

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING September 3, 2003 Salem

Members present:

Stan Strickland, chair
Bill Walden
Michelle Potter
Dan Frasier
Frank Upham
Peg Munsell

Members present:

Dan Sabatino
Gary Camfield
Barry Jones
John Killin
Don Berg

Absent:

Mike Murphy
Greg Nutt
Joe Miller
Marilyn Schuster
Bob Harris
Mike Grant

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6 MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS

It was MOVED by Stan Strickland and seconded by Dan Sabatino to approve the minutes with the correction of the VPP award changed to the SHARP award that was presented to S.D. Deacon. The motion passed unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

New Committee Members:

Worker Interviews: This form is done, and is now in use by OR-OSHA field offices.

Falls in Construction: Dan Sabatino, A.G.C. passed around the handout on steel erection training in Wilsonville at the Associated General Contractor's office. The dates for the training are September 22 & 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HB 3010: January 1, 2004 is the deadline to have the language for the new rule written. There were concerns from the committee as to why the current law was not being followed until the new rule became law in January 1, 2004.

The committee voted unanimously (everyone voted yes, except Bill Walden and OR-OSHA staff, who voted to abstain) that these concerns would be passed on to OR-OSHA.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Health and Safety Issues (global/current): At the request of Mike Grant, Peg Munsell, Industrial Hygienist, OR-OSHA attended the meeting and talked about asbestos removal on job sites.

Dan Sabatino talked about fog disseminators and the full-blown wet method of removing asbestos, versus the dry method.

Frank Upham requested a mold fact sheet, and general hazards of mold removal from Munsell.

Barry Jones handed out a “draft” copy of a letter written by Marilyn Schuster regarding Proximity to Overhead High Voltage Lines and Equipment. OR-OSHA has set up a task force committee on the 10-foot-to power line rules, and has set a date of Wednesday, September 24, at 10 a.m. at the L & I Building, Room B to meet and discuss this issue.

Joe Miller said that WISHA had proposed a revision of the hearing conservation rule and the audiometric requirements which allow other options for employees who are employed less than a year. Request from Joe Miller to investigate and look into this rule. Marilyn Schuster has received the information from WISHA; OR-OSHA is now in the process of reviewing the information.

Greg Nutt asked about an illustration in subdivision P (excavation) standard that shows a trench shield 18” above the top of the excavation. He asked if the figure was mandatory or if there was another requirement addressing this. Nutt is waiting to hear back from Schuster.

Status of Current Rule Review: Strickland asked if OR-OSHA was enforcing the NFPA 70E litigation on the standard. Barry Jones stated that, “What’s in the code, that’s regulatory.”

Strickland wanted to know about preparing for Section K to open up for changes in the next year. Jones said that OR-OSHA would open up construction divisions in the next couple of years. No specific date has been set. Section K will be worked on piece by piece. Jones will contact Schuster to find out how she plans on opening up Section K.

Upham asked about safety and concrete boom trucks. He could not find anything about boom trucks in Division 3. Jones answered, he didn’t think there was anything in Division 3, relating the safety and operation of concrete boom trucks and chutes on the trucks.

Uniformity Issues: Dan Sabatino said that OR-OSHA is doing a good job and that compliance officers display good attitudes.

Michelle Potter looked to the committee for clear understanding of the definition "Walking working surfaces." Potter said she would submit a written letter to Schuster requesting a definition.

Topic for the Construction Depot Newsletter: Ellis Brasch, OR-OSHA has asked the committee, to submit articles for the December issue. Any ideas can be e-mailed to Strickland, Potter, or Brasch.

Strickland MOVED to adjourn the meeting, Upham seconded the motion.

Since there was no further business for the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next meeting will be held October 1, 2003, at the L & I Building in Salem, conference Room B.

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