

# Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering

## Eastern Chapter Meeting – Minutes

August 19, 2022

Matt Davis, Director of Plant Services – Samaritan Healthcare  
801 E. Wheeler Road

Moses Lake, WA 98837

10am-12:30pm

### **10:00AM**

#### **Administrative**

Attendees: Matt Davis and Leo Rodriguez with Samaritan Healthcare, Michael Nafzgar with Providence SHMC in Spokane, Ron O'Reilly with ADT Commercial, Ryan Matthews with Fulcrum Environmental, Neil Lutzenhizer with Convergent, Justin Magee with Convergent and virtually attended through Zoom by Jonathan Lewis with Klickitat Valley Health in Goldendale, Tami Wais, Business Partner Chapter Rep, with Johnson Controls Inc. and Rich Ward.

1. Meeting called to order by Michael Nafzgar and Phil Kercher.
2. Introductions and Icebreaker; "What was your first job at age 16 and what was your wage?"
3. Approval of meeting minutes by Michael and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jonathan.
4. 2022 Eastern Chapter Officers
  - President-Ryan Fancher (until August 12, 2022 with resignation)
  - President Elect – Michael Nafzgar (will assume interim leadership now)
  - Secretary-Eric Rodgers
  - Education Chair – Craig Greathouse
  - Treasurer – Eric Rodgers
  - Business Partner-Tami Wais- Johnson Controls Inc.
5. Treasurer's Report: (Eric Rodgers)
  - Eastern Chapter Account balance as of January 26<sup>th</sup> is **\$54,046.53**
  - Membership Info;
6. 2022 Meeting Dates and Locations listed below. Host member designated next to dates below responsible to find educational speaker. (Can work with Craig Greathouse)
  - **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022** - Spokane (Tami Wais)
  - **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022** - Goldendale (Jonathan Lewis)
  - **August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – Moses Lake (Matt Davis)
  - **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022** – Spokane Prov SHMC (Michael Nafzgar) \*Note Change
7. Newsline Articles Submissions –Please keep in mind all members can submit news articles and they only need to be a couple of paragraphs. These articles can be related to anything to do with Health Care Facilities Management that you feel our members may find valuable.
  - December-Glenn Faulkner
  - March- Brad Jones - Complete
  - June- TBD
  - September- Phil Kercher \*Note Change
8. With Ryan's recent resignation as President due to a job change, a Nominating Committee was formed to propose candidates for 2023 State President-Elect as well as propose candidates for 2023 EA Chapter President-Elect to work under Michael. Committee members include Phil Kercher, Michael Nafzgar, Jonathan Lewis and Eric

Chapter	Professional	Business Partners
Eastern Chapter	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>
Puget Sound Chapter	<b>90</b>	<b>336</b>
Southwest Chapter	<b>69</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Total all Chapters</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>475</b>
<b>Total Membership</b>		<b>692</b>

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Rodgers. Regarding Ryan's employment, we were very happy to learn that he has taken a position with Diamond Foundry in Wenatchee. We wish Ryan every success in his new role.

## Advocacy and Networking

### 2022 WSSHE State Board Members

**President:** Scott Clinton

**Immediate Past President:** Jonathan Lewis

**President Elect:** Marnie Boomer

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Mike Chitwood

**WAM:** Tami Wais

**Communication:** Deanna Page

**Historian:** Geoff Glass

**Scholarship:** Scott Clinton; Gary Mayer

**Emeritus:** Phil Kercher

**Education:** Marnie Boomer

**Advocacy/Sustainability:** Kevin Kajita

## Growth and Communication

### 1. WSSHE –2022 Conference Dates

- Fall Conference – Vancouver WA – Hilton Oct 18<sup>th</sup> – 21, 2022
- Strong, Diverse Educational Program
- Active Committee actions now

### 2. Discussion about upcoming gatherings –

- EA Chapter Golf Tournament Committee: Tami Wais/JCI, Nick Gonzales/Bouten Construction Company
  - i. Tri-Cities, September 9 at Horn Rapids Golf Course, Richland WA with shotgun start at 1 PM and banquet at 4 PM
  - ii. Tami and Fawn met on Aug 18 and report the event is currently in the "black" with a \$4k margin
- Chapter Sponsorships - 2023
  - i. List of benefits for sponsoring Eastern Chapter
    - 1. Golf
    - 2. Advertisements during education session
    - 3. Other??

