

# Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering

Eastern Chapter Meeting Minutes

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012

10am-2pm

Memorial Hospital – 2811 Tieton Drive

Yakima, Washington

Host- Ron Urlacher

## Attendees:

Name	Company
Brad Jones	CWCMH
Tim Heidlebaugh	Central Washington Hospital
Rick Beach	Siemens (Fire)
Gary Wood	ThyssenKrupp Elevator
Ron Urlacher	YVMH
Bill Kinzel	YVMH
Autumn Marks	Cascade Natural Gas Conservation
Ryan Mathews	Fulcrum Environmental
Jason Stuart	Fulcrum Environmental
Eric Rodgers	Coulee Medical Center
Roger Hahn	AAtronics
Shelly Pittman	Ameresco

## Administrative

1. Meeting called to order at 10:15 am
2. Introduction of attendees
3. June 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 meeting minutes were approved
4. Treasurer's Report
  - Eastern Chapter Account balance as of August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 - \$22639.18
  - Membership update
    - ✓685 WSSHE Members
    - ✓129 Eastern Chapter
    - ✓413 Puget Sound Chapter
    - ✓143 Southwest Chapter
5. Future Meeting Dates;
  - **December 7** Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane Host Phil Kercher

## Advocacy and Networking

1. State Board Updates-WSSHE President –Ben Meyers
  - ASHE Annual Conference
  - By-law Changes to better align with ASHE / Voting at Annual Conference

**Advocacy efforts** - Chad Beebe our ASHE advocacy leader has asked for our help. Long have we complained about the overwhelming number of codes and regulations. We bemoan the multiplicity and conflict between standards and the enforcement.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO DO SOMETHING – let's get off our hinnies and do sumptin!**

Let us all support the ASHE initiative to bring about a unified code! Tell your administrator how important this is and how we as a society are trying to reduce the dollars spent on compliance while having the safest hospitals in the world.

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The International Code Council is preparing for final action hearings in October that will help determine which provisions are included in the 2015 edition of the I-Codes. ASHE will be at the meetings and urges ASHE members to consider attending and getting involved with this important code development process. Information about [the hearings](#) that will take place October 22 and 24-28 is online and registration is now open. ASHE members can also learn more about how to get involved by contacting ASHE Director of Codes and Standards Chad Beebe at [cbeebe.aha@gmail.com](mailto:cbeebe.aha@gmail.com).

These hearings are in Portland! We have no excuse but to attend and support this effort. Chad says:

"We need a line that goes out the door of people that want to testify. We have an uphill battle and we will fail if we don't get the community support we need. I need in the neighborhood of 200 people to be there to testify. We need all **state owned and university hospitals** to register and send every one they can to vote. In the ICC process they are the only ones that qualify to vote.

Contact Chad or Art Kjos– you do not have to be an ASHE or OSHE or WSSHE or ISHE or MSHE member to do this you just have to care!

2. ASHE Advocacy/ Liaison update – Brad /Tim
  - Discussed Membership Benefits
  - Levels of affiliation

## Growth and Communication

1. WSSHE Annual - October 2-5, 2012, Spokane
3. WSSHE Scholarships
  - Available to WSSHE members
  - 4-5 scholarships valued at \$750.00 available annually
  - Applicants must take and pass class to be eligible to receive money
  - Scholarship pays for books and tuition only (Not travel)
4. **WSSHE Eastern Chapter 2013 June Training** –Suggestions
5. News line 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

***Eastern Chapter Members-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.***

## Questions from Chuck;

- Discussed graying of the work force Ryan Matthews will help develop demographics survey to hospitals determine amount of retirees and possible effects on facilities management as well as potential positions that will become available as a result of retirements. Discussed working with local colleges/trade schools to find apprentices and qualified individuals.
- Brad to check on link for news line articles
- Discussed housekeeping and the effect Virex- cleaning disinfecting product has on vinyl floors-softens wax.

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- Discussed new requirements for staff certification /operator training for underground storage tanks. These requirements go into effect in December this year. Tim suggested possible training opportunities and Ryan Matthews will contact DOE and see what needs to be done and will follow up with Tim Heidlebaugh.

### **Education Topic: “Lean processes in architectural design”**

**Dave Franklund**-Principal of KDF Architecture specializes in Rural Healthcare and Critical Access Hospitals. Dave gave a very informative / interesting power point presentation showing how to use lean principles/concepts when constructing/designing a new healthcare facility.

Dave discussed work flow considerations and gave examples of how Six sigma might work in the design considerations. He also discussed utilizing 5s for looking at supplies. He discussed the importance and effectiveness of using mock ups when doing preliminary design work. He also suggested modular furniture be considered for flexibility now and in future changes. He discussed zone valves for maintaining or servicing areas without having to shut down entire areas. Determining the location of columns and load bearing walls during design is also very important to help you know what will fit and work in certain areas where there may need to be columns or walls. For best results during construction projects, the projects should be an integrated process where all trades work together in the design process and thru the entire project.

- Memorial Hospital Tour - Ron Urlacher
- **Next Meeting-** December 7 @ Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane  
**Host:** Mr. Phil Kercher