

WWMA Regional Association Meeting at NCWM Annual 7/22/21

Meeting called to order by Scott Simmons at 8:03 a.m. MST

In attendance CA, NV, CO, OR, MN, WA, ID, UT, NM, AR, AK with approximately 33 virtual attendees.

Secretary / Treasurer, Mahesh Albuquerque, report: No significant change since the January 12th, 2021 meeting with \$13,136 in Bank of America and \$29,174 in Wells Fargo.

Scott Simmons called for comments on the minutes from the previous meeting. There were no changes needed and Scott called for a motion to adopt the minutes. There was a second from the floor and the minutes were adopted.

Old Business:

Scott asked for a report from the Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee. Committee members are Kurt Floren, Steven Harrington, Tim Elliott, and Garrett Brown. Kurt Floren stated that no further changes have been made until they see what happens with changes made at nationals. They think that everything is workable and secure.

Mahesh would like board to meet in August to go over by laws before it expires on September 1st.

New Business:

Scott Simmons introduced President Elect Cadence Matijevich of Nevada. Cadence is looking forward to serving as President.

Committee Assignments: All three of the 1,2, and 3 seats of the committees have been filled.

Scott Simmons called for comments from committee members.

Tim Elliot reported for the L&R Committee. Committee has 6 voting items. MOS-20.5 LPG has little controversy and changed the effective date from January 1st, 2023 to January 1st 2024. Engine oil hammered out at last meeting. The committee would like to use unanimous consent (40 CFR 80 to 40 CFR 1090) from membership for clarification to use editorial changes, if passes then will have time for discussion. The committee doesn't feel it is editorial privileges and is not comfortable without membership to grant editorial privileges to make

changes. Steve Harrington, was on focus group, membership did not have opportunity to provide comments.

Josh Nelson Reported for the S&T Committee. They have 4 items on consent calendar. Scott Simmons asked if there were any objections to the consent calendar and hearing no objections will accept consent calendar. Josh has 3 more items the will be in front of membership

David Aguayo reported for the PDC Committee. They have 4 items all of which are informational. Discussion for bringing certification exams to fit jurisdictions. There were no questions or comments for the PEC.

Mahesh Albuquerque reported for the NCWM Board of Directors – Board of Directors have 9 informational items, 3 have been withdrawn and 1 voting. WWMA in support of voting item.

Conference Updates:

Mahesh Albuquerque: Would like to encourage in person attendance for the WWMA meeting in Golden Colorado on August 26th-30th, 2021 if jurisdictions would allow. Feels very comfortable with small hotel with sixty rooms and also has other hotel available for overflow, talked with hotel earlier in the week and need at least 30 rooms for contract. Would also like role call or email to get number of who is planning on attending in person. Hotel Info, The Golden Hotel, Ascend hotel Collection 800 11th Street, Colden, Co, 80401, hotel phone # 303-279-0100. Cutoff date is August 26th make reservations at least by August 16th. Tesla is looking at doing EV training at nearby location. Also looking at doing demonstration/training on compressed natural gas.

Anthony Lee – Conference for 2022 will be at Embassy Suites in Garden Grove California and hotel rates are locked in for September 2022 will send out more info when available.

Cadence Matijevich – For 2023 in Nevada Dates are September 17th – 23rd and still looking at venues. Looking at whether or not resort fees will be a problem for jurisdictions,

Roxanne Chepsongol – Looking at hosting conference in 2024 either in Santa Fe or Albuquerque, New Mexico still working on details.

No further comments on conference update.

Ivan Hankins – Update on National Conference: Wants to improve inspection process and how they come out of Handbook. Would also like to focus on strategic planning for conferences, membership and other areas. With pandemic NIST has done an excellent job on

training. Encourages regional involvement which helps out nationals. NIST is very important with training and other resources.

NIST update – Communication is very important for both organizations in helping to move forward. There has been leadership changes. Acting director of NIST Dr Lori Lacasio has strong management and leadership experience and Dr Katrice Lippa new Chief of OWM. OWM in last years has had many staff changes. NIST is still at about 20 % occupancy level, and is still working hard to maintain business. NIST is working on opening up travel to continue training. They have been successful in shifting from in person to online training. Would like to thank Colorado and Kate Smetana as she has been very helpful with training in the Metrology are. Master Meter project now Field Meter project has made improvements. Colorado has been gathering data.

Updates from State: With time constraints will be short.

California - Kevin Schnepf reported California finalized EPO for field inspection, and wants to better support other counties in California, focus area on working with national labs

Los Angeles County - Kurt Floren No comments

Oregon - Steve Harrington reported that they are planning on moving back into offices and have many vacancies within department.

Nevada - Cadence Matejevick reported that they are planning on moving back to office and have had spikes in covid.

Colorado – Mahesh Albuquerque reported that they are working with NIST to develop the field master project, and have similar challenges as other states. Inspections numbers have remained the same as pre covid numbers and are looking on moving or updating lab.

Montana – Dave Fraser reported that they have renovated offices and their lab. They have had 6 employees retire within the last few years. Are now working on their Marijuana Regulations.

Washington – Tim Elliott Reported that they have had many inspectors retire and that they have replaced their program director. He reported that he will be leaving the state in the near future.

Idaho – Kevin Merritt reported that they have had a large number of employees retire. They also worked on legislation state wide to work on EV stations and it was not received well. They are trying to move their metrology lab and have received new equipment for scales. Their inspectors have specialized in areas and they are now trying to get inspectors to open their understating in other areas. They will have more inspectors retiring in the next few years.

Wyoming – Not in attendance

New Mexico – Roxanne Chepsongol reported that they have had 6 employees along with their director retire.

Arizona – Kevin Allen reported that they have been working with Navajo weights and measures on developing their program. They are retiring their LPG master meter program.

Alaska – Ray Woolfolk reported that with covid their inspections have slowed down and are now looking on getting back to normal. Moving to move their LPG program back online.

Hawaii – Not in attendance

Hearing no further discussion Scott Simmons motioned to Adjourn. Motion was second and meeting was adjourned.