December 7, 2017

MISS DIG 811 GSS Committee

Minutes

Present: Bruce Campbell, Dave Mauerman, Lisa Douglas, Catherine Stafford, Tim Welsh, Steve Makowski, Chris Jenson, Kyle Kremer, Dalton Binkowski, Bill Fisher, Rhonda Smith

* Committee Member visual tool – Rhonda sent out earlier, explains where each applicant is in the certification process. Dave explained the purpose of the visual. Lisa mentioned that it would be beneficial to look at this tool at future meetings.
* Went around the room to see where everyone was with their certification process. Lisa said that Consumer’s is doing a legal review. There was talk of confusion concerning signing of documents. Steve said that there was communication with Dave, and people are satisfied with moving forward. No timeframe is in place though. Chris said his CEO is committed and they are working with MECA who are interested as well. Dalton said things are going well, it just takes some time to get all the information together. Catherine said DTE gas is in good shape, they are certified and 85% of employees have completed training. DTE electric is a little behind, it has been somewhat difficult to get some senior members to back it. Tim mentioned that there should be a disclaimer about how there is no attempt at collusion. Bruce gave a few updates; He will be meeting with Brian from Holland next week. Dan’s Excavating and Zito are both considering certification but have been too busy to pursue. The meeting with the Genesee county drain commission went well. The Detroit Building Authority meeting went well too, there seemed to be many positive responses. Catherine suggested applying some self-imposed timeframes to expedite certification. Tim said they’ve already kind of set theirs based on MISS DIG certification which would be by the end of the first quarter. Chris also said that they would like to be done by the end of the first quarter.
* Targets (by next meeting - Feb)
  + ( 100% ) public announcements from operators on the committee – Templates are available to announce that GSS is being pursued. Lisa and Steve weren’t sure they could achieve this by February.
  + Pool of excavators serving as peer-to-peer information sources – would like organizations who are certified to help others along with the process. Would like to have excavators serve as information sources. Catherine asked about how we can find others to come aboard. Catherine mentioned on how GSS certification is not very difficult and doesn’t take very long to achieve. Chris asked if a certification database is available, Dave said that it is published on their website.
  + Identify contact at governor’s office, make initial connection – Dave said GSS is good for the state and we should contact. Committee members will speak with government affairs from their respective companies to discuss when we can properly talk with the governing body.
  + Municipal announcement of 3 GSS Communities – MISS DIG sent out notifications to municipalities and have gotten a promising response so far.
* Establishment of 2-4 person sub-committees
  + What sub-committees are needed? – Great Lakes Foundation Sub-committee: MISS DIG 811, Chris Jenson, Jim Moskal (if not, then maybe Dalton Binkowski), we will try to get Genesee or the first municipality to become GSS certified.
* MISS DIG 811/GSS Open House – 12/7
  + Name badges/stickers
  + “Narrators” – speaking plan – Bruce will MC and give a brief talk, turn over to Dave and then Catherine and Lisa can speak too.

We were not able to address the following agenda points due to time constraint:

* + What is the objective of each sub-committee?
  + What does each sub-committee need to accomplish before our next meeting
    - Possible sub-committees (for discussion)
      * Press / public relations / state pride sub-committee
      * Contractor communications sub-committee
      * State government sub-committee
      * GSS community sub-committee
      * GSS Foundation / municipal sub-committee
* Pilot Metrics update (Dave)