

**Oregon OSHA**  
Construction Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, April 01, 2014

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Barry Moreland  
Bret Taylor  
Brian Silbernagel  
Bruce Roller  
Cindy Regier  
Dave Davidson  
Dede Montgomery

Demetra Star  
Gary Beck  
Ian Chase  
Jeff Wilson  
Kevin Jensen  
Kevin Wheatcroft  
Marilyn Schuster  
Mark Hillyard

Mark Tobiasson  
Mary Lou Wilson  
Melissa Diede  
Michelle Potter  
Nathan Taylor  
Pat Brunson  
Roger Dale-Moore  
Tony Howard

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Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Mark Tobiasson.  
Introductions were made

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes were approved with no changes.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:

[http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/oshastandards/const\\_advise.html](http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/oshastandards/const_advise.html)

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***Lessons Learned:***

Roger Dale-Moore shared an incident that occurred in Roseville, Ca. Workers were installing insulation in a ceiling using mobile scaffolding. The hazards that exists while using mobile scaffolding can result in falls that can result in serious injuries. Roger reinforced the need to have a competent person involved in the use of scaffolding. This was followed by a discussion of a recent request made to Oregon OSHA to look at exemptions to requirements related to working from mobile scaffolding.

Brett Taylor brought up the potential sources of confusion in the Oregon OSHA publication titled Excavations. The discussion related to the notes on page 14 that required an RPE in excavation more that 20 feet deep. When the publication is up for amendment, this will be looked at to make the publication clearer.

The question was brought up about changes in the expiration date of cards issued to people who pass the OSHA 30 and 10 courses. Oregon OSHA is not involved in the OSHA 30 and 10 Federal programs.

## ***New Business:***

Marilyn discussed the letter sent to Arizona from Federal OSHA to encourage them to adopt fall protection rules that are more effective.

Kevin Jensen, of Ironworkers Local 29, discussed rulemaking efforts relate to reinforcing steel and post tensioning activities. General Contractor roles and responsibilities were discussed. The issue was tabled to allow time to review. Tony Howard asked to be involved in the process should the committee decide to form a sub-committee on the subject.

## ***Continuing Business:***

**Status of rule making – Rulemaking updates can be found at:**

<http://www.orosha.org/pdf/rules/2014development.pdf>

### **Confined Space Entry –**

The next meeting is scheduled for 3/11/2014 from 9 am – 12 pm at the PGE Building. Please send feedback to Dave McLaughlin at Oregon OSHA.

Oregon OSHA will allow employers to comply with either the state-initiated rule or the federal rule until revisions to the state-initiated rule are finalized. The final rule will not include any requirements that are more stringent than those in the current Oregon rule. (Link to the [confined space meeting minutes](#).)

### **Oxy-fuel gas – Divisions 2/H, 2/Q, 3/F, and 3/J.**

Work to update and improve Oregon’s oxygen-fuel gas rules for welding in general industry and construction is still underway. Public Hearings are scheduled for:

May 2, 2014, at 10:00 am

Oregon OSHA Portland Field Office

May 9, 2014, at 10:00 am

Oregon OSHA Eugene Field Office

### **Small Capacity Cranes – Division 3/CC.**

There was no response from the group on a need to form a sub-committee and discuss small crane rule changes at this time.

There was discussion on the use of back-up cameras as an option for obstructed views.

## ***Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations & Fatalities Report***

Jeff Wilson reviewed recent overnight hospitalizations and fatalities and discussed some of them in detail.

Accidents:

- March 4<sup>th</sup> (Portland) - An employee was painting while working in a scissor lift and somehow was caught between a horizontal strut and a cross beam and the scissor lift basket. His chest was compressed.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> (Portland) - An employee’s leg was run over by a forklift. Fractured leg and ankle.

- March 12<sup>th</sup> (Portland) - Finger caught between rebar and a bender. Started as a small blood blister and became infected resulting in a minor surgery.
- March 19<sup>th</sup> (Portland) - Employee was installing planter boxes and spreading mulch from the second floor of the Moda Center parking garage. The employee jumped up onto a planter box near the edge and fell approximately 15 feet to the concrete below, breaking his ankle.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> (Portland) - Employee was working on top of a five foot ladder when he lost his balance and fell to the floor resulting in broken ribs and a lacerated spleen.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>, (Eugene) - An electrical utility worker came in contact with a live 7200 volt line resulting in serious burns. At this time the victim is still hospitalized and undergoing surgeries.
- March 24<sup>th</sup> (Eugene) - A communications worker fell from a ladder resulting in a back fracture.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> (Eugene) - A crew was in the process of replacing a metal roof on an out building. An employee fell through a roof hole approx. 12 feet resulting in a fractured skull and shoulder injury.

#### Fatalities:

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Roseburg) - An employee was working on a disabled semi-trailer on the side of I-5. Another truck crossed the fog line and crashed into the back of the disabled truck. This pushed the disabled truck forward. The employee was crushed between the disabled truck and the service vehicle. In addition a team driver in the sleeping berth of the truck that crossed the fog line was killed in the accident.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> (Enterprise) - An employee fell to the ground when a seed leg he was helping install partially collapsed.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> (Portland) - An employee was working in asset protection. He confronted a woman with a large purse with the assumption that it contained stolen merchandise. A brief tug-of-war ensued and the employee retrieved the stolen merchandise and walked away. While he was walking away he collapsed. Co-workers called 911 and he was transported to the hospital. Assumed heart attack.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> (North Bend) - An employee was on a dump truck. He fell off and the unsecured tailgate struck him in the head.

#### ***Roundtable:***

Dede Montgomery invited everyone to attend the young workers video contest presentation at the Northern Lights Theater in Salem on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> at noon.

AGC Safety and Health Forum on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am - Looking for training ideas?

Worker Memorial Day is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Safety Break is May 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***Next Meeting:***

**When:** Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** AGC Office, Wilsonville