



## UDPC Quarterly Meeting

1/16/25

### Minutes

**Welcome:** Co-Chair Greg First called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Greg First presented the evacuation and safety plan along with a review of the Guidelines of Engagement for the participants.

**Roll Call:** Jana Bruen, Dave Coniglio, Jessica Burlett, James Finucan, Monica Varrasso, Patrick Murphy, Elizabeth Pyles, Al Tonetti, Chris Leonard, Clayton Heitz, Alex McCann, Brad Shoemaker, Lori Wade, Jim Collins, Dominick Belser, Jim Mander, Johnny Henson, Jack Bennett, Sott Mergler, Blake Ross, Shawn Hudgel, Casey Fritz, Gerald Morrison, Benjamin Lynch, Michael Burroughs, Andrew Corder, Bryon Bedel, Jason Broyles, Frank Riegler, Greg First

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from prior meeting reviewed. Motion made and seconded to accept as presented. Motion Passed.

#### Subcommittee Reports:

- **Training Subcommittee:** Alex McCann and Brad Shoemaker report out that language from this subcommittee is at LSC. Waiting on official draft language to send out for final 30-day review of the industry.
- **Utility Coordination:** Report out that the Utility Coordination Subcommittee has not yet met since last UDPC meeting. However, focus groups within this subcommittee have met.
  - o **Size-Scope of a Locate Request:** Conversations are still ongoing, however, getting close on agreeance to report back to the subcommittee with hopes of having language to present at next UDPC meeting.
  - o **Life of a Ticket:** Conversations are still ongoing, however, getting close on agreeance to report back to the subcommittee with hopes of having language to present at next UDPC meeting.
  - o **White Lining:** Focus group has not met since last UDPC meeting.

- **Exemption Subcommittee:** Jim Collins reported out that this subcommittee has met and is looking at language to include an exemption for common utility locating practices as well as an exemption for telecommunications to make initial connection within utility ped. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet monthly to work on language.
- **Enforcement Subcommittee:** Alex McCann and Brad Shoemaker speak to the group reviewing all of the non-enforceable subsections of the Ohio Revised Code. Discussion to take place on which, if any, non-enforceable subsections should be made enforceable. Common thought of “why is it in the law if it isn’t enforceable?”. Subcommittee scheduled to meet quarterly to discuss.
- **Abandoned Lines Subcommittee:** Subcommittee reported out that conversations are moving forward. Have general consensus around having a “gathering” place where utilities would be required to provide maps/records on lines as they are abandoned. This would then provide basic information back to excavator if locate request is made close to abandoned lines so excavator would have that information along with active line locates on the ground. Still having conversations on what information would be required to be turned in, what information would be released to requesting excavator, who the “gathering” organization would be, how would process be funded, would this be applicable to all utility industry groups, etc. The subcommittee continues to meet quarterly as they talk through the possible process and how to make it where the process would serve the entire industry and safe excavation.

**Voting Application Review:** **Application** submitted by Construction Employers Association to be considered. The application was reviewed. Motion made and seconded to allow CEA to become a “voting association” within the OUDPC. Motion passed.

**Roundtable:** During roundtable conversation, the group discussed the current possible designs of a logo for the OUDPC. Feedback was captured and sent to OHIO811 design team. Conversation will continue at the next OUDPC meeting in April, 2025.

**Adjournment:** Upon completion of all conversations and report outs by subcommittees, motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Next meeting currently scheduled for April 17, 2025, although conversations being had to reschedule due to industry events that will severely impact ability for members to participate.

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