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## Meeting Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** March 15, 2022

**TIME:** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATIONS:**

- MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

**ATTENDANCE:**

- 213-324-0794
- 702-467-9170
- 702-604-1518
- Francisco Alaniz, Techsico
- Andrew Barbieri, G2 Integrated Solutions
- Andrew Lealofi
- Anthony Ebersole, Cox Communications
- Charles Atkinson, Truckee Meadow Water Authority
- Larry Bialek, Cox Communications
- Boyd Duchen, NRCGA Director, CCWRD
- Matt Brecke, NV Energy
- Cesar Castillo, NRCGA Vice-Chair, RP Weddell
- Charles Folashade, Zayo
- Craig Rogers, NRCGA Director, PUCN
- Jeremy Crawford, Kern River
- Dawn Rivard, Secretary/Treasurer, PUCN
- Dennis Bott Jr, NRCGA Chair, SW Gas
- Douglas Conroe, NPL Construction
- Elizabeth Duenez, Sunstate Companies
- Eric Cowan, G2 Integrated Solutions
- David Estes, CenturyLink
- Felicia Tarin - Hole Hogz

- Harold Lefler, Western States
- Jamie Haas, Great Basin Gas Transmission Co.
- Joe Dambrosio, City of Las Vegas
- Kathy Williams, Badger Daylighting
- Jeff Kennedy, Cox Communications
- Marc Krichman, 811 Spotter
- Mario Fernandez, NRCGA Director, Las Vegas Valley Water District
- Nancy Ward, M&J Enterprises
- Reina Pantoja, G2 Integrated Solutions
- Richard Torrens, NRCGA Director, KCI Engineering
- Robbie Reed, City of Henderson
- Salvatore Caponigro, NRCGA Director, Stakecenter Locating
- Saundra Waggoner, C&S Company
- William Scott, Techsico
- Shane Ayers, Stake Center Locating
- Timothy Semays, Eagle Drilling Services
- Bob Ward, NRCGA Director, NV Energy
- Michael Williams, Blood Hound Underground
- Robert Alford, Zayo

**STANDING ITEMS:**

1. **Introductions (Dennis Bott)**

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

Sal Caponigro made a motion to adopt the agenda. Robert Alford seconded the motion.

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

Dawn gave a report. A few members are delinquent on paying their 2022. If you're unsure if your company is up to date on dues, contact Dawn.



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

Since the last NRCGA meeting, the PUCN has issued one warning letter and one civil penalty. The penalty went to Union Pacific. In Nevada, in general, we have an issue of hitting and not reporting.

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

Next month is the CGA conference in Anaheim. You can download best practices and dig report from the CGA website.

#### **NEW ITEMS:**

##### 6. New Member Introduction (Dennis Bott)

- **M&J Enterprises Construction, Inc.**

Nancy spoke on behalf of M&J, a company that does telecommunications construction from start to finish. They do the excavation, to the concrete, to the towers, to the nodes. M&J works pretty much in So. NV and recently picked up AZ as well.

- **Hole Hogz**

Felicia spoke on behalf of Hole Hogz, a hydro-excavation company. Felicia said hydro-excavation is a safer way to dig. They use water to expose utility lines and pipes, which she said is safer than a shovel.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### 7. Education/Training (Steve Wibalda)

Dennis gave an overview of what attendees can expect in training.

##### 8. Excavator Event (Sal Caponigro)

The event is scheduled for April 21. A save the date email was recently sent out to everyone. We're working on getting speakers lined up and vendors. It'll be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A mechanical bull will be available to anyone who wants to use it. Registration will open soon. We used to hold this event in November. We switched it to April to coincide with Nat'l Safe Digging Month. We won't have a Silver Shovel winner this year because it's too close to our look back period for our Nov. 2021 event. Our look back period going forward will be a calendar year – January to December of the previous year. Criteria remains the same – no mechanical damages throughout the previous year. Attendees will get 2 drink tickets. We also have some pretty awesome raffle prizes for our guests.

Harold Lefler – NUCA wants to be involved even though we're not doing a shovel award this year. Tyler Byrd, a previous silver shovel winner, is the NUCA chair this year. We should invite him to the dinner.

##### 9. Locate Rodeo (Dennis Bott)

We swapped the Excavator Event in November with his event, which we've traditionally held in April. The rodeo will be held in November now at UNLV.

##### 10. NUCA Damage Prevention Committee (Harold Lefler)

The NRCGA and NUCA are close partners. We created this committee with NUCA to talk about damage prevention. This committee's quarterly meeting will be March 24 at the PUCN office in Las Vegas. An email will go out to everyone soon once the meeting time is determined. If you have any questions/comments for this committee, bring them to the meeting and we'll "roundtable" them.



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#### 11. Best Practice Committee (Craig Rogers)

A lot of what happens in the NUCA damage prevention committee ends up going to this committee.

Positive response – Craig thought it was a done deal. It was approved and it is at the LCB to get written into legislation. Not sure how long it will take. Hopefully not long. Once that's law, every utility has to respond after they locate, i.e. positive response. Excavators can then check to see which utilities have located, if they've had a trouble locate, etc.

Definition of excavation – We want hand tools to be a requirement if you are a licensed contractor. PUCN is working on wording. When that happens, Craig will bring it to the NRCGA to give people a chance to comment on it. This is a law change. Be part of this committee if you want to have a voice in this law.

#### 12. Design Ticket Exploratory Committee (Rick Torrens)

This is a pre-excavation ticket to help designers know where utilities are, finding unknowns, during the design phase. This committee is in the process of trying to gather utility operators to join the committee. Rick, Craig and Dennis will be contacting utility operators. This will be a lengthy initiative and we'll need help to get this running.

The Common Ground Alliance includes design tickets in its Best Practices. Their research shows that a design ticket process helps save money.

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

We're allowed 4 spots on the board of directors. Board members are nominated by the NRCGA board to serve on the USAN Board. USA North will be switching to Pelican software soon. It's used in other countries, including Canada, and 811 offices in other states, such as Michigan. USA North is shooting for July 1 to transition from its current ticket software to Pelican. USA North sent a 4-question email survey to members. Make sure you take the survey. If you do, you'll be placed on a list to submit test tickets to help with the transition.

#### Next Meeting: May 17, 2022

If anybody wants to join a committee, go to our website to see the list of committees and chairs. Contact info for committee chairs is listed on that page. Committee meetings are also listed on the NRCGA website calendar.