ORCGA Events and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ORCGA Office/Teleconference

Attendees:	Company:
Crystal Bedore	Ontario One Call
Jody Howze	Enbridge
Tracey Sims	Union Gas
Adam Sampson	Own Your Safety
Sara Ward-Paige	Hydro One
Stephen Huza	Drain-All
Gretchen Gordon	Trans Canada
James Stieva	Super Sucker
Jennifer Parent	ORCGA
Ashleigh Fehr	ORCGA
Doug Lapp	ORCGA
Bill Shane	Blue Water Ideas
Jeff Hitchcock	Ontario One Call
Ophir Wainer	T2
Grace Meade	Excavac
Brice Brown	Hetek
Jeremy Long	Vivax

Regrets: Ben Kihara, Jason Dupuis, Dave Wulff, Jason Edwards, Patricia Forbes, Ralph Evans, R Coulas, Shane Hart, Nicole Evans, Sara Hooton, Tracy Hammer, Ericka Kennedy, Matthew White, Sarah Nardozzi

Agenda Item	Notes	Action Item
Review of Agenda	Crystal reviewed the agenda for the meeting	
Review of Draft Minutes	 Reviewed minutes from last meeting Under Symposium Speakers heading; separate the speakers and trade show points 	Motion to pass minutes: Adam Second: Jody Ashleigh to update Sept mins and distribute
Dig Safe 2019	 Ashleigh reviewed the Dig Safe timeline for 2019 and gave an update No dates have been confirmed but requests have been sent to municipalities – we had to wait until after the election to contact the municipalities 	
Symposium:		
Infrastructure Resources	 IR will be helping to organize the Symposium while Jennifer is travelling for the GC meetings Jennifer gave a list of what IR will be doing and what ORCGA will be doing – IR will be doing most of the heavy lifting Staff person from IR will attend the symposium and manage the tradeshow 	

	 IR is also managing the CGA Symposium in March (Tampa) ORCGA and IR will meet every week to discuss progress/next steps
Registration	 Registration is online and easy to follow – let Jennifer know if you have any questions or feedback IR has data that ORCGA doesn't have; They can project the trajectory for symposium attendance, tradeshow registrants, etc – ORCGA doesn't have that in place – Jennifer wants to build something similar Booths for the tradeshow were booked quickly Sold 16 to date Registration issues in 2017 – reg table didn't have some one there (need overlap or 'be back in 5 min' sign), people were late, etc Sponsors key card – depended on what area you checked in, some didn't get it
Sponsorship	 Selling very well so far Sold 22% - expecting 28% by end of day Put on the website – for people interested in being an annual sponsor – contact Kim
Gold Seal Credits	 Jennifer recommends for 2020 that we seek out speakers mid summer 2019 – a paper has to be written that cannot be done until speakers are in the earlier you get your credits the better – increases attendance Jennifer working on it in late December/January From submission date – takes about 2 weeks Jennifer has to wait for everything to be in before she applies – will get it late
Tradeshow	 Tradeshow subcommittee discussed feedback from the Niagara 2017 Symposium Liz joined the call so she knows the issues from 2017 and can ensure that doesn't happen again Companies presenting on new equipment doesn't usually work (from past experience) – Jeremy Useful to have separate rooms for vendors to give clients a display (before the tradeshow) – see value?

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Symposium Event Summary	 Put on hold – for consideration? Drink ticket for each reception / drawing people to the tradeshow floor – need to focus on Locking the door to the tradeshow during networking events – no booths in the hall for 2019 – expanding the tradeshow floor Leave doors unlocked if no special event going on so people can get in and out of the tradeshow area and network Each booth to give 50/50 tickets out (they determine amount based on conversation/time) and the tickets go into a draw for prizes at the end Tickets could replace the passport CCGA tore down their booths at the end of the 2nd day – ORCGA should keep the booths open on the 3rd day (half day) 	Add to agenda for next meeting
Speakers	 Jennifer would like to move this to the next meeting Putting together a document/story as to how the symposium was planned 	Jennifer to discuss at next meeting
	 5 confirmed speakers Jennifer will be putting it on the website Insurance panel presentation – Cynthia Sefton might be able to attend – talked about bringing in an insurance carrier – slippery slope – could bring in different adjustment teams – secured UR Claims – subcommittee said yes to the panel, but attendees are TBD Mock line strike – going to hold off – will revisit with subcommittee Glenn Hammill – Municipal streetlighting – Glenn is busy, said maybe 	
Breakout Session Schedule	 Jennifer reviewed the breakout session schedule Coffee breaks/stations were good – gave everyone a chance to talk/break – had lots of time Multiple coffee stations – less crowding National comment – make sure there isn't too much time in between the breakout sessions so that people leave, and momentum is lost Make sure the hotel is tight so that people don't walk away/get distracted Welcome reception is too long (6-11pm) – Jeremy suggest (6-8pm) 	Jennifer is going to juggle the schedule with IR – bring back to the committee with different options (color code)

Additional Comments	 Make the coffee breaks 45 mins and concurrent session 45 mins (Q&A built in) OR remove one of the plenary sessions (plenary sessions were too long) – shorten the keynote and committee reports (30 mins each) and keep sessions to 1hr No games that require cash No charity donations at the symposium Tech tour/offsite networking event to be confirmed Could have 3 concurrent sessions instead of 4? – have the last room open if people want to do work (office set up) – as opposed to losing them 	
	 Have an ORCGA/staff member organize/attend the vendor wrap up meeting at the end of the show – last year it was an informal sit down where everyone shared their 'grievances' and the committee didn't receive the final report (we shouldn't leave it to the exhibitors to self report) – James There was confusion with checking into the hotel room not registration for the symposium – Sara Ophir finding out if the symposium is eligible for Professional Development Hours from the University of Waterloo ** For additional/detailed information, see Jennifer's document called "ORCGA Events and Communication Committee Agenda – 14NOV2018- jp" ** 	Ophir to report back to the committee
Dig Safe Brochure	Defer to December meeting	Next meeting
2019 Locate Rodeo Update	 Booked for August 15-16, 2019 Will be at Oshawa RCC – were there in 2014 Complaint form 2018 – room check in delays Oshawa is going to set up satellite check ins and earlier check in (testing with a 700 person conference in June) – could we build the room cost into the registration costs – have a waiver for everyone to fill out, taking responsibility if their room has damages Room cleanliness – Jennifer to speak with them Once contract is signed – Jennifer will book the golf carts 	Jennifer is going to ask Melissa if it's possible to include hotel fee with registration

Golf – Consulting Engineers	CEO have 80-90 golfers which makes that
of Ontario Format	
of Offiano Format	format work (standing reception)
	 The only place that would work for our group
	(layout) is Bond Head
	 Keep in mind the age of golfers – some people
	will want to sit at dinner after a long day
	People need a place to put their food/plate
	With Club Link the stations will be expensive
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	Already booked in at Station Creek for 2019
	and cannot make the standing reception work
	there
	 Station Creek closure cost is \$22k, Bond Head
	is \$35k
	Look into another place for 2020
Stickers	 Alberta was going to reach out to various
- BCCGA, ABCGA	companies about putting stickers on rental
	equipment
	 BC didn't have any success in their province
	with the rental company they were working with
Downd Table Discussion	
Round Table Discussion	No round table topics to discuss

Next meeting Dates: December 7, January 16