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North Carolina Common Ground
Alliance Regional Partner

Date: 11 February, 2008

Location: Piedmont Natural Gas Operations Center, Greensboro, NC

Attendance

Rick Gould	Qwest Communications	Tom Callahan	Stantec Consulting
Ron Fairbanks	NC One Call Center	David Cantrell	Cantrell Construction
Doug Morris	Charlotte DOT	Brad Barringer	BRS Inc
Stephan Shehan	AT&T	Brian Groome	AT&T
Donald Broome	Greenville Utilities	Jim Raschke	Williams
Mike Davis	TBE Group, Inc.	Ron Brown	State Utility Contractors
Tom West	Colonial Pipeline		

Call To Order

Ron Fairbanks opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introductions.

Meeting Agenda was approved

Minutes from November 20, 2007 meeting were approved with one change submitted by Stephan Sheehan. Change has been posted to the minutes.

Committee Reports

Ron Fairbanks presented the Chair Person Report. He began with an update on Best Practices TR's in review.

One Call Center Quality Standards. Committee is looking at posting statistic results on a web site for "public" view. There is still on-going discussion on the definition of the word "public".

Mandatory Membership. Brad Barringer added that there is a TR in review regarding mandatory membership of One Call Centers. He said the discussion focuses on States compliance with the Excavation Damage Prevention Initiative (EDPI).

Ron gave an update on Perry, FL and their recent ordinance where they would charge for facility locate services. The CGA Best Practices Committee is looking closely at this and has created a TR that states that facility locate services be provided free of charge.

Ron stated that the North Carolina One Call Center is looking at participating in the DIRT program. One of the problems they have they rarely receive root cause information on damages in the State. Their concern is they do not have enough information to make meaningful reports. Brad mentioned that this is an overall problem with the DIRT program. He said facility owners submitted 98% of the recorded reports, of those, 68% did not have root cause information.

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Dave Cantrell presented the Co-Chair report. Dave mentioned that there is a real good article on DIRT in Underground Magazine. Tom Callahan added that there are PDF versions of the magazine available on their web site. <http://www.oildompublishing.com/UC/uchome.html>

Rick Gould Did not have anything for the Secretary report.

Rick Gould presented the Finance report for Teresa Von Cannon. We still do not have any finances at this time. If anyone has expenses related to the Partnership, please let Teresa know so she can track the expense.

Tom Callahan presented the Membership report. We currently have 79 members. Tom gave a count of the members by stakeholder group. He noted that there is a discrepancy with our Master Membership list where the total members does not match the count of the stakeholder group break down, Rick Gould to investigate. Tom also talked about the accuracy of information on the Master Membership list and asked if anyone is aware of a job or responsibility change with a registered member, please get with him so he can update the Master list.

Doug Morris presented the Program/Meeting report. Doug asked about the possibility of scheduling the next meeting for the Charlotte area. Everyone agreed. Doug will look for a suitable meeting location for a meeting on Monday, 12 May at 10 AM. Lunch will be provided by BRS Inc, and the One Call Center. Doug will announce the location as soon as available.

Brad Barringer presented the Regional Partnership Coordinator report. Brad announced that he had extra copies of the CGA Best Practices, Ver 4 available if anyone was interested. He gave an update on the CGA Regional Partnership Committee, saying their discussion has focused around requirements for forming a Regional Partnership. They want to make sure that all stakeholder groups are represented when s State files for a Regional Partnership. Brad announced the Joint North Carolina/South Carolina UCC meeting would be held in Asheville, NC on 30 May – 2 June. He also mentioned that the latest NCOCC and CGA newsletters can be found on their respective web sites.

<http://www2.ncocc.org/ncocc/newsletters.htm>

http://www.commongroundalliance.com/Template.cfm?Section=CGA_News1&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=18&ContentID=1844

Open Discussion

CMUD

Doug Morris talked about the new CMUD Right of Way Use Permit process that kicked off 1/22/07. The new process has been implemented and seems to be working well. Contractors can no longer call in for permitting unless they are listed as a primary contractor for a registered utility owner. Doug answered many questions from the floor regarding the program.



Excavation Damage Prevention Initiative (EDPI)

Brad Barringer gave a history of how the EDPI document was developed to define the 9 key elements set forth in the PIPES Act. Brad reviewed each of the 9 elements and gave comments on how he felt North Carolina stood on each of the elements. Rick added that the EDPI suggests forming a 9 Element forum to review a States compliance, but the document also calls for the Office of Pipeline Safety be a key developer of this forum.

Advertising

Ron Fairbanks announced an arrangement that the One Call Center was trying to work out with Colonial Pipeline. Colonial has agreed to use some of their storage tanks along the I-40 corridor in Greensboro as advertising space. Together, they are looking at painting an 811 logo on the side of tanks that face the highway. Their problem right now is finding a company that is actually qualified to do something of this magnitude on a fuel tank, at a reasonable cost. They have company contacts and are negotiating the price.

Mapping

Ron Fairbanks announced that the One Call Center is involved with a state wide effort called NC One Map. The State is developing a single map for each county that will be the standard for the State. They began with Mecklenburg County. In the One Call Center, they hope to convert from their current Tiger map to the NC One Map version as soon as possible. The committee plans to work on Wake County next.

<http://www.nconemap.com/>

Web Site

The NC One Call Center has provided server space and created a web site for our Partnership.

<http://www.nccgarp.org/>

There is some information already posted on the site (Membership Form, Plan of Operation, and past meeting minutes). We are looking for additional information and content to add. Any suggestions can be sent to Rick Gould or Ron Fairbanks.

48 Hr Start of a Ticket

Rick Gould announced that the Board of Directors for the North Carolina One Call Center are considering a policy change that would change the valid start time of locate notices. They are looking at implementing a true 48 hr notification for locators to better respond to the notices. More information will be posted as available.

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Trade Magazines

Don Broome mentioned that two very good trade magazines are Underground Construction and Underground Focus. Both magazines can be viewed on line at their web sites

<http://www.oildompublishing.com/UC/uchome.html>

<http://www.undergroundfocus.com/>

Damage Prevention

Brian Groome talked about AT&T's effort to promote Damage Prevention in their territories. It includes active participation in UCC's and working directly with contractors in their area. He also told of a story in Lafayette County, MS (document attached) that describes a partnership between Mississippi One Call, The Lafayette County Sheriff's Dept, and AT&T.

Overhead Hazards

Stephan Sheehan asked that everyone consider overhead damage prevention and safety as well. Ron added that the One Call Center has a brochure available that specifically addresses overhead line protection.

City Call

Brad Barringer gave an update on City Call. The City of Charlotte is no longer participating in the effort. Status of the remaining participating cities is unknown at this time.

Confined Space

Brad advised everyone that Confined Space requirements were under review at the Federal Level and encouraged everyone to keep alert for possible changes with Confined Space requirements.

Conclusion

Ron Fairbanks brought the meeting to a conclusion and thanked everyone for their participation. He scheduled the next meeting for 10AM, Monday 12 May in Charlotte. Exact location to be determined.

Ron adjourned the meeting.