



DPA NAME: SW Michigan

Date, Time: Wed., Nov 1, 2017

Location: Kalamazoo Community Foundation
Bldg.

ATTENDEES: Roy Schoonhoven, CTS
Jim Cripps, Cripps Fontaine
Jane McDonagh, Kalamazoo City
George Keller, USIC
Julie Conant, Semco
Mike Green, Semco
Kirk VanDeMoortel, Battle Creek City
Andrew Michalowski, Battle Creek City
Andrew Woolf, Woolf Excavating
Marvin Liggins, Kalamazoo City
Larry Aiello, Kalamazoo City
Will Eichelberger, Kalamazoo City
Kevin Hughes, 123.net
Richard Lakin, 123.net
Linda Portelli, MISS DIG 811
Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811

ABSENCES:

PRESENTATION: Gold Shovel Standard

DISCUSSION: The topic was met with a lot of questions and not much enthusiasm. Thought the information given was a little too vague and most wondered who would enforce the Gold Shovel Standard. Jim Cripps from Cripps Fontaine said if fees were involved, many wouldn't join so that would slam the door shut for contractors that can't afford. Some other questions that were asked: Who is going to enforce damages and how many damages before losing GSS? How long has GSS been in operation? Has it been proven to work? What about high risk contractors that are GSS certified? Will they track major vs minor damages? Andy Woolf had hoped for a more relevant topic for the DPA meetings so I didn't finish giving the presentation and we opened it up to concerns from those attending. The Gold Shovel Standard power point is on the website under Best Practices and Committees and gives the Gold Shovel Standard website for those who would like more information. The GSS power point will be updated to include more concrete information.



ISSUES: Questions were asked about MDOT being exempt from marking & Bruce explained that they participate in the design program but do not have to mark their lines but are responsible for any damages. Questions: How can members who don't mark their lines remain a MISS DIG 811 member?

Problems with tickets: Tickets that are called in to locate entire lots but are condo or apartment complexes, or mobile home parks. What was the status on adding parcel numbers to tickets? Still in progress. Use meter number. You can give GPS coordinates as additional information. Make sure good field contact numbers are included on ticket. Jim Cripps suggesting adding line for project manager. Cross roads given on ticket are many times not helpful or are not nearest intersecting roads. Facility owner/operators/locators not showing up for joint meets, locations not being marked, etc.

Excavator responses and adding attachments to tickets was explained. Those using Core Web can let them know we have an open API so that they can use these features.

NEXT MEETING

Topic:

Date: Feb 7, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Kalamazoo Community Foundation Bldg