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INTER-UTILITY OVERHEAD
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2022 IUOTA CONFERENCE
AUGUST 2022 LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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2022 IUOTA Conference Minutes

Host Utility – Southern California Edison



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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Host Vendor – Milwaukee Tool



Hotel Maya, Long Beach California, Lagunita Pavilion

IUOTA OFFICERS

Chairman - Mark Taylor, Primary Engineering and Construction, Calgary Canada

Secretary – Patrick O'Brien, UtiliCon Solutions. Pennsylvania

Co-Secretary – Mark Todd, Electricities, North Carolina

Past Chairman – Robert Bo Maryyanek, Asplundh Construction LLC, Massachusetts

Vendor Chairman- Scott Baughn, IRBY

Vendor Support – Delisa Calhoun, Elk River Inc.

Monday, August 15, 2022 –

Ice Breaker – Sponsored by Milwaukee Tool & Buckingham Manufacturing

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Breakfast – Sponsored by Makita USA

5-minute showcase time for 9 vendors

Bashlin- Ben Barnes - Bashlin products, straps, harnesses, SRL reviewed.

Certified Safety – Danny Green- First aid products, there are new standards out there. Visit him and make sure you are compliant for all the different standards you may encounter.

Ariat- Rusty Telford- Gave us an overview of FR clothing innovations for the industry.

DISA- Jennifer Morris- Review of transportation compliance services they offer.

FallTech- Cliff Petty and Justin Tate- Presented their product for fall protection. Demonstrated lanyards, retractable restraints, and leather tool belts.

Milwaukee Tools- John Wood- Battery operated tools and devices. Full battery platforms for all their products.

Lakeland- Jack Brown – FR Clothing with moisture resistance to help combat heat stress. Made in North America.

3dInternet- Brian Doubinin- Safety videos on Human performance, damage assessing, and utility truck safety are just a few of the things they can supply.

Estex- Mike Stott- They offer a full array of safety related products and accessories. They work closely with several large investor-owned utilities and can help you with compliance in tooling and safety equipment.

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Welcome / **Call to Order**, Chairmen Mark Taylor– **Called to order:** The 2022 Conference of the Inter-Utility Overhead Training Association (IUOTA) was held at the Hotel Maya resort in Long Beach California on August 16, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 0800, by IUOTA Chairman, Mark Taylor, Primary Engineering Corporation. Opening remarks, and a safety message on hotel safety was provided by Chairman Taylor.

Welcome to Long Beach California with an overview of Southern California Edison (SCE) that was presented by Leanne Swanson, Director of Employee and Contractor Safety at SCE.

Roll Call from for the IUOTA organization was held, Attendee Introductions - All Members - Name and Utility, Contractor or Vendor Being Represented– Secretary, Patrick O'Brien, and Co-Secretary Mark Todd presiding.

Future meetings – Chairman Mark Taylor asked the group for a volunteer to be the host utility in 2023. There are currently 4 prospective candidates. The host vendor is yet to be determined, but there are 2 perspective candidates at this time.

Announcements – Chairman Mark Taylor proposed to the group that he would extend his tenure as Chairman and recommended the same for Secretary Patrick O'Brien in lieu of the inactivity of the group not being able to meet over the last 2 years due to COVID restrictions. In addition, this would allow for better succession planning for transitioning the roles and responsibilities to the incoming Chairman and Secretary. Chairman Taylor also initiated a canvas from the membership present to consider volunteering to be vice-chairman for IUOTA. If anyone is interested to approach any of the board members to be considered for that opening. At this time former Chairman Robert "Bo" Maryyanek of Asplundh construction made a motion to accept Mark Taylor and Patrick O'Brien to extend their terms as both Chairman and Secretary for 2 more years with IUOTA. This was 2nd by former Chairman John Lowe of Duke Energy. **Motioned carried.** The By-Laws may be amended on a future date to reflect the will of the membership to extend these tenures.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: IUOTA Minutes from 2019 meeting were presented for approval by Secretary Patrick O'Brien. A motion was made by Robert "Bo" Maryyanek, Asplundh Construction and seconded by Co-Secretary Mark Todd, Electricities to approve the minutes of the IUOTA 2019, – August 19th 20th and 21st held in Northport, Maine to be accepted, **motioned carried.**

