

### Introductions

#### Review of January & April Minutes: Approved Officers Elections: Reviewed responsibilities of officers

- Nominated: Kyle (USIC)
  - Chair: Kyle
- Nominated: Jerry
  - Vice Chair: Jerry
- Nominated: Danette Singh
  - Secretary: Danette Singh (FirstEnergy)
- Treasurer: Matt Hennis

#### Marking Standards Review: There will be a conference call next Thursday morning, the marking standards need to be reviewed.

- Confirmed it is in the standards that white lining needs to be labeled
- Asked if anyone has any feedback in regard to these standards
  - Against how the importance of high pressure is gauged over low pressure lines
  - Asked for clarification in regard to the removal of flags, questioned whether it is required for the utilities to remove their flags
    - Advised that the OUPS app can be referenced to determine whether the work was done

#### Legislative Update:

- Underground Technical Committee (UTC)- Still working on consistency with terminology and rulings, all of the information about meetings (agendas and minutes) on the PUC website. These meetings are open to the public
  - The last meeting was May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition (OUDPC)- formed to update laws, information about the discussion groups and subcommittees can be found on the OHIO811 site
  - In regard to exemptions in the law (Jeff) there are funds available on the federal level (150,000 a year in grants). Our law provides an exemption to municipalities, the group is working towards exempting activities. This will allow us to apply for these funds
  - Looking to change the time frame for positive response from 48 hrs to a “true 48 hrs” essentially allowing the time to start at 12:00 AM each day- this issue is being addressed within a subcommittee
  - There is discussion around large project tickets and changing the verbiage to complex project. Advised that a large scope of work does not always dictate the complexity of a project and that the terms need to be better defined
  - The minutes for the subcommittee and discussion groups are posted on OHIO811- under resources and legislation

#### OHIO811 Update

- Over 143,000 tickets, decrease from last May
- 443,550 tickets YTD over 3 million notices to utilities- 10% over last year

- It was indicated that is important that the people who call in the tickets should be prepared with ample information

**OHIO811 Annual Membership Meeting-**

- There will be an 811 5k in Cleveland
- Golf event June 7<sup>th</sup>
- There will be an NODPC shoot considering merging with Construction Angels
  - Construction Angels is an organization that helps families of construction workers that have passed on the jobs
- Embassy Suites Columbus, OH (sign up will be towards the end of June)
  - August 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

**Open Forum**

- Discussion about the lack of knowledge amongst employees of large contractors in Youngstown
- Additional discussion about UTC complaints and the importance of fining contractors for not calling in tickets
- Trench deaths
- Next months meeting June 27, 2019

**Monthly Attendance Drawing****Meeting adjourned- seconded Kevin**

7/15/2019

