



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman
Mark Hamrick, Vice Chairman
Dora Parks, Secretary

Minutes of the meeting for April 23, 2019
Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Susan Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. followed by the customary self-introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 26, 2019 were approved as written. The meeting minutes will be posted at <https://www.missutility.net/excavators/>

OLD BUSINESS

CGA Conference Update reported by Dora Parks (OCC); This year's conference was held March 26-28th in Tampa, FL. There were 1,800 people in attendance representing a variety of industry stakeholders from around the country. There were multiple industry-specific committee meetings and breakout sessions. Mike Abrashoff, Former Commander of the USS Benfold and author of It's Your Ship was the keynote speaker. In addition, were two conference highlights:

- The presentation of the Jim Barron Award. Jim Barron (MD Authority) of Ronkin Construction played a key role in the *Common Ground Study* and went on to serve as the first president of the CGA. Jim has and continues to show true dedication to the CGA and to several other damage prevention organizations and projects. The Barron award is given to an individual(s) or organization(s) that have shown true dedication to efforts that enhance underground damage prevention.
- The 2019 Hall of Fame Award was presented by Jim Barron to OCC CEO, Tom Hoff. The Hall of Fame Award maintains an ongoing roster of damage prevention champions. The award honors CGA members that have served in the organization over a long period of time and whose impact has left its mark on the organization in a positive and memorable way.

CGA Best Practices Committee Update reported by Scott Brown (Committee Co-Chair); This committee's objective is to ensure best practices remain the definitive guide for underground safety and damage prevention through continued identification and publication of consensus-based practices. After a 5-year collaborative effort, the committee adopted a new Cross-Bore Best Practice. This new practice will be included in the 2020 CGA's Best Practice Guide. Maryland has become a model for *Call Before You Clear* practices which were developed to prevent cross-boring.

Next year's CGA Event will be held March 24-26, 2020 in Palm Springs, California.

NEW BUSINESS

Miss Utility Web Site Update reported by Dora Parks; The new Miss Utility website cutover on January 25, 2019. While minor updates and changes are still occurring, user feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Please contact Dora Parks with any ideas that continue to improve user efficacy.

Scott Brown (WGL) spoke about the Gold Shovel Standard which is a nonprofit organization committed to improving workforce and public safety and the integrity of buried infrastructure. These necessary improvements are best identified when data is shared among stake holders. To this end, Scott spoke about the importance of facility owner members reporting damages so that data analysis is better able to identify root cause which can then direct damage prevention awareness, education and training. He then shared a case in point:

- At a recent meeting Scott attended, a home owner asked about damages. It was stated that many facility damages are caused when homeowners fail to call 811 before building fences designed to keep new pets in the yard. Greg Mason (WGL) came up with the idea to leave the 811 message on doggy clean-up bags at local vet offices as a reminder for new pet owners to Call Before Digging new fencing. It was then decided the message be put on pet food can-covers as well.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

Mitzi Ambush (PEPCO) opened up the discussion by speaking about an increase in damages to facilities encased in concrete especially in Washington, D.C. at street crossings and intersections. She noted that most often, excavators hit the encasements while saw-cutting. She asked that contractors educate excavators to recognize encasement infrastructure so facility damage can be avoided. Mitzi can be contacted for those interested in photo examples.

Dora Parks stated the importance of having working relationships within the damage prevention community and thanked Ferguson Trenching for recently assisting a locator who was having difficulty locating two 12-inch water lines.

Jim Barron (MD Authority) spoke about a recent event detailing the value of using paint to locate underground facilities over using just flags. Flags can be prematurely removed or relocated by unsuspecting passersby which can cause miscommunication between the contract locate and the excavator. No harm was done during this event but the likelihood of harm to people and damage to facilities increases when paint is not used and flags are not left in the correct location.

David Ball (Howard Co DPW) asked how long ITIC polygons have been in use and why people were still using grids to denote potential dig area. It was stated that polygons have been in use since August 2017 and that people were still using grids because the user may be uncomfortable with drawing a polygon, i.e., office secretary.

Mitzi Ambush ended open discussion by suggesting that contract flaggers be reminded by facility owner members of their duties in protecting not only workers and facilities but pedestrians as well. It was stated that often their list of duties depends on contract stipulations and state law.

SAFETY PRESENTATION

Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility) introduced and played a video titled: [Active Shooter Prevention Training with OSHA Message](#). Chris Grollnek, the nation's leading expert on the phenomenon of Active Shooter and Active Shooter Prevention is dedicated to the survival of potential victims who are not first responders, but actually first on scene as potential victims. In other words, those most immediately involved in these vicious incidents. Along with Active Shooter Prevention Experts this video was created to give an overview of the 3 suggested steps to best survive an active shooter event: react, escape, survive.

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Jim Barron, Executive Director

March 6, 2018 Meeting Highlights

- Retiring April 1st, Charlie McCadden, Vice-Chair of the Authority, was recognized for his years of service. He was in his 2nd year of his 2nd two-year term on the Authority.
- The Authority approved \$7,500 for the March 811 Media Campaign and \$7,500 for the April 811 Media Campaign, as well as, a \$1,000 sponsorship for the Cox 811 Digger Balloon at the 2019

Preakness Balloon Festival.

