



PUGET SOUND SHIPBUILDERS ASSOCIATION EST 1945

Meeting Information: /

Date: /04/18/25,

Time: 11:00AM

Location: Fishermen's Terminal Norby Building C-2

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Robert Dearing

Will Yates

Alan Davis

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OFFICERS:

President – Robert Dearing

Vice President – Alan Davis

Secretary – Tim Dyasuk

Treasurer – Amy Liu

AGENDA:

- Call to Order – Robert Dearing 11:00 AM

- Introductions (members and guests)

Attendance:

1. Robert Dearing – Vigor
2. Alan Davis – American Seafoods
3. Tim Dyasuk – American Seafoods
4. Amy Lin - Treasurer
5. Spencer McGinnis -Signal
6. Greg Oehling - AEH
7. Robert Anaya – S.M.I
8. Cary Milliginn – VRL
9. Frank Clovocz – Western Towboat
10. James Mize – Golden Alaska
11. Richard Franks – Central Welding
12. Matt Perry - iWorkWise
13. Jake Severyns - Trident
14. Victor Irwin – Pac Fish
15. Tory Gering – Cor Plus Maritime
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Action Items

- Explore opportunities for industry donations of equipment and materials to support Core Plus maritime program
- Provide input on topics and speakers for the next Maritime Safety Day event
- Obtain and share the previous letter from Seattle Fire Department regarding emergency response capabilities
- Draft letters to legislators and regulatory bodies regarding NIOSH budget cuts and impact on the industry
- Reach out to other maritime associations to coordinate advocacy efforts on regulatory changes

Treasurer's Report and Financial Updates

- Amy provides the treasurer's report, starting with a balance of \$7,800 at the beginning of the year, with expenses mainly for lunches and marketing.
- The Survey Monkey subscription was under the allotted amount, and small square fees were incurred for online payments.
- The insurance and donation for the Governor's safety conference were significant expenses.
- The current balance is \$8,367, with payments from 19 members and 9 associate members.

Discussion on Membership and Voting Procedures

- The group explains the two tiers of membership: regular members who own, operate, repair, build vessels, and associate members who provide services to that world.
- The group discusses the need for clear communication with OSHA and the impact of regulatory changes on safety inspections.
- The annual meeting date has been moved to January to avoid conflicts with summer vacations.
- The group plans to explore options for email voting and discusses the importance of maintaining relationships with regulatory bodies.

Regulatory Changes and Industry Impact

- The group discussed the impact of regulatory changes on smaller operations and the need for collaborative compliance.
- The loss of NIOSH and its impact on research and support for dangerous professions is highlighted.
- The group discusses the potential for legislative outreach to support NIOSH and other regulatory agencies.
- The importance of having a centralized voice for the maritime industry is emphasized, with suggestions to reach out to other associations for broader support.

Core Plus Maritime Program Update

- Tori Gearing, provides an update on Core Plus Maritime, which has been recognized as a model program for career learning in Washington.
- The program is expanding to include marine transportation and merchant marine skills, with support from the Navy and the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.
- The program is facing budget challenges but is growing, with new courses and student competitions being developed.
- The group discusses the need for industry support, including donations of equipment and training resources.

Coast Guard Audits and Emergency Response

- Member raises concerns about Coast Guard audits and the role of the Seattle Fire Department as the emergency response for confined space accidents.
- The group discusses the need for updated documentation and clarification from the fire department.



- The group share experiences with Coast Guard audits and the challenges of maintaining emergency response teams.
- The group considers the possibility of funding training for local fire departments to support industry needs.

Upcoming Events and Industry Engagement

- Member outlines upcoming events, including the Fisherman's Safety Fair, Fisherman's Memorial Service, and Fisherman's Fall Festival.
- The group discusses the importance of industry participation and the need for practical, hands-on training sessions.
- The group emphasizes the need for the association to serve its members and drive attendance at events.
- The group encourages members to suggest topics and speakers for future meetings and events.

Environmental Concerns and Stormwater Management

- Member raises concerns about stormwater management and the impact of frequent storms on wastewater systems.
- The group discusses the challenges of managing high water outputs and the need for better infrastructure.
- Members share similar experiences with high water outputs and the need for better stormwater management practices.
- The group considers the broader implications of environmental changes on industry operations and safety.

Discussion on Water Discharge Limits and System Overflow

- Members mention the need to raise discharge limits due to complaints from members, highlighting a nearby 75-million-gallon ball as an example of the issue.
- Member expresses confusion about how to push for this amendment as a membership.
- The member explains a past incident where a broken line caused a system overflow, leading to significant costs and the need to submit a report.
- Members point out that potable water may not meet discharge water standards, noting the lower limits for copper discharge.

Communication Issues and Email Problems

- The group inquires about the source of industry association information and mentions issues with receiving emails from PSSA.
- Members acknowledge receiving emails but admit not to responding promptly, feeling bad about it.
- Members express frustration over not receiving responses and check various email filters for missed messages.
- The group discussed potential technical issues with their email systems, with members suggesting outgoing email might be causing the problem.

OSHA Emergency Standards and Website Updates



- Members share a concern about missing OSHA emergency standards, highlighting the importance of staying informed about regulatory changes.
- Members ask everyone to review the website, which is being updated by Doug while he travels, and to provide input for future meetings.
- Members thank everyone for attending and suggests adjourning the meeting, which is seconded and approved by the group.
- Members mentions an upcoming trip to Croatia and humorously requests help with transportation and tools.

Clarification on Voting Rights for Associate Members

- group raises a question about voting rights, explaining that they are an associate member and were not on the list for a previous vote.
- Members recall a past incident where they were not informed about a meeting due to their associate status.
- The group acknowledges the distinction between regular and associate members and the implications for participation in meetings and voting.
- The conversation ends with a focus on ensuring all members, regardless of status, are informed and involved in future discussions.

