

Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering

Eastern Chapter Meeting – Minutes

September 6th, 2013

10am-2pm

Memorial Hospital – 2811 Tieton Drive

Yakima, Washington

Host- Ron Urlacher

Meeting Minutes

Attendees;

Name	Company
Rick Beach	Siemens
Brad Jones	CWCMH
Will Mackin	Walla Walla General Hospital
Doug Erickson	Garden Village
Ron Urlacher	Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital
Erik Dodge	KDF Architecture
Amos Poe	Siemens
Dewight West	Siemens
John Sutter	VEMCO
Douglas Wiker	VEMCO
Nick Gonzalez	Bouten Construction Company
Roger Hahn	AAtronics

Administrative

1. President Will Mackin called meeting to order 10:15am
2. Introductions of Attendees
3. Treasurer's Report
 - Eastern Chapter Account balance as of July 24th 2013 - \$28188.05
 - Membership Info –
 - Eastern - 154 Members (67 Associate & 87 Professional)
 - Puget Sound - 441 Members (328 Associate & 113 Professional)
 - Southwest - 147 Members (70 Associate & 77 Professional)
4. Approval of June 7, 2013 meeting minutes
5. Future Meeting Dates;
 - **December 6 Providence Holy Family Hospital, Spokane, Norm McLarin, host.**

Advocacy and Networking

1. State Board Updates-Brad Jones
 - WSSHE Annual Conference;
- “Tacoma Narrows: Safe Passage through Challenging Waters”
September 10-13, 2013
Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center & Hotel Murano**
2. The American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) awarded our own WSSHE Associate member and huge supporter Art Kjos with their Presidents Award and FASHE Designation. And our Eastern Chapter and Past State President Ben Myers is the recipient of the 2013 Region 10 Emerging Regional Leader Award.
 3. September ASHE Newsletter-CMS is offering Hospitals additional categorical waivers
 - Medical Gas Master Alarms-Allow substitution of a centralized computer system for one category 1 med gas alarm
 - Openings in exit enclosures-permits existing openings in exit enclosures to mechanical equipment spaces if they are protected by fire rated door assemblies

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- Emergency Generators and Standby power systems-reduces the annual diesel powered generator exercising requirement
- Doors-allows doors locking arrangements in areas where there are clinical needs or security risks
- Suites-further accommodates the use of suites by changing egress rules and increasing maximum sleeping room suite size
- Extinguishing requirements reduces testing frequencies for certain sprinkler system alarm devices and pump assemblies.

Hospitals that want to take advantage of one or more of these waivers must formally elect to use them and document their decision. There are other criteria that needs to be met and you can go to the ASHE website for more information

Growth and Communication

- **September 17, 2013**

Building Operator Certification Course offered in TriCities

Building Operator Certification (BOC) is for building operating engineers and maintenance Technicians working in healthcare, public

Location:

[Benton PUD](#)

2721 W 10th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336

Cost:

\$1,595: Full course series

\$1,395: Second registrant or more from the same company

\$1,495: WAMOA & WSSHE member tuition discount!

The registration fee includes all classroom training hours, class handbooks, a project workbook, BOC newsletter and credential recognition materials.

- **September 24 - 25, 2013**

ASHE Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC) Program

The HCC Workshop combines an e-learning program and a two-day seminar that offers education on critical topics in health care construction.

Time:

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Where:

[Renton Technical College](#)

3000 NE Fourth Street

Renton, WA 98056 > [Map](#)

Cost:

\$765: ASHE or WSSHE Member

\$915: Non-Member

- **September 26, 2013**

ASHE Certified Healthcare Constructor (CHC) Preparation Workshop

Designed to give you the tools for passing the Certified Health Care Constructor (CHC) Exam, this course provides test taking tips, key topics, and sample questions identified in the CHC content outline. The workshop fee does not include the CHC exam fee, nor does it register you for the exam. I know Phil Kercher will be attending this training.

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\$535: Non-Member

1. WSSHE Scholarships

About The McKenzie Scholarship

Mac McKenzie was a member of our Puget Sound Chapter for many years. Mac served as chapter secretary many times and in 1988 had just accepted the position again when it was discovered he had cancer. Our dear friend passed away early in 1989.

In April of 1989, President Jim Hamilton presented a scholarship program to the board in honor of Mac McKenzie. The program was designed and adopted for use as a continuing education program for members.

In 1991, funds were allocated and the scholarship was placed in effect. 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.

The application and informational flyer is available below and question can be directed to:

Ray.Tiedemann@multicare.org

Send completed application with two (2) recommendations to:

WSSHE Education Committee

c/o Ray Tiedemann

7708 Fairview Rd SW

Olympia, WA 98512-7483

No due date for scholarship applications, open until the awarded amounts are reached.

About The Pete Peterson Scholarship

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.

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3. The PPSF Board will approve/disapprove all requests at the regular PPSF Board meeting following the receipt of the requests.

2. Newline Articles 2013

- Shelly Pittman submitted a very informative article regarding Solar Hot Water and Thermal systems and the great potential for saving money, having access to emergency hot-water supplies, and reducing carbon emissions. This and other great newline articles can be found by clicking on the WSSHE News link on the WSSHE Homepage
- **September**-Will Mackin
- **December**- Eric Rodgers

3. Questions from Chuck? What's on your mind and how can we help each other?

- Discussed CO2 detector installation and locations
- Discussed access control requirements at different locations within the facility and types of controls that can be used

4. ****Education Session – “Stress & the Ever-Changing Landscape of Healthcare Reform”**

Speaker: Paul Nagle-McNaughton- Vice President, Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health

Paul gave the group a very interactive presentation and discussed several causes of stress and ways to avoid / eliminate stress. He discussed stress in ranges of 0-10 as well as the three main leverage points. He taught us all how to take a chill pill and gave real world examples of how to think positive thoughts related to stressful events /situations. We did a very fun exercise where Paul walked us through an easy way to remember “HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH STRESS”; The main takeaways from Paul's presentation;

- Deep breaths to relax
- Move your body (Exercise)
- Smile
- Think positive thoughts

Take care of yourself by choosing better foods, getting enough rest, proper exercise, find the balance and determine what works best for you!

Next meeting: December 6, 2013 Providence Holy Family Hospital, Spokane, Host -Norm McLarin

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted –Brad Jones WSSHE Eastern Chapter Secretary