

**Oregon Joint Use Association
Standards Committee**
Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2017

Chair Barks called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

David Barks, Chair
Paul Birkeland
Jim Brenneke
Jerry Donovan
Bill Hamelman
Todd Gover
Gary Lee
Mark Rettman
Scott Rosenbalm*

Stuart Sloan
Veronica Volker

Guests:

Tessa Marks, PGE
Justin So, PGE
Aroun Xaybanha, PGE

Staff:

Laureal Williams

* *participated via phone*

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by Jerry Donovan and seconded Bill Hamelman to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2017, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

Trifold Update

The Committee reviewed the most recent version of the Standards Brochure, asking staff to incorporate a few changes prior to publication for the 2017 Spring Training workshops.

Motion. Moved by Todd Gover and seconded by Gary Lee to approve the Standards brochure as updated. **Motion passed.**

NESC Change Proposals

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed change to Rule 217A2c as submitted by Tillamook PUD regarding an exception for standoff brackets (Exhibit on file).

Motion. Moved by Jerry Donovan second by Stuart Sloan to forward the proposed rule change to the Executive Committee with a recommendation to submit the change to the IEEE for the next edition of the code. **Motion passed.**

New Business

The Committee engaged in a lengthy, diverse, enthusiastic discussion regarding the revised NESC Rule 238, relating to grounding/bonding of streetlights on wood poles to allow reduced clearance to communications. The Committee concluded that there appears to be a lack of clarity for developing company standards based on this code. Although a ground rod may not be required, any ground wire on the pole requires bonding to that ground wire.

Stuart Sloan provided notice that he will be proposing a change to Rule 234c3d1 exception 2b at the next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at noon. The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled for 10 a.m. on May 17.