

Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition

April 10, 2018

The Athletic Club of Columbus

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees per sign in sheet:

Andrea Ashley, AGC of Ohio
Michael Beirne, Ohio Municipal Electric Association/AMP
Tony Brigano, Hicks Partners for Spectra Energy
Jim Callan
Pete Chace, PUCO
Lisa Collins, Columbia Gas/NiSource
Joe Costell, USIC
Jon Culbreath, Kinder Morgan
Michael Evans, County Engineers Association of Ohio
Rob Fadley, PUCO
Heidi Fought, Ohio Township Association
Lou Griggs, City of Cleveland
Clayton Heitz, Kokosing Construction
Brian Hickman, OOGA/OGPUPS
Joe Igel
Andrew Jacobs, Dayton Power & Light
Pat Jacomet, Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association
Kris Klaus, Ohio Home Builders Association
Kurt Leib, Marathon Oil/OMEA
Claire Linkhart API Ohio
Roger Lipscomb, Ohio Utilities Protection Service dba Ohio811
David Losinski, American Electric Power
Scott Lucas, ODOT
Zac Maynard, USIC
Erik Mikkelson, Rep. Spectra Energy/NEXUS project
Alice Miller, Ohio Utilities Protection Service dba Ohio811
Regan Noble, Enterprise Products
Ric Oxender, Oxender & Associates
Christina Polesovsky, API Ohio
Valerie Pope, Ohio Water Well Assoc./Mech. Contractors Assoc. of Ohio
Liz Pyles, George J. Igel Company
Jennifer Reams, Infrastructure Compliance Concepts
Kevin Schimming, City of Columbus
Adam Schwiebert, County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Jimmy Stewart, Ohio Gas Association
Al Tonetti, Ohio Archaeological Council
Angela Van Fossen, Ohio Contractors Association
Mark Vest, Dayton Power & Light
Charles Willoughby, Ohio Municipal Electric Association/AMP

Minutes

- 1) Welcome
Alice Miller welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending today's meeting.
- 2) Senator William Coley

Senator Coley thanked attendees for their past efforts, asked them to keep working on damage prevention legislation, and noted that he is available if any coalition member would like to meet with him – his door is always open.

3) Coalition Structure

Roger Lipscomb recommended Joe Igel serve as co-chair of the newly formed coalition. Joe made attendees aware that he serves as co-chair of the Underground Technical Committee (UTC) and said that as long as there are no objections he would volunteer to serve as co-chair. Roger asked Christina Polesovsky if she would be able to serve as the second co-chair. Christina said she is not able to at this time. Roger then asked Brian Hickman if he is able to serve as co-chair. Those who are interested in serving as co-chair may contact Roger about the position.

O.U.P.S./Alice will distribute information to Coalition Members as needed, maintain the Coalition page on O.U.P.S.'s website, and organize meeting details.

4) Coalition Objectives

a. Open Discussion: A general discussion regarding the need for legislative action, and if action is warranted, what areas within Ohio's current excavation law should be considered for change by the Coalition? In order to gauge the interest level in pursuing legislative changes associations may choose to poll their members. It was noted that areas of concern voiced by "field" personnel – professional excavators, locators, and shared with O.U.P.S. and at Damage Prevention Council (DPC) meetings include, but are not limited to: Large projects, life of ticket, size and scope of ticket, the 48 hour waiting period. Additional topics of concern are Ohio's inability to apply for PHMSA grant money due to the way exemptions are currently described within Ohio's excavation law, and the lack of detail within the training requirement. Next steps/Action Items noted below.

b. Open Discussion/Additional Topics: The inability of UTC members to provide expertise due to conflict of interest language within Ohio's law, both during the discussion and voting phase of the UTC meetings. It was noted that conflict of interest language is addressed within other sections of Ohio's law and is not conducive to change through this Coalition. Within the city of Cleveland there is a problem with large areas on tickets that are not pre marked, creating a delay in marking, and work not starting on time. Jennifer Reams mentioned the UTC/Legislative process in place for such instances, and Joe Igel noted that the UTC docket is posted online at [UTC Agendas](#).

5) Next Steps

a. Alice will distribute a meeting survey to Coalition Members in order to schedule a June meeting that is conducive to most members.

b. The next meeting will take place at:

George J. Igel Company
3500 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus

Action Items

a. Alice will distribute legislative language developed and agreed upon by governmentals in the fall of 2017 regarding exemptions. (*Attached to email with distributed minutes*).

b. Alice will distribute a survey in order to gauge what areas of concern are most important to Coalition Members.

Submitted By: Alice J. Miller, May 4, 2018