- Eight (8) NPV's were reviewed and acted on netting \$10,223 in fines.

April 3, 2018 Meeting Highlights

- The Authority elected Joyce Brooks to the Vice-Chair seat vacated by Charlie McCadden.
- Eight (8) NPV's were reviewed and acted on netting \$8,800 in fines.
- There was a vote to have no meeting in August 2019.
- The Mid-Term Report for the PHMSA 2018 SDP Grant will be submitted on April 15, 2019.
- The 2019 PHMSA SDP Grant Request will be submitted on May 1, 2019.

The next Authority meeting is Wednesday, May 1, 2018. Two Formal Hearings are scheduled.

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE

The Maryland Title 12 Re-Write will be submitted to the Maryland Legislature during the 2020 Legislative Session.

Documents on the Re-Write can be downloaded from the Authority Website by clicking the State Capital Dome, <https://mddpa.org>

2019 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Matt Ruddo, Committee Chair

- Conference being held October 22-25, 2019 in Ocean City, MD at the Clarion Resort Hotel.
- Returning Attendee Registration is from April 15 - May 17.
- Early Bird Registration is from May 18 - August 23.
- Regular Registration is from August 24 and after.
- The keynote speaker will be Gary Norland who survived an accident as an industrial electrician.
- The conference will again offer golf, cornhole, and cooking networking opportunities. Fundraising opportunities will support the Maryland/DC Chapter of Construction Angels.
- By registering for updates at missutilityconference@gmail.com, folks are automatically eligible to win a free 2-night package to the GCDPTC until May 17th.

The next meeting is: April 23, 2019 at Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover, MD.

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Brown, WGL-Committee Chairman; Dora Parks, Miss Utility/One Call Concepts-Secretary

The Board has agreed to move forward with the Mike Rowe / 811 campaign. Information to follow. The Board also voted to move forward with the Carvertise campaign (vehicle wraps promotion). As an alternative to billboard advertising, Scott shared the following information about Carvertise:

- There are a variety of wrap options and advertising campaigns available at varying costs.
- Wrapped cars and drivers must meet requirements.
- Drivers can give out company brochures.
- Drivers must travel a minimum of thirty (30) miles a day in target locations.
- This campaign will include 3 wrapped each traveling in the following regions: Washington, D.C., Prince George's County and Montgomery County.
- Owner members should submit damage reports. Data analysis helps determine which regional areas might benefit most from this type of damage prevention advertising.

The next meeting is July 11, 2019 at Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover MD.

2019 LOCATOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (LAA) AND DIG SMART AWARDS (DSA)

Kevin Woolbright (Chair) and Dora Parks (Co-Chair)

Dora Parks reported on the following:

- There were 65 winning locators nominated from 12 companies.
- This year's banquet will be held at the Bowie Baysox Stadium and will be a family event.
- A locator will be selected to throw out the first pitch.
- Locators will be recognized by the stadium attendees after the first inning.
- Subscribers are welcome to attend.
- The LAA Banquet is set for Saturday, May 18th at Bowie Baysox Stadium.

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2019 DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING

DPT Administrator, Dora Parks dparks@misstuality.net

Upcoming Trainings

- Garrett County Government – April 29th
- National Drilling Association – May 3rd
- Cecil County School of Technology – May 30th

2019 Open Damage Prevention Training (by advanced registration)

- April 29th at the Garrett College Campus
- May 10TH in Harford County
- June 7TH at the Miss Utility Call Center

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS (CA)

Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

Vince Healy (Construction Angels) explained that Construction Angels is a non-profit offering financial aid, grief and financial counselling to families who have suffered the death of a loved one during a construction related accident while employed by a contract company. This year's GCDPTC will again host a corn-hole event that will collect a \$10 entrance fee that will go directly to CA. It was mentioned that an email be sent out by MGH notifying GCDPTC attendees of the multiple CA donation opportunities in order that attendees be prepared to participate if they so choose. In addition, Miss Utility of Delaware is hosting an 811 5k, One Mile Fun Run in Milford Delaware with donations going to the Delaware Chapter of CA. All are welcome to participate, sponsor and volunteer.

Please contact Kevin Woolbright for more information about CA or if you are interested in volunteering or sponsorships.

MISS UTILITY MARKETING & OUTREACH

Reported by Kelly Cahill

- The Miss Utility 811 spring radio ads started March 25.
- April 20th kicked off the Frederick Keys Baseball Game - 811 Outreach. There are 6 games included in this campaign.
- The MASN, 'Who Dug Deeper' campaign will air for both the Orioles and Nationals in April and May.
- NSDM: 811 Cake Drops were a big success netting thirty-seven (37) 811 on-air mentions.
- The Excavator Survey will be released in the next two weeks.
- The Scholarship Committee received over 180 applications. The committee will meet in May to finalize the 8 regional winners. The scholarship award is \$1,008.11.

If you are interested in volunteering for any trade shows or desire to be added to the show distribution email list, please email Emily Meier at emeier@mghus.com.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Future MD/DC Damage Prevention Meetings, Miss Utility Call Center in Hanover, MD

- May 28th - Pat Burke (Ferguson Waterworks)
- June 25th – Randy Carey (NPL)
- July 23rd – TBD

Refreshments at 9am, meeting starts at 9:30am

MEETING ATTENDEES:

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End of Minutes