



## **President's Letter June, 2014**

The Presidents Meeting in Sunriver was well attended. The meeting was informative and we had some good conversation. The people who attended reported that they enjoyed hearing about what other councils are doing and sharing what their council is doing. I felt like we were rushing to try and accomplish everything we needed to do and still take time to share ideas and concerns. If the meetings continue to be well attended we may need to set aside a full day for our meetings. Everyone I talked to had a good time at the Presidents Gathering.

The *Train the Trainer* event was interesting and informative. Some people felt that more in-depth training is needed. I will bring this up with those involved and perhaps we can arrange another training session that is more in-depth.

If you are interested in 811 signs be sure and get your order to Trevor Voris. Trevor is going to be ordering signs soon and you don't want to be left out. Each Local will receive 5 free metal signs unless you notify Trevor that your council wants something different. [Trevor\\_Voris@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Trevor_Voris@co.washington.or.us)

Plan on attending the next meeting in Medford on September 10<sup>th</sup> at:

***Inn at the Commons***

***200 North Riverside Ave.***

***Medford, OR 97501***

There will be a Locator Training Class in Medford on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September. I will send more information as the time gets closer.

I received communications from the IRS and I am hopeful that I will soon be able to report good news. It seems that we are very close to finishing the process and getting back on track.

Kristal Hyatt has been helping the OUCC and the Local Councils for the past three years with our tax exempt status and taxes. It would be best to direct all questions and concerns about your local's taxes and status to Kristal at [specialkayh@gmail.com](mailto:specialkayh@gmail.com).

Great news! We are very close to finishing the new *Standards Manual* and it will be going to print soon. I will keep you updated as to the date it will be available.

The OUCC Board will meet June 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss future goals, ways to improve communications between the Local Councils and the OUCC, ways to help the Zone Directors be more effective, and ways to better meet the needs of the Local Councils.

The Joint States Meeting is being hosted by the Montana Utility Coordinating Council (MUCC) and is being held at the Big Sky Resort at Big Sky, Montana on September 17-18, 2014. [www.montana811.org/joint-states-meeting---september-2014.html](http://www.montana811.org/joint-states-meeting---september-2014.html)

Until Next time....."Dig Safely".

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