

Oregon Joint Use Association Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2016

Chair David Barks called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

David Barks, Chair
Bill Hamelman
Todd Gover
Jerry Donovan
Paul Birkeland
Terry Blanc*
Scott Wheeler

Rick Jensen*
Sanjeev King
Stuart Sloan
Corey Cook

Staff:

Laureal Williams

** participated via phone*

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by Corey Cook and seconded by Scott Wheeler to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting, as amended. **Motion passed.**

New Business

Utility Updates

Committee members shared updates on industry issues as well as activities within their organizations. Items of note included:

- Increased activity regarding new fiber being introduced into communities as a result of new development (especially residential).
- Power demands from marijuana grow operations.
- New transmission line project on the north coast.
- Engagement of a firm to trim right of ways from a helicopter.
- Under staffing issues as a result of aging workforce.
- Pole issues, including arresting pole decay with boron rods and experimentation with ductile poles in environmentally sensitive areas.
- Pilot project for joint inspections under way.
- PUC Commission update: Susan Ackerman is stepping down and will be replaced by Lisa Hardie.
- Outreach to contractors to conduct ‘joint corrections’ for comms and telecoms.
- A notable lack of industry respect and courteous communication resulting from a wave of overbuilds.
- Frustrations regarding pole transfers and pole stub removals.

Additional Topics for Committee Consideration

Terry Blanc provided an update on a potential topic based on a working relationship with IEEE representatives, Sue Vogel, Norm Shaw, and Danna Liebhaber. It has been suggested that OJUA may be able to take a leadership role in development of change proposals for the next edition of the NESC. Danna has indicated that she would like to coordinate a meeting with the OJUA to introduce our proposed changes for the NESC’s consideration and then in turn ‘champion’ the changes to the appropriate NESC committee.

The OJUA Executive Committee is in consensus that such a role would be appropriate for the Standards Committee. Members of the Standards Committee discussed taking on this topic (as a

regular agenda item) with the anticipation that by August 2017 we could coordinate a meeting with Danna and other NESC Committee members to discuss proposed changes (not only those proposed by OJUA but perhaps those proposed by others). The Committee discussed the implications of this level of proactive participation in the process.

Old Business

Tri-fold Updates

Committee reviewed the updated trifolds and noted one correction before posting to the OJUA website.

Review of Standards Manual

Committee continued its review of the manual, starting with Chapter 3 “Voltages section.” Review will resume with Chapter 4 “Poles.”

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2016, 10:00 am, at the OJUA office in Salem.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.