UTILITIES AND PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY
COMMITTEE
Spring Meeting Summary
March 11, 2013

Participants: Murv Morehead, Chair
David Lawry, Director at Large
Vic Bianes, Member
Al Field, Member
Mike Joyner, Member
Rouen Liu, Member
Gerry Lundquist, Member
Noel Thompson, CGA Board member
Bill Kiger, OCSI
Monty Zimmerman, ROW subcommittee
Jim Anspach, ASCE
Ron Peterson, NULCA

Staff: Carol Estes, Staff Liaison

Call to order – Murv Morehead, chair, called the meeting to order

Review of Meeting Summary of February 5, 2013 – The summary was approved as revised

At-Large Director – David Lawry asked if anyone had questions about the staff report he sent out. President Elect Ed Gottko will be making appointments in April. Dave will reach out to him with suggestions. The board will meet in Charlotte April before Snow Conference. They will be discussing the governance model. Dave thanked the committee members for agreeing to reschedule the congress committee meeting to Sunday afternoon, August 25, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

ASCE 38-13 – Bill Kiger and Jim Anspach discussed ASCE 38-13. It has been written into law in several states. The newest revisions will be available for public comment soon. Changes are minor for the most part. They include: how to determine depth and how to document it, expanded information on vaults, and more information fits into the One Call effort. One change of note is how to deal with projects that have stale information. The change is that the engineer and project owner discuss the age of the project and agree to either update information or accept it. Other changes include:

• If depth is shown, where did the data come from
• Quality level is defined more clearly
• GIS is a valid depiction system
• Inactive and abandoned line are two different things

There is a new national standard for “as-built” utilities. CSA-250 is the Canadian version. There is a new ASCE & AASHTO Utility Engineering Committee just started. They would like to have APWA representation. Jim will write a paragraph about the benefits to APWA of participation. The consensus of the committee is to recommend participation.

Jim is working on the APWA SUE manual update and it’s going to be very good. Bill Kiger suggested that APWA work with CGA to make the CGA temporary marking document available to APWA members. The committee will work to ask the board to adopt and support the CGA best practices. Bill Kiger and Al Field will draft a position statement for the board to adopt the best practices.

Position Statement review
• Rights-of-Way Management (Advocacy) – Vic Bianes has completed the update and requests final comment in the next two weeks.
• Multiple Uses for PROW (Guidance) – Mike Joyner reported that the document referred to in the position statement is out of date. There have been several updates. He will revise to include the most recent document. FHWA revised the document in 1997
• Permanent Buried Line Marking (Guidance) – Al Field, no changes
• Uniform Temporary Marking of Underground Facilities (Guidance) – Gerry Lundquist and Murv Morehead, should probably refer to CGA
• ASCE 38-02 Standard Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data (Guidance, joint with E & T committee) – Bill Kiger – changes should wait until there is a new ASCE update

Discussion of Topics and assignment for preparation of Call for Presentations for Guaranteed Sessions for Congress 2014 to be held in Toronto, Canada - The committee brain stormed possible topics for congress 2014. Suggestions included:
• Canadian As built standards, Laverne Hanley contact
• Abandoned Utilities – Mike Joyner
• De salinization – Vic Bianes
• Utility Damage Prevention (RW subcommittee) – Rouen Liu
• Google Earth mapping of Utilities (Paige Tucker, Dave Wolf) – Jim Anspach

Subcommittee Reports – subcommittee chairs
• Right of Way Management – Vic, Monty, Wayne Jensen and Hoyt working on advancing utility damage in the row. Looking to incorporate CGA Best Practices
• Construction Practices (GIROW Subcommittee) Gerry updated the team about InfoNOW request. Discussing Utility Coordinating committees. They have 3 articles for the Reporter
• Damage Prevention – Bill Kiger reported that they are interested in abandoned lines. Another problem is “wildcat” lines. They generate a lot of problems, especially
infiltration. They are related to theft of services. There is a need to make reporting them a part of contract documents.

- Locating – They are still looking for more members as there are only two now. There is a locate summit Wednesday and locate technology is a topic.
- Abandoned Utilities - Mike Joyner reported that Daniel Stecol, who was on last month’s Uprow call, led him to an attorney. Three guys wrote a book being used nationwide about methodology for evaluating how much underground installations have devalued property. They are joining the subcommittee to write a Reporter article. Mike, Murv, and Monty are working with him.

Report from Noel Thompson – CGA update:
- Interested in encouraging other governmental agencies in participating in CGA
- Interested in endorsement of Best Practices of CGA
- DIRT participation
- Exemptions to One Call – we should be active in promoting reduction of exemptions

Publications Update – “How to book on Utility Coordination” – Al Field reported that the project is temporarily on hold

2012 Congress – informational
- Trees in the Pipeline Right-of-Way 8/26/2013 4:00 PM 4:50 PM Vic Bianes
- WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY: Trenchless Technology - The Good News Story 8/28/2013 8:30 AM 10:45 AM Michelle Hill
- Using DIRT to Improve Safety 8/25/2013 8:30 AM 9:45 AM Al Field

InfoNOW assignments

March – Murv
April – Rouen
May – Al
June - Mike
July - Vic

Next conference call is April 2, 2013