



Damage Prevention Committee Meeting
Naples, Florida
March 14, 2019

MINUTES

Members present for all or part of the meeting were: Patrick Holmes, Chairman, John Barringer, Jon Cornelius, Kevin Cripps, Karen Dewitt, Alan Goodman, Jim Kelly, Loren Hendrickson, Craig Ingram, Bill Jenkins, Eric Klein, Alex Kocher, Matt Lentz, Matt Mingus, Neville Missen, Sheri Nowlan, Vin Penna, Ron Peterson, Rebecca Piston, Johnna Venti-Pigger, Brenda Reigle, Craig Schoen, Denny Showalter, Janex Soelhuff, David Stavens, Jesse Walz, Dwayne Wink, Wilson Yancy, Kurt Young,

NUCA Staff Liaisons: George Kennedy

I Call to Order and Introductions – Patrick Homes, Chairman called meeting to order.

II Approval of Minutes – No minutes.

III New Business

Organizing DP Committee – Pat Holmes has taken on the position of chairman and is trying to organize the committee. He will use the sign in sheet to create a membership excel list.

Common Ground Alliance – George Kennedy will be attending the CGA Best Practice Committee along with Kurt Young who has volunteered to be one of the BP co-primaries along with Armando Ferri to represent NUCA. Jim Stepahin will also be getting involved with the CGA as time goes on. NUCA needs to increase participation in the CGA committees such as Advocacy, Education and Data committees. Many of the committee's meetings have teleconference capabilities and in person attendance is not always necessary, however in-person attendance once a year is encouraged. Anyone interested in representing NUCA should contact Bill Hillman. We need contractor participation for all the committees.

George Kennedy provided a brief overview of the Common Ground Alliance and how it works.

Gold Shovel Standard – A brief discussion about the GSS and how contractors are being forced to join and get GSS certification or not be permitted to work for certain utilities.

2019 Proposed Full-Day Meeting – The committee has requested a ½ day or full day face-to-face meeting at a location that is easy to get to. Could be combined with the October board meeting. Chairman would like to also schedule a teleconference in June to create an agenda for the October face-to-face meeting. Pat Holmes has a lot of different damage prevention issues that need to be reviewed and contractors are encouraged to participate and submit things that the feel need to be reviewed and/or improved. Pat Holmes will share a list of 35 items of concern with the committee members. Members can review them, mark them up, and share them with the committee.

State DP Boards and Commission – The committee would like to try and find out how many states have boards or commission to oversee DP and how they are set up. For example, how many contractor representative's vs facility representatives are on these boards and commissions. Also how are they working in different states from the contractor's perspective.

Damage Reporting – Some states require underground utility strikes to be reported and we would like to see those reports put into DIRT however the questions on the forms are not always the same. We would like to see if a way can be found to simplify the process so only one form needs to be prepared so that the states that require reporting can also submit them to DIRT.

Duty to Mark Lines – In some state's contractors are filing negligent misrepresentation lawsuits against utilities who do not mark or who mismark utilities leading to a utility strike. The advice was to never file just a negligent case without being more specific such as misrepresentation.

Depth of Utility – A brief discussion was held to determine if NUCA representative should file a Transaction Record (TR) for requiring locators to provide approximate utility depth of the utility when known. The decision was made to discuss this with the CGA Best Practice committee at the next meeting.

Profile drilling – A discussion was held about the need for a drilling profiling when new utilities are installed so they are more accurate and easier to locate.

IV Next meeting will be a teleconference in June, 2019

V Adjourn – Committee was adjourned at 3:19.