

**WSSHE EASTERN CHAPTER QUARTERLY MEETING
KITITAS VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, ELLENSBURG WA.
SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**

PRESENT:

President: Doug Sowers

President Elect: Bruce Price

Sec/Treasurer: Randy Kaiser

Members: Tim Heidlebaugh, Don Kilgore, Gene Hodge, Bill Oeder, Will Mackin, Don Fulton, Bill Kinzel, Mark Overby, Doug Erickson, Brad Jones, Ed lueben, Jon Hopwood

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00

Attendee introductions

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes were approved as submitted for the June 5, 2009 meeting

TREASURER REPORT:

Randy Kaiser reported that the current balance as of 9/1/09 is 14, 957.75

NEWSLINE ARTICLES 2009:

Doug Sowers encouraged members to write articles for the Newslines they can be a one page on a best practice, a new system, etc. Doug addressed the group about this being a part of ASHE gold status.

ADVOCACY:

Brad spoke to the group about a national effort change the requirement of fire/smoke damper test from 4 years to 6 years.

Don Kilgore spoke about the effort of WSSHE, SFM, and WSHA to work on humidity control in the Operating rooms and Transfer equipment.

WSSHE SCHOLARSHIPS:

Doug addressed the group about the availability and process for the application of the WSSHE scholarship. Up to 7 scholarships of 750.00 can be awarded each year.

BOARD REPORT:

Brad Jone gave a brief board activity report and update. Brad announced that Steven Grose is our new Region 10 ASHE Representative. Brad also talked about the upcoming Annual conference & technical exhibition to be held October 13.14.15.16 at the Yakima Convention Center Yakima, WA. This year's title "The Health Care Gauntlet: Reducing Cost While Improving Care".

Brad informed the group of the 2010 6 state conference to be held in Spokane next fall.

QUESTIONS FROM CHUCK:

Brad addressed the group about a risk assessment that was done on hand washing /sanitizing as prevention for H1N1.

Bruce asked the group about the fire drill requirements during and for an ILS.

Doug shared with the group about a utility failure that recently occurred at his facility in a relatively new construction where he had a 150 lb steam PRV fail.

EDUCATION TOPIC/SPEAKER

Alan B. Jones, PhD Dangerous Waste Management Update: OPA, Pharmaceuticals, Formalin, and Epinephrine.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned 1:45