

# Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering

Eastern Chapter Meeting - Agenda

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

10am-2pm

Coulee City Medical – 411 Fortuyn Blvd, Grand Coulee, Washington

Host- Eric Rodgers

## Attendees:

Name	Company
Brad Jones	CWCMH
Bryan McLean	CMC
Kyle Graves	Coulee Medical Center
Eric Rodgers	Coulee Medical Center
Ben Myers	Samaritan
Norn McLarin	Providence Holy Family Hospital
Philip Kercher	Providence Sacred Heart Hospital
Curt McNeilly	WH & MC
Gary Beckham	Lincoln County
Tony Seubert	WH & MC
Cheryl Harper	Providence St. Joseph's Hospital
Christine Borden	A-L Compressed Gases
Roger Hahn	AAtronics
Ryan Mathews	Fulcrum Environmental
Autumn Marks	Cascade Natural Gas Conservation
Shelly Pittman	Ameresco Quantum

## Administrative

1. Meeting called to order by Phil Kercher (Filling in for President Mr. Tim Heidlebaugh in his absence)
2. Introduction of attendees
3. Approval of March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012 minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
  - Eastern Chapter Account balance as of April 25, 2012 - \$23512.17
  - Membership update
    - ✓ 685 WSSHE Members Statewide
    - ✓ 129 Eastern Chapter
    - ✓ 413 Puget Sound Chapter
    - ✓ 143 Southwest Chapter
5. Future Meeting Dates;
  - **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

## Advocacy and Networking

6. State Board Updates-WSSHE President –Ben Meyers
  - State Board- Jim Mead and Committee amending by-laws to better align with ASHE. Committee will send out email to members to review changes 90 days before voting, Voting will take place at October 2-5, 2012 Annual Conference in Spokane

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- DOH –CRS Looking to improve handling of submittals possibly going to electronic submission. WSSHE representatives continue to meet quarterly with DOH-CRS. Committee members are Geoff Glass, Ben Myers
- Advocacy Chair –Don Kilgore retiring but staying involved in WSSHE –Kevin Kajita is the new Chair
- Loss of WSSHE Family member Mrs. Gloria Leonidas, wife of Tom Leonidas of Wood-Harbinger Engineers. WSSHE made a donation to a favorite charity Gloria supported.
- 7. ASHE Advocacy/ Liaison update - Phil Kercher
  - Phil discussed the many benefits of becoming an ASHE member
    - ✓ Personal recognition of peers, networking, certifications CHFM, FASHE, SASHE to name just a few
  - ASHE Region 10 Emerging Regional Leader selected for 2012 –WSSHE's own Mr. Keith Deline of the Southwest Chapter. Congratulations to our Past WSSHE President Keith!!
  - WSSHE again awarded Platinum Level Affiliation under Chapter Leadership Program
  - ASHE presenting a free webinar on Social Networking
  - WSSHE Rocks!

## Growth and Communication

1. WSSHE Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition - October 2-5, 2012, in Spokane, The theme is “Building Connections To The Future.” The Education Planning Committee has established the program and the speakers are being recruited.
2. Discussed selection process for education committee members for Annual Conference
  - 3 WSSHE Full Members chosen by board members of each Chapter
  - Members chosen may be considered for leadership roles in WSSHE (recruitment tool)
  - Geoff Glass Chairs this committee and has done so for the last several years. He is a great leader and really makes the process enjoyable.
3. WSSHE Educational Scholarships
  - Available to WSSHE members & others in the member's department
  - 4-5 scholarships valued at \$750.00 are available annually
  - Applicants must successfully complete the class/program prior to distribution of funds
  - Scholarship pays for books and tuition only (Not travel)
4. **WSSHE Eastern Chapter 2012 June 7 Training** –This meeting was very successful with a full class from area hospitals. Many positive comments were received. Management Strategies for Remediating Asbestos, Lead, Mercury Mold and PCB's' in Healthcare Facilities and effective utilization of ICRA  
**Date**-June 7, 2012  
**Time**-10am-12pm  
**Location**- Best Western Hotel  
**Address**- 3000 W Marina Dr., Moses Lake, QWA. 98837 10am-12pm
5. State Membership Roster is available on the WSSHE site with password protection.
6. Newline Articles
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter-Tim Heidlebaugh
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter-Phil Kercher
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter-Bruce Price
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter-Don Kilgore

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7. Questions from Chuck-
  - Benchmarking-What are some tools others are using to determine labor costs associated with the different tasks/PM's being done at their facilities
  - Headwalls-types of design to prevent damage to outlets on walls
  - ASHE –YouTube channel to show short educational videos
  - WSSHE has a social website
  - We were all entertained with a story of Mama duck & 8-ducklings that recently wandered into the Facilities Shop at Sacred Heart looking for the Fruits & Vegetables Department and a place to take a bath. (Thanks for that, Phil)

**Education Topic:** Compressed Gases- “Best practices”- What’s recommended, and what’s required?

**Speaker -Christine Borden** Account Manager with A-L Compressed Gases.

Christine Borden has been in the compressed gas industry since 1990. In July of 2000, she moved from A-L Seattle to A-L Spokane. In the last 22 years, Christine has had the opportunity to work with virtually every brand and configuration of medical gas and vacuum equipment. Her experience includes troubleshooting these systems from source to patient. Christine has worked closely with various health care facilities, architects, mechanical engineers and plumbers on new construction and remodeling projects. As a distributor, A-L has the unique position of having access to many different manufacturers and their product lines.

Christine actually came in on her day off and shared her knowledge and wealth of information related to maintenance and requirements for medical gas and vacuum systems. She discussed the many important aspects in maintaining these systems. There was also talk of personnel that test med gas alarm systems may need to have specific training in the near future **if NFPA 2012 is adopted** . There were discussions of providing some required trainings at possible upcoming WSSHE Conferences if and when this were to take place. The group also discussed with Christine the different types of e-cylinders, creative storage solutions as well renting vs owning.

8. Meeting adjourned By Mr. Phil Kercher @12 pm
9. Coulee Medical Center Tour- Eric Rodgers-Eric and his staff provided a very nice tour of their beautiful, new critical access hospital including offsite maintenance shop.

## **Next Meeting- September 7, 2012**

Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, 2811 Tieton Drive, Yakima

Host-Ron Urlacher