

**Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering**  
 Eastern Chapter Meeting – Meeting Minutes  
 Samaritan Hospital- 801 Wheeler Road, Moses Lake, Washington 98837  
 Host-Rob Huit BOC I  
 March 6<sup>th</sup> 2015  
 10am-2pm

**Attendees;**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Brad Jones	CWCMH
Curtis McNeilly	Whitman Hospital
Will Mackin	WWGH
Greg Russell	WWGH
Dave Robbins	ATS Inland Northwest
Scott Barrick	ATS
Gary Finch	Schulz-Follett
Earl Eastman	Bruce H&A
Nick Gonzalez	Bouten Construction
Todd Erickson	Johnson Controls
Mark Jacobus	Powercheck
Bret Arit	Koch Filter
Rick Beach	Siemens Fire
Eric Rodgers	PHCSC
Ben Myers	Deaconess Hospital
Elliott Tenner	Siemens Automation
Rick Matthews	IGI Resources
Philip Kercher	Providence SHMC
Michael James	Trane
Ed Luebben	Meier Architect/Engineering
Ryan Matthews	Fulcrum Environmental

**Administrative**

- Call to order 10:08 am
- Introduction of attendees
  - New member-Mark Jacobus
- Approval of December meeting minutes
- Treasurer's Report
  - Eastern Chapter Account balance as of February 25<sup>th</sup> , 2015 is \$28,440.17
  - Tax Statement submitted to AMI
  - December Financial Statement submitted to AMI
  - Membership Info;
    - Eastern Chapter has 163 Members (77 Associate & 86 Professional)
    - Puget Sound Chapter has 513 Members (386 Associate, 124 Professional & 3 Retired)
    - Southwest Chapter has 166 Members (99 Associate, 65 Professional & 2 Honorary)
- 2015 Meeting Dates and Locations-The first Friday in the quarterly month and each host is also responsible for the Educational Subject. Suggested first Friday dates are:

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- March 6, 2015-**Samaritan Hospital, Moses Lake, Host- Rob Huit**
  - June 5, 2015-**Valley Hospital, Spokane, Host-Greg Palmanteer**
  - September 4, 2015 **Simplex Grinnell, Spokane, Host-Angie Frederick**
  - December 4, 2015 **Memorial Hospital, Yakima, Host- Ron Urlacher**
- Newsline Articles Submissions –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.
    - March- **Philip Kercher**
    - June-**Lindsey Mickelson**
    - September-**Matt Landoe**
    - December-**Eric Rodgers**
  - June Training –June 19<sup>th</sup> Educational Topic;  
Chiller plant optimization and efficiencies this training is worth 3 Maintenance points towards credentials.
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### **Advocacy and Networking**

- State Board Updates-Curtis McNeilly
  - Rob Puitt is State President Elect for 2016
  - 2015 Business plan approved
  - Reviewing state advocacy to non WSSHE member Hospitals
  - Robert Blakey –Education Chair
  - Jim Mead –Pete Peterson Scholarship Chair
  - Eric Rodgers –Mac McKenzie Scholarship Chair
  - Developed Annual Symposium theme and topics
  - Looking at possibly changing bylaws to be able to award additional scholarships (Possibly 12) at \$1000.00 each?
  - Revised and updated the WSSHE Marketing Brochure- Thank you to Heather Warner, Phil Kercher and other members that assisted with this project.
- ASHE Advocacy / Liaison update-Phil Kercher
  - 9000-10000 members and going strong
  - Discussed INFECTION Control Risk Assessments ( ICRA ) and all the available information related to this topic on the ASHE Website.
  - Please consider joining ASHE if not currently a member several benefits at a very low cost
  - Looking at requirements for ASHE levels of affiliation related to Platinum Elite and possible future effort to achieve this level of affiliation.

### **Growth and Communication**

1. WSSHE –2015 Conference Dates
  - **Semi Annual - Chelan WA. April 22-24, 2015**-Semi-Annual- “Code Red” Maintaining Life Safety Code Compliance!
  - **Annual-Vancouver WA. October 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> 2015** Planning committee to meet immediately following Semi Annual

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- Reviewed Eastern Chapter Training Survey Results; Surveyed members to inquire as to what types of trainings they may be interested. Will received 16 responses-10 Professional 6 Associate

The top three interests are listed below ;

- 1) 73% Lessons learned
- 2) 46% Energy Efficiency
- 3) 46% OR Humidity Strategies

WSSHE Scholarships;

- 8 scholarships awarded in 2014 6 of those were awarded for CEM Class in Renton

**Mac McKenzie Scholarship Fund**

The scholarship is open to members wishing to further their education. There are **six (6) \$750 education scholarships** available each academic year, running from September through August. **No due date for scholarship applications, open until the awarded amounts are reached.**

**Pete Peterson Scholarship Fund**

The purpose of the Scholarship Fund will be to assist WSSHE Full Members to be able to attend conferences and educational meetings that they might not be able to due to financial restrictions.

At the beginning of the year the Chapter Board shall meet and decide the amount of the funds, the number of awards to be given, and the individual amount of each award. The Board will then make the announcement of the chapter membership of the funding that will be available and the procedures for applying.

Priority of Awarding the Scholarship:

1. Awards shall be given on a first come first served basis
2. The PPSF Board will set the guidelines for the due dates of applications and the awarding criteria. Full members can use the enclosed application form to submit their requests.
3. The PPSF Board will approve/disapprove all requests at the regular PPSF Board meeting following the receipt of the requests.

- 4) Questions from Chuck? What's on your mind and how can we help each other?

Some topics that were discussed;

- Converting from digital to analog radios
- OR Humidity-Monitoring required of individual rooms? Possible use of WIFI based humidity sensors, check calibrations, check to see if compatible with frequencies.
- Wireless Access Controls-Installing wireless standalone card access at doors possible savings?

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- Staff Reductions-Number of Staff compared to number of square feet maintained.
  - i. Outsourcing vs. using in-house staff
  - ii. Some areas to consider when benchmarking-Snow removal, Grounds, Housekeeping etc..
- Discussed importance of standardizing where possible.
- Utilization of a Common CMMS work order system if organization has multiple sites.
- Review service contracts regularly
- Succession planning finding qualified help and recruitment is becoming more challenging.
- Discussed Public Works Hospital bidding.
  - i. Hospitals in the near future may possibly be looking for credentials from contractors such as HCC Certified or similar type credentials as part of bid package?
- Targeted Violence Training –What types of trainings are organizations doing?
- Weapons in Facilities-Example of officer shooting in Hallway

**5) *\*\*Education Session- The Natural Gas and Crude Oil Market: “Does it make me a bad person if I like cheap gasoline?”***

Rick Matthews a Cornell Graduate , Natural Gas Broker with IGI Resources, presented on the wild crude oil market, its impact on natural gas, alternative energy sources and what may occur in the future. Rick did an excellent presentation, and is very well informed on this subject. Rick discussed the Pro’s and Con’s of low oil prices as well as the future of oil and gas industries. He also touched base on the different battery technologies and how fast this technology is progressing in newer vehicles as well as Microbial Fuel Cells..

After Rick’s presentation, there were some very interesting conversations related to the topics presented.

Next meeting:

**June 5, 2015-Valley Hospital, Spokane, Host-Greg Palmanteer**

**Building Tour- Optional**

Adjournment