Keynote Speaker: **David McPeak – CSP, CHST, CIT, CUSP, CSSM, is the Director of Professional Development at the Incident Prevention Institute of UBM and author of the book Frontline Leadership - The Hurdle.**

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PPE Always use it and never need it.:

“Learning Objectives:

After this presentation, participants will:

Understand how and why workers tend to apply the hierarchy of controls backwards by relying too heavily on PPE in hazard mitigation

Supplement the hierarchy of controls with a decision-making flowchart to ensure effective application of the hierarchy and protection of workers

Place intense focus on eliminating and reducing hazards and risks

Be able to enhance the value and effectiveness of work planning discussions such as job briefings

5-minute showcase time for 9 vendors

Victor Insulators – John Tinsley- they have the most complete product line of any North American insulator manufacturer with competitive pricing.

Youngstown Glove- Max Hackett- Gave us an overview of gloves and innovations for the industry.

Makita- Liv Hanlon- Review of battery-operated tools and equipment they offer.

West Coast Utility Solutions- Chris Cole, Marc Gonfiotti- They offer safety and quality solutions for any challenges you encounter.

Linewise- Dave Packebush- Engineered solutions for live-line problems.

Buckingham- Kevin Truesdell-Thomas Savola- Presented their climbing and line tool products.

Hilti- John Holko- Louis Kramer- Safety videos on Human performance, damage assessing, and utility truck safety y are just a few of the things they can supply.

Apparel Solutions- Peter Clark- Michael Ens- They offer a full array of safety related products and accessories. They work closely with several large investor-owned utilities and can help you with compliance in tooling and safety equipment.

CRC- Glenn Rice- A full array of products for the utility industry.

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Robert “Bo” Maryyanek – Asplundh Construction LLC – Review of a significant accident with corrective actions.

Robert (Bo) Maryyanek is the Director of safety for Asplundh Construction LLC. Bo has over 33 years of utility construction and safety between utilities and contractors. Bo will review some of the hurdles and lessons learned of a significant accident that hopefully most will never face. By sharing the strategy and lessons learned from such an accident, Bo hopes that we are all better prepared to prevent repeats and can defend our companies as much as possible if ever needed.

5-minute showcase time for 11 vendors

GORE- Paul Dacey- Presented rainwear and 40 cal Suits, .

Klein Tools- Megan Berry- Presented new wire grip used from #6 to 477 wire sizes.

Emerson- Jimmy Ochoa- Presented remote control hot stick cutter.

GlenGuard- Rich Lippert- FR clothing presented.

UBM- Stacy Fowler- Incident Prevention Magazine, Utility Fleet professional magazine, USOLN group.

Mosaic- Andrew O’Flaherty- Presented overview on training they offer for the industry.

MADI Tool- Wayne Morris- Presented wire brushes, pliers, knives and an assortment of other tools.

Utility Solutions- Aaron Wood- Presented break safe tool and wire/conductor cleaner.

SAE-Staci Post- Grounding, AC mitigation and cathodic protection

NLC – Mike Hennesey- Instructor led Lineman training programs presented.

JELCO- Kat Clemmons- Presented fall arrest products and positioning belt..

Lunch Sponsored by Youngstown Glove

**Industry Accidents with Corrective Actions- (vendors excused) Mark Taylor
Primary Engineering Corporation moderator-**

Tyler Riley- Asplundh Construction- Reported on an incident and corrective actions that occurred recently on National Grid Property.

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Mark Taylor- Primary Engineering Corporation- Reported on a backhoe accident and lessons learned from that event.

Mark Todd- Electricities- Mark discussed the importance of employee's fitness for duty on the jobsite.

Brian Williams- LAPWD- Brian reviewed an underground accident and lessons learned from the event.

John Lowe- Duke Energy- John discussed lessons learned and corrective actions from an incident on Duke Energy property.

Aaron Wood and Jon Spencer - "The Data of Personal Protective Grounding" - What can trainers gain from incorporating numbers in grounding class?

