

# Minutes Northwest Area APDA 2014 Spring Meeting

**June 2-6, 2014**

**Deerfoot Inn**

**Calgary, Alberta**

**Host: Alberta Electric System Operator**

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

**President: Greg Rahn - AESO**

**Vice President: Arlen Simon - DOPD**

**Secretary: N/A**

**Treasurer: Shelby Burchett - DOPD**

**Trustee: William Coe – GCPUD**

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

Leah Alexander-BPA	Morgan Rosvold-AESO	Jeff Bellinger-DOPD
Don Moore-Fortis	Erica Simpson – BC Hydro	Bryan Tillitson - AESO
James Siroshton – EWEB	Ivan Roman - AltaLink	Greg Walker - AltaLink
Tom Hautzinger - AltaLink	Bradley Nelson - AltaLink	Chris McDarment - CHPD
Ken Beishir - Calpine	Bobbie Roberts - NWE	Jeff Nyentap - AltaLink
Kirsten Patton – AltaLink	Michele Wynne – Grid Services	Don Olson – AESO
Kevin Conway - Intellibind		

The NW area business meeting was called to order on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. 24 members were present.

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

Minutes of the 2013 Fall meeting in Leavenworth, WA, Oct 13-16, 2013, were read by Secretary. Chris McDarment motioned to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Erica Simpson. Motion carried.

**\*\*\*\*\* Correspondence \*\*\*\*\***

None

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

None

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

Shelby Burchett reported a total NW area balance of \$25,302.96, as of May 28th, 2014. Paid NW Area membership, as of the time of the meeting, was 258, but not all members had submitted dues for 2014.

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

William Coe reported the National meeting was held in Bismarck, North Dakota as part of the UMW Spring Meeting May 3, 2014. The National Treasury has a total of \$89,727.20 including \$59,490.15 in the Scholarship Fund. The National meetings will be moved from the Upper Midwest Area to Wisconsin and Upper Michigan beginning Spring 2014. The next National meeting is scheduled to be held September 30-October 2, 2014, at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

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

None

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

Peak RC has reported they will support their System Operators in attending and joining American Power Dispatchers Association. Calgary meeting had over 40 attendees.

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

**Shirt Committee** – Raffle and Shirts total for the meeting was \$1060

**Scholarship Committee** –Scholarship Committee to define new parameters in event no freshman applying and will report in fall 2014, (Dave & Greg) It was again discussed to encourage the membership to get the word out about the scholarship as we only had no applicants this year. Also, be sure to submit applications for next year's scholarship by April 1, 2015.

**Nominating Committee** –Bobbie Roberts, Dave Bennett, and Ron Roy.

**\*\*\*\*\* Unfinished Business \*\*\*\*\***

Chris McDarment gave an update on the USB stick project. Shelby Burchett will help to get this prepared for Christmas mail out. The USB sticks would be sent out to the members with dues notice for 2015.

**\*\*\*\*\* New Business \*\*\*\*\***

General discussion on the Account levels for business, scholarship & promotional funding of the Treasury was explored. Cautionary tales from the SW Treasury brought forth thought on future meetings and cost.

Future membership meetings were discussed and presented for the 2015-2016. Tentatively as follows:

Spring 2015--Avista/NWPP @ Spokane, Washington

Fall 2015—EWEB @ Eugene, Oregon

Spring 2016--Calpine @ Houston, Texas

Fall 2016—Essential Energy @ New South Wales, Australia

A motion to separate the Raffle, shirts, scholarship & general accounts on paper, within the primary account was made by Shelby Burchett and seconded by Kevin Conway

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

Greg Rahn reported that long time member Alex Witczak, AESO, is back in treatment fighting throat cancer. Leah Alexander told the group Celeste Morton is presently in remission and has retired from BPA.

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

Discussion on possible LinkedIn page for APDA...Kevin Conway volunteered to spearhead

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

Date and time was set for the NW/SW Area 2014 Fall meeting, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Wednesday October 29-Saturday November 1st. More information to be sent to individual members contact personal.

**\*\*\*\*\* 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  
Arlen Simon for Dave Bennett - APDA NW Area Secretary