many of the managers are being required to take over complete departments that were not originally under their supervision.
- Discussed virtual servers –Pros and Cons

11. Education Topic – NFPA 80: Fire Doors. James Runyon of Builder's Hardware explained the importance of maintaining fire doors and how it lays out the groundwork for life safety so that not only people can get out of the building in an emergency but also that emergency responder can get in the building. James discussed the different door components he also discussed some fires and events that explained the reasoning why you need to maintain your fire doors. He used examples from the Chicago Night Club fire in February of 2003 where 21 people died and 50 hurt where locked doors prevented occupants the ability to escape . He also discussed another club in Warwick Rhode Island where 100 people died the same month of the same year. James provided a very informative reference guide produced by Ingersoll Rand and reviewed several door and hardware types that are currently used in the different facilities, he talked about how room pressure affects closures, delayed egress, access controls as well as the requirements for exit and panic hardware. The handouts alone were well worth attending this training.

Next Eastern Chapter Meeting Date and Location

September 9th 2011, 10 AM , Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital in Yakima, our host will be Ron Urlacher–YVMH Director of Plant Operations

Respectfully submitted June 15th 2011 by Brad Jones –WSSHE Eastern Chapter Secretary