



Common Ground Iowa Annual Membership Meeting

AGENDA

December 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. held at:

Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, 1735 NE 70th Ave., Ankeny, IA 50021 Lunch will be served at Noon.

Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/common-ground-iowa-annual-meeting-tickets-746257194357?aff=oddtcreator>

Executive Committee Members Include:

Chairperson	Dave Hraha	Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities
Vice Chairperson	Jeremy Feldmann	J&K Contracting. LLC
Secretary	Brad Henningsen	Black Hills Energy
Treasurer	Bob Meis	Alliant Energy
Program/Meeting Director	Tammy Swenson	EMC Insurance Companies
Marketing Director	Elree Canty	Black Hills Energy
Membership Director	Kim Frey	NUCA Iowa
Website Coordinator	Open	
At-Large	Merlin Davis	ABACI Consulting
At-Large	Patrick Kueter	Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC
At-Large	Deanne Popp	Iowa DOT

1. **9:00 a.m.** Welcome and Introduction of current CGI board members
2. Approval of agenda - (motion)
3. Reading of Mission Statement: Board member.
The mission of CGI is to promote safety through damage prevention and shared responsibility, while utilizing the Common Ground Alliance's Best Practices for advancing underground utility safety in the State of Iowa.
4. Treasurers Report, Bob Meis (motion)
5. Old Business
 - a. 2023 event activities: CGI 2023 Damage Prevention Meeting, Governor's proclamation and event in August (8-11 Day), IOC State Fair Booth, working to gain stakeholders to join CGI, promoting CGA Best Practices and IOC annual excavation safety awareness training events.
6. New Business
 - a. Elections; the Executive Committee is putting forth the following nomination; additional nominations from floor:
Jeremy Feldmann, J&K Contracting. LLC - **Chairperson**
Elree Canty, Black Hills Energy - **Vice Chairperson**
Brad Henningsen, Black Hills Energy - **Secretary**
Patrick Kueter, Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC - **At-Large**
Open – **Marketing Director**
Open – **Website Coordinator**
Nominations from the floor
7. **9:30 a.m.** Presentation – Jake Larson, Assistant Attorney General, activities of the AG office dealing with damage prevention. Iowa One Call, Ben Booth and Tyler Jass will also be present to take any one call questions.
8. **10:15 a.m. Break**
9. **10:30 a.m. Presentation** – **Dr. Roy Sturgill**, Assistant Professor ISU, Project Development and Utility Approaches to Promote Damage Prevention. **Presentation Summary:**
Legacy approaches of transportation project development and utility coordination entail limited utility company involvement during the formative stages of highway project design. This typically entails completing the highway

design and requiring utility relocations for any areas where the new design is in conflict with existing utility infrastructure. Advancing practice in utility coordination promotes early utility involvement using an avoid-minimize-mitigate approach. This not only promotes reduced relocation of utilities but also damage prevention as utility investigations become a more emphasized effort within the project. This presentation will highlight these utility coordination practices and how the roles of all stakeholders evolve in their use.

Presentation – Phil Meis, P.E., He chaired the new ASCE 75 Utility As-Built Standard, was a committee member for the ASCE 38 standard for investigating utilities, and currently serves as a Governor for the Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute of ASCE. **Presentation Summary:**

Accurate, standardized utility positioning and attribute data is readily achievable at the time of installation. Until recently a published standard for documenting utility "as-installed" or "as-builts" did not exist. That changed when ASCE published the ASCE/CI/UESI 75-22 "Standard Guideline for Recording and Exchanging Utility Infrastructure Data" in July 2022. Iowa DOT recently completed a research project that addressed how to implement that standard, along with the ASCE/CI/UESI 38-22 "Standard for Investigating and Documenting Existing Utilities" and related emerging best practices and new technologies for modernizing the management of utility infrastructure within IADOT right of way. Highlighted results from this research effort will be presented, along with the role the surveying community can play to help implement this paradigm shift toward proactive, strategic management of utility infrastructure.

10. **12:00 p.m.** Adjourn

11. **Free lunch**