

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING
December 3, 2003
Salem

Members present:

Stan Strickland
Bob Harris, Chair
Mike Murphy
Bill Walden
Joe Miller
Barry Jones
Dave Tischer

Members present:

John Killen
Marilyn Schuster
Gary Camfield
Don Berg

Absent:

Pete De Luca
Michelle Potter
Frank Upham

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

Tomás Schwabe and Kermit McCarthy, both of OR-OSHA, were special presenters at this meeting.

The election of a new Chair was the first thing on the agenda. Joe Miller nominated Bob Harris; Marilyn Schuster seconded. It passed unanimously.

Michelle Potter will be the new representative from the Construction Safety Summit, replacing Stan Strickland.

1. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1 MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS

Changes to the minutes included page 2 under concrete boom trucks, that the last part of the sentence be dropped. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

Status of current rule review:

The new OSHA 300 log for 2004 is coming out, so please toss your old copies and start using the new ones January 1, 2004 for the 2004 recordkeeping year. They should be available by the end of December. A version in Word should be on the OR-OSHA web site soon.

There will be a hearing on the SENRAC rules on December 17, 2003. OR-OSHA has been asked by the Building Trades to go back to the 6 foot fall protection rule for everything other than steel erection. The request was not submitted correctly to be considered a formal request, but we are accepting it as informal and will have a committee to hear the request. Marilyn said federal OSHA has asked us to put a moratorium on rule changes for the next six months, so changing the rule could be a problem.

The subcommittee which is meeting to discuss the potential rewrite of the Electrical Standard has met three times. They want the standard to be rewritten, but keep the 10 foot rule. In the Overhead

Line Safety Act brochure, the rule is written clearly but the brochure is confusing. **Discuss at greater length at next meeting, January 7, 2004.**

Topic for The Depot:

The new column on the new OSHA 300 log for hearing conservation. **Further discussion at the January meeting.**

Concrete Boom Trucks:

Frank Upham was not in attendance. **The issue will be discussed at the January, 2004 meeting.**

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Health and Safety Issues (global/current):

OR-OSHA staff attended the November 18 meeting with Building Codes. They developed draft language for wearing badges. The new language gives the employee the option of visibly displaying the badge if they consider it a safety hazard if they wore it. *“If a licensee determines that displaying the identification badge creates a danger or unsafe condition for the person or for the public, the licensee does not need to display the identification badge, provided the identification badge is on the person and can be shown to a Building Codes Division or local jurisdiction inspector, investigator or other employee empowered to enforce the state building code, anytime the person is performing any activity for which a license is required.”*

Kermit McCarthy from the OR-OSHA Lab in Portland gave a brief overview of Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) for silica and the alternative methods of calculating. One of the greatest exposures is for concrete cutters. Depending on where the rock used in the concrete is quarried, the exposure can be extremely high or hardly at all.

Open Forum:

Miller asked Gary Camfield about the backlog of employers for future inspections. Camfield said there was a backlog of about 80 employers last month and now it could be as high as 300. Construction could have to wait as much as three weeks to get a consultant out to their site.

Tomás Schwabe gave a presentation on the PESO program. It is now on OR-OSHA’s web site and can be printed and copied to make a brochure. The instructions are available on the web site.

Bob Harris requested a copy of all the names and addresses of the members be e-mailed to him.

Since there was no further business for the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting will be held January 7, 2004, at the L & I Building in Salem, Room B.

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