

**Minutes
Northwest Area APDA
2014 Fall Meeting**

Oct 28th-Nov 1st, 2014
Sam's Town Hotel
Las Vegas, NV
Host: NV Energy

******* Northwest Area Officers Present *******

**President: Greg Rahn - AESO
Vice President: N/A
Secretary: David Bennett - BCH
Treasurer: Shelby Burchett - DCPD
Trustee: William Coe – GCPD**

******* APDA Members Present *******

Randy Shiman-AESO	Mark Sturgeon-Altalink	Henry Strong-Transpower
Ron Roy-CHPD	Bobbie Roberts-NWE	Larry Lockard-BPA
Craig Hart-BPA	Larry Fenhaus-CHPD	Dave Crockett-Fortis
Randy Popoff-Fortis	Mark Krastel-Fortis	

The NW area business meeting was called to order at 11:00 on November 1st, 2014. 15 members were present.

******* Previous Meeting Minutes *******

Minutes of the 2014 Spring meeting in Calgary, AB, June 2nd-4th, 2014, were read by the Secretary. Ron Roy motioned to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Bobbie Roberts. Motion carried.

******* Correspondence *******

None

******* Report of Area Secretary *******

Update on the NWAPDA LinkedIn and Facebook group sites.

******* Report of Area Treasurer *******

Shelby Burchett reported a total NW area balance of \$26,587.15 as of August 29th, 2014. Paid NW Area membership, as of the time of the meeting, was 255.

******* Report of Area Trustee *******

William Coe reported that the National meeting was held in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, September 30 – October 2nd, 2014. The National Treasurer reported a total balance of \$90,831.88, as of September 30th, 2014. A new APDA brochure has been put together and will be distributed. The NE area has expressed interest in forming an APDA Area, stay tuned. The next National meeting is scheduled to be held April 7th-9th, 2015, in Milwaukee, WI.

******* Report of Area President *******

None

*******Report from the Vice President*******

None

******* Report from the Committees *******

Shirt Committee – None

Scholarship Committee –Dave Bennett, Greg Rahn. There were no applicants for the 2014 scholarship. It was encouraged to get the word out to encourage applicants, and also to get the applications in well before April 1st. It was noted that the scholarship fund is not a separate account, rather part of the general account balances.

Nominating Committee –Bobbie Roberts, Dave Bennett, and Ron Roy – Nothing to report.

******* Unfinished Business *******

There was continued discussion on the USB stick project.

Ron Roy made a motion to drop the USB stick acquisition project. The motion was seconded by Larry Lockard. The motion carried.

******* New Business *******

Ron Roy volunteered to work on a new proposal that would replace the USB stick project, and present his proposal at the next meeting.

There was a discussion on how to encourage more applicants for the NW APDA Scholarship.

Larry Lockard made a motion to change the pre-requisites of the Scholarship to allow for persons other than freshman to apply, but that freshman would still be given first preference. The motion was seconded by Henry Strong. The motion carried.

Greg Rahn, and Shelby Burchett talked about the IncSys Academy Mentorship Program, a scholarship previously open only to former Vets, now also open to members of the public. The program prepares the successful applicant for entry into a Power System Operations career by putting them through a Power System Operations course and NERC Prep Program. The value of the scholarship is \$5000. APDA members are asked to encourage serious applicants, and to volunteer to mentor the applicant through the process, in order to maximize the chance of success.

******* Report of Accident and Sickness *******

Greg Rahn reported that long time member Alex Witzak, AESO had passed away.

******* Good of the Association *******

None

*******Time and Date of the Next Meeting*******

The 2015 Spring meeting is scheduled to be held in Spokane, WA, hosted by Avista.

******* Announcements *******

None

The meeting was adjourned by President Greg Rahn.

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS

“Keep the light on and your feet up on the desk”

Respectfully submitted,
David Bennett - APDA NW Area Secretary