We understand Grounding is complex and still a mystery. Having data to illustrate concepts can create a positive impact in the classroom. Here are several key aspects to consider: Grounds Sets. Where does a Fault go? Line worker thresholds

Meeting adjourned for day/ Time with vendors

Social hour Sponsored by JELCO

Wednesday August 17, 2022

Breakfast – Sponsored by Utility Business Media

Vendor Raffle

Former Chairman Robert "Bo" Maryyanek made a motion to accept Richard Parodie of Liberty Utilities as Vice-Chairman for IUOTA. Patrick O'Brien of Utilicon Solution made 2nd motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Keynote Speaker:

David McPeak, CSP, CHST, CIT, CUSP, CSSM, is the Director of Professional Development at the Incident Prevention Institute of UBM and author of the book Frontline Leadership - The Hurdle. – Lead People, Not Robots

People and safety must be led. This insightful and entertaining presentation discusses how to be a C5 Safety Leader that leads people, not robots. Often without realizing it is happening, we discount human factors by thinking of people like robots and assuming they will always follow instructions and perform perfectly with no unsafe attitudes, unsafe behaviors, and risk tolerance. That

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thinking forcing us to have one leadership style and seek to fix people when something goes wrong.

Participants will learn how to increase their influence and authority through competence, commitment, caring, courage, and credibility. They will also gain tremendous insight into human factors and human performance improvement along with how to use a mirror as their most important piece of protective equipment.

Learning Objectives:

After this presentation, participants will:

Use the run-up of C5 Safety Leadership to create culture and develop relationships so you can get over the hurdle of Lack of Leadership. Lead People, Not Robots rather than Discounting Human Factors by leading and managing people how they are and not how you wish they were

Moderator, Mark Todd- Electricities. Industry burning questions and Hot Topics-

Question to Buckingham: Some straps on harnesses awkwardly rubbing shoulders when in use.

Asplundh Construction- Hanging items on the outside of the bucket. What does your company allow? What is considered approved?

Electricities- Rigging and using ropes to pick transformers off poles.

SCE- Study on complacency. How long does it take for corrective actions to wear off?

Asplundh Construction- Sought the groups insight on backing accident prevention.

Duke Energy- Best practices with chainsaw safety

Liberty Utilities- Body Weight restrictions for harnesses and bucket enforcement best practices.

PSEGLI- Sought industry best practice on energy control procedures when working behind the circuit breaker at a distribution substation.

DPW- Check and verify your blocking on underground circuits.

Makita- Recommended a book to read for your safety mindset- Following your gut and thinking in bets. how we can all become better decision-makers in an uncertain and challenging world. Helps us understand how to disentangle the

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role of luck and skill in determining outcomes, ultimately helping us make better bets that lead to better outcomes and a better life

Lunch Sponsored by Hilti

Carmen Lopez, M.S- Risk Based Safety and Human & Organizational Performance, Southern California Edison

Carmen Lopez is a Senior Advisor at Southern California Edison (SCE) leading the strategic design, execution, and long-term sustainability of the enterprise SCE Risk Based Safety Program. She is collaborating with numerous stakeholders across the organization (including frontline) to proactively analyze critical safety risks and identify and implement risk mitigations to make progress towards eliminating significant serious injuries and fatalities. She has integrated Human and Organizational Performance (HOP) Principles as a foundation for this program. Concurrently, Carmen is also leading the strategic design, execution, and sustainability of HOP at SCE for a culture shift based on operational learning leveraging a grassroots approach and best practices across different industries.

Carmen has over fourteen years of work experience in the field of HOP, risk-based safety, organizational development, change management, technical training, and employee selection/assessments. She holds a Master of Science Degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology, a Human Performance Improvement Practitioner Certificate, a Project Management Certificate, and a Prosci Change Management Certification. Carmen is also an active member of the North America Transmission Forum (NATF) Human Performance Group. Her passion is to help others by building the organization's capacity to minimize the consequences of normal human error to fail safe.

Open forum Q&A with moderator IUOTA Board- Moderator Chairman Mark Taylor

Feedback/Topics for next year.

- Better sound system, microphones for participants in audience.
- Grounding and Induction topics. Possible presenters suggested; Jim Vaughn, David McPeak and Brady Hansen.
- Review of questions and responses to IUOTA Group from IUOTA members.

Closing comments and meeting adjourned

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