Gold Shovel Standard Committee Meeting

January 24, 2017

MISS DIG Office, Auburn Hills, MI

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting began at 2:05 PM. Catherine Stafford facilitated communication on the Vision, Mission and Goals of the Committee. Discussion on the name of the committee MISS DIG or Michigan.

Ensuring the seamless connection between existing Michigan damage prevention programs, MITA, MISS DIG employer, and utility training. Make sure all of these are interconnected. GSS does not need to recreate the education.

**INTERNAL TEAMS**

The committee was tasked with speaking with their teams to determine what level of interest each member’s company has in the GSS:

Genesee County on Board but is concerned it may increase prices from contractors.

Barton Malow is working on how they will roll the Gold Shovel Standard through their system.

MECA and Tri County are in favor of the Gold Shovel Standard.

Frontier states that his engineering group is concerned it will raise fees.

Corby is going to work with the Gold Shovel Standard for now.

SEMCO is onboard and will roll through their current contractor training.

DTE Gas is onboard but still working on how they are going to implement it.

Waterford Township has no interest because the Township damages lines.

Consumers will be rolling it into what they are already doing with contractors. Concern with MPSC reporting and double reporting.

Gold Shovel Standard works with contractors to help them create their policies, but does not provide templates or samples; a lot of the learning happens when the contractor creates their policies.

Research that improved quality systems reduce costs.

**NEXT STEP**

The next step is for each of the committee members to move forward individually and document and track what issue arise as the program moves forward. The MPSC is making sure all pipeline operators are submitting data. They will also continue to work with entities to get data reported.

Municipalities are at odds with MISS DIG 811.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17 after the annual meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 4:15 PM