



Membership Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Sept. 21, 2021

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

ATTENDANCE:

Dennis Bott, Southwest Gas	Jeff Kennedy, Cox Communications
Dawn Rivard, PUCN	Mike Marrero, USIC
Craig Rogers, PUCN	Robbie Reed, City of Henderson
Bob Ward, NV Energy	Salvatore Caponigro, Stake Center Locating
Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell	Saundra Waggoner, C&S Company
Ryan White, USA North 811	Scott Allen, Las Vegas Paving
Boyd Duchene, CCWRD	Shane Ayers, Stake Center Locating
Mario Fernandez, LVVWD	Tammy Bentley, C&S Company
Andrew Barbieri, G2	Michael Williams, Bloodhound Underground
Ashley Bryan-Thorp, Terra Contracting	Yvonne Broadeur, Southwest Gas
Matt Brecke, NV Energy	702-455-6000, Clark County Gov
Jeremy Crawford, Kern River	Charles Atkinson, TMWA
Douglas Conroe, NPL Construction	Jon (?)
Elizabeth Duenez, Sunstate Companies	Wayne Scott, AT&T
Harold Lefler, Western States	702-604-1518, Company Unknown
Jamie Haas, Paiute Pipeline	714-600-1983, Company Unknown
Reina Pantoja – Company Unknown	

STANDING ITEMS:

1. **Introductions (Dennis Bott)**

Dennis conducted introductions.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda (Dennis Bott)**

Bob made a motion, Boyd Seconded it.

3. **Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)**

Dawn provided a financial report.

4. **Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)**

4 civil penalties in the last quarter – 3 in the south, 1 in the north. 3 warning letters – 2 in the south, one in the north.



5. CGA Best Practices and CGA Update (Cesar Castillo, Bob Ward)

Cesar provided an update on CGA best practices and the CGA's annual event. The CGA Regional Partner Committee reached out to Ryan White and asked the NRCGA to provide a presentation on the NRCGA and our activities. Dennis will do the presentation on damage prevention training and rodeo, silver shovel, and 811 Day. This is an open event that any registrant can attend – not just committee members. You need to register in advance though.

6. USA North 811 Positive Response Program (Ryan White)

Ryan presented an Excel spreadsheet displaying the PR codes and the number of times each code has been used since Jan. 2021.

NEW ITEMS:

7. Introduction of New NRCGA Members (Dennis Bott)

- C&S Co. – Tammy & Saundra present. They mostly do underground utilities. They joined to be more active in the laws.
- Sunstate Companies – Elizabeth present. Sunstate is a landscaping company – landscapers are notorious for mistakes! They don't dig so much, but still end up with damages. Decided to join NRCGA so they can better learn what they need to do and do it the right way. Elizabeth has already joined the training committee. She'll be doing Spanish training.
- G2 – Andrew present. Provide inspections and QC inspections for line locators. Been working with SWG for 13 years. Joined to get more involved and prevent damages.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8. Design Ticket Exploratory Committee (Rick Torrens)

Rick was not present, but he provided an email update to Dawn & Dennis. He said committee doesn't have anything to report.

9. NRCGA Board of Directors Nominating Committee (Robbie Reed)

This year's board election will be for Electric, Gas, Sewer, Regulatory, Excavator, and Line Locator positions. Nomination forms should be going out the beginning of next month. We'll have 2 to 3 weeks for nominations and 2 to 3 weeks for votes. We'll have new members by the Nov. meeting. You can nominate yourself. Nominations and elections will be electronic. Go to nrcga.org to read the NRCGA's bylaws to read what's expected of board members.

10. Education/Training (Cesar Castillo, Dennis Bott, Steve Wibalda, Nancy Lopez)

This committee met recently to revamp the training presentation. Liz is going to convert the presentation to Spanish.

11. 811 Day (Ryan White)

South Event – Ryan – Lifeguard Arena event. Rented both "sheets of ice" for the event. Made it a back to school drive. Handed out backpacks (donated by SWG) and school supplies. RP Weddell donated colored pencil sets. Anyone who came in got a backpack, free skate pass, and the 811 message. Handed out 250 backpacks. Many NRCGA members participated as volunteers. Video on USA North's YouTube channel.



North Event – Matt – Coffee event at Western NV Supply. More than 100 people stopped by for coffee. Members of the PUCN stopped by. Matt did 4 interviews that day with news channels.

12. Excavator Appreciation Events (Cesar Castillo, Dawn Rivard)

Nov. 4, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Will include a social hour with 2 drink tickets for each attendee. USAN and PUCN will be speaking that night. The north doesn't have an event planned at this time.

13. USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Dennis Bott)

NRCGA gets 4 seats on the executive board for USAN to represent Nevada. Boyd, Larry, Bob and Dennis are the current seat holders. Board approved to move to a new ticketing system. Switching to Pelican. It's an int'l ticketing system. July 1, 2022, the new systems should be up and running.

USAN members can join the board meeting as a guest and listen in. Email USAN's executive director ahead of the meeting and ask to attend. Rick, Cesar and Mike Marrero join every meeting as non-voting members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reno Aces – Matt Brecke said the Aces reached out looking for 2022 sponsorships. His Aces contact is working on a package for \$12,000. Once he gets the proposal, he will email it to Dawn to distribute to board members.

Ryan – USAN is talking to Aces, Aviators and Knights. Wants to work with NRCGA to see if we can combine efforts and do something bigger. Dennis – Maybe we need an exploratory committee to investigate where to put the NRCGA's promotion money for 2022. Ryan and Matt are co-chairs. Dawn and Elizabeth will be members.

Elizabeth – working on translating presentation. Nancy has translating software that Elizabeth would like to use.

Next Meeting: Nov. 16, 2021