Next Call: TBD

Action Items:

* Nick to send out [link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Iu-H-5WdI7w4MzWfeC8YcuzbxgMyMySDwMd9ivvhE1Y/edit?usp=sharing) for Climber Training Best Practices project phase 1 sign-up sheet
  + Committee members to sign up
  + Individual volunteers to research and write bullet points for their sections by June 30
* Carriers to contact Nick to share information about policies/practices about eye wash at battery-powered cell sites

Attendees:

* Nick Kyonka (STAC)
* Clay Parchewksy (WesTower)
* Jonathan Morin (Stantec)
* Ali Raja (Rogers)
* Iain Harrison (PSEC)
* Chris Penfold (Trylon)
* Marc Dunham (Advantage)
* Yanic Raymond (WSP)
* Martin Lapointe (Cognibox)
* Etienne Robichaud (Varcon)
* Ryan Brown (WireIE)
* Jeanne Piercey (PSEC)
* Hervé Landreville (GRAVI-T ZERO)
* Asma Arefeen (Rogers)
* Roy Holland (Rogers)
* Emad Eltowwi (Rogers)
* Stéphane Boucher (Stantec)
* Dominique Valdez (eSystem)
* Grant Sill (Trylon)
* Andrew Zulkoski (SaskTel)
* Jeff Follet (Morrison Hershfield)
* Joseph Neglia (Rogers)
* Carm Cirillo (Rogers)

Meeting Notes:

1. Website Content Update
   1. STAC is currently working to increase and improve the content on the STAC Members website
      * Starting out by updating the sub-committee pages
        + Starting to add old meeting notes, links to appropriate online resources, and FAQs
      * If you have any requests or suggestions for content that could be included, please send to Nick
      * Would also like to post FAQs, so if you have questions that need to be answered, please send them to us Nick
      * If you cannot access the STAC Members website, please contact Nick and he will provide access
2. Fall Protection Training Best Practice Project
   1. Project Format
      * Have decided to move forward with this project by starting on the Climber 1 and Rescue 1 components first
        + Much discussion about whether to include rescue in the Climber 1 component, and we’ve essentially decided that STAC should be advocating for there to be a self-rescue component to the training that everyone receives before they go up a tower
        + After we complete C1 and R1 components, we will move on to C2, R2 and potentially an R3 component
          - R1 is self-rescue in a situation where the subject can retrieve to the structure at height, climb and or controlled descent without assistance

Ie: subject retrieves to the structure at height and climbs or embarks in controlled descent down without assistance

Can involve getting back to the ladder/pegs, etc …

* + - * + R2 is Assisted Rescue to lower a subject by the harness; rescue device may be at height or from the ground

Top rescue or rescue from the ground = “accompanied rescue”

* + - * + R3 is TWO-Man Rescue to lower a subject and rescuer by the harness; rescue device may be at height or from the ground (this is a worst case scenario if subject needs first aid and or care during descent)
    - First steps are to identify individuals to develop bullet points on specific topics, as identified in the index we sent around earlier this year
      * Ask that volunteers look at climbing training documents like NATE CTS and at any relevant Z259 standards
      * C1 sections we want to sign people up for immediately include:
        + “Regulations” [volunteer signed up]
        + “Anchorages” and “Anchorage Connectors”
        + “Snap Hooks and D-rings” and “Carabiners”
        + “Full Body Harness” [volunteer signed up]
        + “Energy Absorbing Lanyards”, “Self-Retracting Lifelines” and “Vertical Lifelines and Rope Grabs”
        + “Work Positioning Lanyards”
        + “Ladder Climbing Systems”
        + “Horizontal Lifelines”
        + “Knots” [volunteer signed up]
        + “Climbing Techniques”
      * R1 sections we want to sign people up for immediately include:
        + “Regulations”
        + “Controlled Descent” and “Controlled Descent Devices” [volunteer signed up]
        + “Self-Rescue” [volunteer signed up]
        + “Pre-check inspection” and “Care and Maintenance”
      * Team leads will be responsible for helping to compile and edit each submission
  1. Proposed Timelines
     + Proposed timelines will be to have individuals complete their research and the initial bullet points by the end of June
     + Would then attempt to have a first draft on paper for all assigned sections by end of July
     + Would then move forward with additional sections to tackle
  2. Status Update
     + Already have team leads identified for each of C1 and R1 sections and are now looking for additional volunteers to sign up for working on individual topics
  3. Request for Additional Volunteers
     + Nick sent out to call attendees a link to a Google Doc where they can sign up for individual sections
       - Nick will also include link in meeting notes: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Iu-H-5WdI7w4MzWfeC8YcuzbxgMyMySDwMd9ivvhE1Y/edit?usp=sharing>
     + General expectation is that volunteers who sign up should only need to commit about 15 minutes/week to complete this first phase on time
  4. Questions about the project:
     + What will separate the requirements between Rescue 1 and Rescue 2? Will the height of the structure be a factor as higher towers could result in more obstructions
       - A: We have not yet discussed this and would probably be borne out as we go through writing up the section

1. Scheduling of next call

* Recommended that we do not need to hold too many calls between now and the time the first round of bullet points come in
  + Next call would be to provide an update on where we’re at and to identify next steps
  + Could also schedule a call if issues come up
  + General agreement for one call between now and the end of June, followed by a thorough update in early July

1. Other business

* STAC Member submitted question on first aid procedures when working on cell site batteries: specific question relates to manufacturers’ MSDS first aid procedures in case of contact with skin/eyes, which require flushing for 15 minutes
  + Q: How many cell sites have eye wash stations? What practices/policies are in place to ensure safety when handling batteries? Do contractors have portable wash stations with them before handling batteries? Is comprehensive preventative action enough?
    - Eye wash bottles don’t last 15 minutes
    - Request that carriers reach out to Nick to pass along information about their practices as they see fit