

**Oregon Joint Use Association
Standards Committee**
Minutes—January 25, 2024
Via Zoom

Chair Peter Kalnins called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Present:

Peter Kalnins, Chair
Chad Altherr, PGE
Chris Barley, Oregon Aerial
Chad Beam, LS Networks
Alex Chaney, OPUC
Craig Commerford, PGE
Leon Grumbo, OPUC
Cody Mabee, PacifiCorp
Justin Reynolds, Comcast

Not Present:

Adam Deshon, Salem Electric
Jesse Keyes, Gary Lee & Assoc.
Marlene Martin, Astound
Zachary Kalnins, Central Lincoln PUC

Staff:

Genoa Ingram

Approval of Minutes The Committee reviewed the minutes of the November 9, 2023, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Chris Barley and seconded by Cody Mabee to approve the November 9, 2023 minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

Progress Review: Standards Best Practices Manual Chair Kalnins reviewed the most current version of the OJUA Best Practices Manual and asked for comments and revisions.

By consensus, committee members agreed to the following revisions:

- Update Table of Contents to correspond with current pages (starting at page 8);
- Page 10 – Delete blank page;
- Page 41 – Reflect changes in the NESC code with regard to loading zones (now loading zone districts) and update corresponding map diagrams;
- Page 2 – Under *Placement Considerations*, amend first line of third paragraph as follows: “Heights to lead ratio means that for every one foot of pole height that **you** place your attachment, you place the anchor one foot away from the pole.” (Note: “you” is added.)
- Page 24 – Under *Construction Practices*, amend first sentence as follows: “There are some generally accepted rules based on the NESC as to where supply and communication **(lines or attachments)** attach to structures (poles). (Note: add “lines or attachments” after the word “communication”).
- Page 29 – Move heading “*Pole Supports*” to next page.
- Page 39 – Under heading *Engineering Design*, amend first line to read “The appropriate sag and tension **is are** determined by several factors...” (Note: Replace “is” with “are”).
- Leon Grumbo offered the OPUC’s assistance in crafting language to be included under *Construction Practices* to provide additional guidance to contractors with regard to industry standards. Leon shared photos of examples of inadequate attachments.

Chair Kalnins noted that the Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on February 20 and invited additional comments on the Manual be submitted by Monday, February 12 to allow for any revisions

to be made. He also suggested that, in addition to “loading zone districts” be added as a future discussion topic.

Old Business

Action by Executive Committee Chair Kalnins asked staff to relay the request by the Executive Committee to review OJUA member responses to a survey that will be sent seeking comments to be forwarded to IEEE. That survey has not yet been forwarded to membership so it is not pressing.

New Business

Spring Training Presentation Chris Barley, Chair of the Publicity and Education Committee, asked Chair Kalnins to provide a presentation on the Standards Committee outlining changes to the Best Practices Manual on Tuesday, April 23, at 8:00 a.m. for Course 101 and Wednesday, April 24, at 8:00 a.m. for Course 201.

Framing of Comm Line Chris Barley also shared a photograph with Chair Kalnins of a utility pole scenario and questioned how the comm line should be framed. Chair Kalnins replied that it was his opinion that if the equipment is in the power space, it extends the power space; however, if it is outside the 40” zone, it is treated as an attachment. Leon Grumbo offered that NESC rule 239(G)(1) appears to address the issue with regard to guarding but offered to conduct additional research. Following the discussion, Chair Kalnins suggested that framing of comm lines be added as a future topic.

Next Meeting

Future meetings are as follows:

- March 14
- May 9
- July 11
- September 12
- November 14

Adjournment

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.