

Northwest Ohio Damage Prevention Council Meeting Minutes 10/08/09

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Reams.

The mission statement was read by Carol Detzel.

Everyone present briefly introduced themselves.

It was moved and seconded to accept the September 10 meeting minutes.

New Business

Judd Gleason discussed the CGA conference which he attended in Nashville. There are fifty-three partners nationally. Items which were discussed included existing programs, current contacts, an upcoming survey and the 811 campaign. An agreement has been reached with Nascar, John Deere and Home Depot to assist with marketing of the 811 campaign. Specific activities of various regional partners were also discussed.

Jennifer Reams asked if the CGA talked about help with the dig laws. Judd Gleason said that this issue was not discussed. Jennifer Reams said that the state dig laws must incorporate the nine elements by a certain date or revert to the Pipeline Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) federal excavation law. Alice Miller will contact PHMSA about a speaker regarding the nine elements.

Meeting Discussion Topics

Alice Miller and Jennifer Reams raised the issue of changing officer terms from a two year term to a one year term. This change was unanimously passed. Alice Miller will send revised by-laws to Carol Detzel. Alice Miller indicated that elections will be held in November. Members present thought that candidates should be announced at the November meeting and not before.

Jennifer Reams discussed the possibility of holding DPC meetings every other month instead of monthly. This issue was not passed. However, a suggestion was made by Judd Gleason to rotate a business meeting and then a presentation meeting i.e. there would only be presenters six times per year. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Carol Detzel will contact the Columbus DPC chairman to see what is required for DPC presentations to count for P.E. credit. Perhaps this could boost attendance.

Alice Miller and Jennifer Reams indicated that we need a volunteer from our DPC to participate in the OUPS Logo Committee. There will probably be one meeting, either 10/27/09 or 10/28/09, all six DPC's will be represented and it will likely be held in Mansfield. The majority of members present felt that it was appropriate to have one brochure and one state-wide logo for DPC's. Alice Miller will be our representative.

Alice Miller discussed the OUPS safety day that was recently held in Miamisburg. It went very well. The event was well attended and the presentations were excellent.

Alice Miller indicated that we have not yet heard about Senator Buehrer's availability to speak at our 12/03/09 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Carol Detzel, Secretary
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