

## EGSA Spring Conference 2019 DD Minutes

Meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1 pm CT

Al Powers, Chair welcomed everyone and went over the mission and ground rules for the meeting and set the positive tone for the day's presentations.

The various working groups gave brief overviews of their progress and areas on concern.

TOYA: Lee Newton, Chair outlined the changes for the upcoming years TOYA award. These involved a Dealer rotating trophy, again no essay for the application, and easier path to get to the applications on the EGSA web page.

TAPP Dane Olson Chair Discussed the progress on involving Technical schools with EGSA and how do we get more people certified quicker than the traditional educational programs involving Diesel Mechanics. Also interfacing our current Apprentice teaching and testing.

Tech Talk Steve Belcher, Chair Discussed the need for a forum to share with the technician's ideas that involve: Best Practices, Industrial trends and safety, all in a timely manner.

TOC Dan Bigelow, Chair Reviewed the various teaching Videos and how that the various committees could benefit from the interactions and shared knowledge. Offered to allow Dealers to sponsor technical videos too.

Technical Topic Steve Evans, "Microgrid Presentation What do we gain from this technology" This presentation centered around the evolution of various components involving the cost factors and ROI. What is the different levels Level 1 vs Level 2 of involvement and complexity?

Codes and Standard Committee Report, Steve Sappington He explained the differences of Standards describing things vs the Code that is concerned with construction and not performance.

Fuel Group Fact or Fiction, Jerry Dawson and Dan Bordui, Reviewed the various test methods needed to maintain fuel quality and covered D975 testing. The group is developing a recommended series of tests that EGSA can support as a standard. Matt Fielder shared new field-testing equipment and methods to help identify issue and plan corrective actions

Technical Topic: SAFETY “Working from Heights” Todd Dettman and Allison Short, Helped the group understand the difference between Industrial and Construction Standards for working at heights and how to apply them in the field. Various examples were shown and discussed involving height issue surrounding the generator enclosure. Solutions were presented and alternate ideas discussed with the DD group. Education and commitment to safety throughout the Company, a culture.

Education Committee Mike Pope, Shared with the group the numbers on both the Journeyman and Apprentice pass rate on the certification test.

The meeting was concluded with an opportunity for the members to provide feedback and areas of interest. These involved: Best Practices, Networking, Fuel Polishing, Safety Culture, willingness to share ideas among members and many more.

DD Meeting Closing at 5:35 CT

Action items approved at The EGSA Board Meeting

- 1) Approval of the TOYA travelling trophy concept
- 2) Approval of expenses for Michelle Hilger to attend the June ASTM conference.