

IWEA Safety Committee Meeting
April 18, 2024
Minutes

Members on Conference Call: Terri Couse, Ralph McCampbell, Duane Jarvis, Travis Calhoun, and Dorothy Robinette

Member at TriCo WRRF: Loren Prange, Scot Watkins, and Maggie Crediford

Digester:

- The Safety Committee has not submitted articles to the Digester for a long time! IWEA wants an article each publication. About four times a year. (Spring – Feb, Summer – May, Fall – Aug, and Winter – Dec.)
- If anyone has or wants to submit safety articles to the Digester, that would be great.
- Discussed having a toolbox like articles, could be on confined space, electrical, emergency, etc. Other topics could be construction, new personnel training, etc.
- Want to make a safety mascot that we could use with Digester articles or could use to answer safety questions in the Digester and with the safety shack (hopefully in the future).
- You can send articles to Jamie Sonnentag at Jamie.sonnentag@mattisoncorp.com, or Dorothy at wwtrobin36@gmail.com. The IWEA website has the deadlines listed and you can submit an article.

LL Larson Award:

- The award is given to a person responsible for bringing about safety improvements in the operation of a WWTP, in the form of change to operation, design of a plant, formation of safety rules, educational program or anything that reduces accidents in the WWTP.
- One award is given each year. Next meeting we will nominate and vote.
- Please nominate someone you feel embodies safety.

IWEA Conference:

- The IWEA 2024 conference will be at the Indianapolis Convention Center in August. Abstracts can be submitted starting February 22nd until May 3rd.
- Will reach out to Bryan Thais with IN Dept. of Labor and Brad Freeman with INSafe on presenting again at the 2024 conference.
- If anyone would like to present or know someone who could/would like to present, please contact Dorothy.
- Loren and Terri have speakers submitting abstracts.
- Anyone who has topic ideas or abstracts please contact Loren Prange (loren.prange@trico.eco) or Dorothy Robinette (wwtrobin36@gmail.com).
- Discussed having a 10-hour OSHA course next year. Could be split up over 2 days. Pete Isom could teach the course. Pete Isom and Ernie Castle will work on it and report back. Thank you both for your help.

Safety Audit:

- Assigned Safety Audits. Please complete safety audits by May 31st and submit them to Dorothy.
- Added the question about new/old plaques so everyone will receive the correct sized plate for their plaque.
- Started discussion on permits for pressure vessels and if we should add questions to audit form. This is a new area for me so I would like some information. The website I have looked at is DHS: PublicSafetyPortal.IN.gov. We will continue to look at this. Terri will help investigate the issue.

Wastewater Challenge:

- The challenge will be May 14, 2024, at Western Hancock WWTP. Registration starts ends May 1st.
- Dorothy will work on the Safety test. If anyone has questions, they want to contribute to the question database, please let Dorothy know.
- So far, the judges are Dorothy, Terri, Loren, Maggie, and Brian.
- If anyone wants to judge or be on the planning committee, please let Dorothy know.
- Discussed using some input from the Rocky Mountain website, will discuss more. Please check it out and add your input.

Miscellaneous:

- **The 3rd Thursday of the month will be the meeting day.** TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will be the on-site location, but if you cannot make it to the site, please call in. The conference call number is **(267)807-9587 code 327768#**.

Next Meeting: May 16th at 10 am @ TriCo WRRF or call in.

Agenda: LL Larson Nomination and voting
WW Challenge review
IWEA 2024 Conference