### 3. Mentors (New Member Committee)

- New members are connected with a mentor to guide, educate, and engage them in WSSHE (base on region)?
- Will continue to develop & discuss this valuable and easily implemented service

## Education: (Craig Greathouse)

- Education Update
  - Today's Education Session- Samaritan Healthcare New Hospital Project (Matt Davis with Phil Kercher) and Successful Retirement Strategies (Phil Kercher)
- Future Education Session Ideas.

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- Ask members to provide possible education topics as well as presenters to education chair.

## **WSSHE Scholarships: (Gary Mayer)**

### **Mac McKenzie Scholarship Fund**

The scholarship is open to members wishing to further their education. There are **six (6) \$750 education scholarships** available each academic year, running from September through August. **No due date for scholarship applications, open until the awarded amounts are reached.**

### **Pete Peterson Scholarship Fund**

The purpose of the Scholarship Fund will be to assist WSSHE Full Members to be able to attend conferences and educational meetings that they might not be able to due to financial restrictions.

At the beginning of the year the Chapter Board shall meet and decide the amount of the funds, the number of awards to be given, and the individual amount of each award. The Board will then make the announcement of the chapter membership of the funding that will be available and the procedures for applying.

Priority of Awarding the Scholarship:

1. Awards shall be given on a first come first served basis
2. The PPSF Board will set the guidelines for the due dates of applications and the awarding criteria. Full members can use the enclosed application form to submit their requests.
3. The PPSF Board will approve/disapprove all requests at the regular PPSF Board meeting following the receipt of the requests.

## **Questions from Chuck? (Group)**

1. What's on your mind and how can we help each other? This agenda item was named after Chuck Riffle, Plant Manager for decades at Newport Community Hospital in Newport WA who frequently brought up questions at our meetings seeking help and advice.
2. Today's discussion included HB 1257 Clean Buildings Act and the need to prepare and respond now.
3. We also discussed current COVID protocols for masking and visitor access as well as the airborne risk reduction that masks provide for many respiratory conditions, such as the common cold. It was noted the temporary waivers granted to respond to COVID HVAC/physical conditions will be removed in October 2022 by the DOH. Time to submit to Construction Review or remove the temporary conditions.

**11:00AM-12:30 PM**

**Education Session:**

## **Samaritan Healthcare New Hospital Project**

Matt Davis reviewed their project with Phil Kercher as facilitator. Population and industry growth in Grant County has driven the need for a new hospital and related services as well as recognition of an aging infrastructure in the original 1955 50-bed building. Previous expansions

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occurred in 1980 and 1882 with a major addition in 2002. However, the existing site does not easily support expansion. For the new hospital, a 60-acre site about 1.5 miles from the current hospital was acquired. An architect was retained and complete construction drawings were prepared for a 177,000 sf project. The local economy is dominated by agriculture, especially potatoes/French fries. As a result, SH applied for and received a low interest loan from the US Dept of Agriculture for \$156m to be used in the next five years. However, when bids were received, the construction cost was an additional \$31, which caused a deferral in progress until an action plan is created. We look forward to hearing more from Matt as his project continues. We all agreed that something will happen but we don't know at the moment what form it will be.

### **Successful Retirement Strategies**

Philip Kercher, FASHE CHFM CHC CEM, retired in 2015 after 33-years with Providence hospitals as a Manager of Facilities. He joined WSSHE in 1982 and remains actively involved in leadership and educational planning. In his experience, he found three elements to be especially important to a more enjoyable and prosperous retirement. First, a strong, supportive and loving relationship with a life partner, who will be your primary social connection in your life when you leave work. Second, a healthy body to allow activities you enjoy doing. Physical activity is so important to our lives. Walking, sports activities, gardening or whatever is your interest needs to be pursued. If not, our aging bodies take over and limit our physical and emotional lives. Finally, manage our finances prior to retirement to allow for funds that go beyond basic Social Security. Many of us have employer co-funded retirement accounts (401k or 503b). We should maximize deposits into these growth plans, perhaps directly adding each year's COLA increase as well as increasing our salary percentage designation when possible.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM and a nice lunch was provided for attendees. Thank you, Samaritan Healthcare!

### **Plant Tour**

Some attendees toured the physical plant, led by Matt and Leo, Plant Supervisor.

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