

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Aaron Corvin	Gary Beck	Melissa Diede
Barry Moreland	Glenn Curry	Nathan Taylor
Bret Taylor	Illa Gilbert-Jones	Pat Brunson
Bruce Roller	Jeff Wilson	Paul Magrone
Chris Miller	Jim Mahar	Rick McMurry
Cindy Regier	Julie Love	Roger Dale-Moore
Clark Vermillion	Kevin Wheatcroft	Stephanie Ficek
Cody Adams	Mark Hillyard	
David Davidson	Mark Tobiasson	
Demetra Star	Mary Lou Wilson	
Emily Nye		

Nathan Taylor called the meeting to order.

The group introduced themselves.

The March meeting minutes were approved as revised – the Fall Protection rule was adopted as of February 29, 2016.

Oregon OSHA Website Redesign:

Various members gave the following feedback to a draft of the new design that was sent to the group:

- Scrolling on the A-to-Z list is cumbersome.
- Once you are on the A-to-Z list, it would be helpful to have a search function because much of the information on the A-to-Z list is not important. This search function would search only the A-to-Z list.
- The A-to-Z list should be prominent.
- The rules should be more prominent.
- The look is an improvement.
- The blue font is hard to read and the grey font for the mission is hard to read.
- It is not always intuitive how to use the A-to-Z list. It may be helpful to state the purpose of the list and how to use it.
- Many of the items that are gathered on our A-to-Z page are hard to find on their own – for example, letters of interpretations, fact sheets, etc...
- Keeping all the information together on each A-to-Z topic page is helpful.
- Linking an interpretation to a rule would be helpful.
- Rules can be difficult to find after they are adopted. You should be able to find the rule and how it applies to you.
- It would be nice to link to each rule, and not the beginning of the subdivision.

Stephanie will send out another link as the website continues to be built and the committee can continue to send feedback to her.

Lessons Learned:

- National Safety Break is May 11, 2016.
- The National Fall Prevention Safety Stand Down, sponsored by NIOSH, is May 2-6. There is a report of how many stand downs are in Oregon each year and the numbers aren't very good for Oregon. The purpose of this national week is raise awareness and we encourage people to report their stand downs to fed OSHA. You can find more information on how to participate on the Oregon Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (OR-FACE) website.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rulemaking:

Silica:

Federal OSHA adopted a new rule. Oregon OSHA has not decided if they are adopting the federal rule or making their own. They are just beginning conversations about how the Oregon rule will look.

Oregon OSHA currently has three legislative bills – raising penalty cap, raising the construction project cost for toilet requirements, and raising the worker memorial scholarship fund. Raising the penalty cap will not change the penalty structure. OSHA will be adjusting penalty caps annually based on the cost of living. Oregon OSHA is looking for avenues with the legislature to keep pace with OSHA's changes.

Monthly Fatalities and Accidents Report:

Fatalities

1. March 22 – Diamond Lake

A backcountry ski guide was caught in an avalanche while checking snow conditions ahead of the group.

2. March 23 – Beaverton

The victim was standing, getting ready to clear a jamb on a shredder machine. Another employee was on the opposite side of the machine (the employees were preparing to lock out the machine and they each had a lock in their hand) when the victim collapsed. Two employees, who were also family members, attempted CPR while waiting for the paramedics. The paramedics arrived but they weren't able to revive the victim. She was a fifty-year-old female.

Accidents

1. March 2 – Scottsburg

The shovel operator was standing by the loader. He was away from the lines. The choker swung around picking up the haul-back striking the employee in the back.

There were no witnesses; not sure what happened. Employees were not working in the bite and no logs were being moved.

2. March 15 – Boring

Employees conducting roofing work on one story mobile home. Employee fell off ladder, at approximately eight feet, when accessing or egressing the roof. The fall resulted in a broken arm, ribs, laceration and contusions to face and a foot injury.

3. March 17 – Madras

Using the table saw to make a "dado" cut. The board kicked back and hit the employee's hand. The employee's hand came down on the blade.

4. March 18 – Veneta

The crew was in the process of papering a roof on a new pole building when the supervisor fell 24 feet to the ground resulting in a compound fracture to the left Femur and other injuries.

5. March 18 – Reedsport

Employee was using a table saw when the saw kicked back. The employee's fingers made contact with the saw. The blade amputated three fingers on the right hand.

6. March 22 – Scappoose

An employee was cleaning a fuel tank on an asphalt milling machine that runs on diesel. He was cleaning the fuel tank and the fuel had been removed. He was using brake and parts cleaner by Tacoma Screw Products in an aerosol can and was outside of the 500-gallon rectangular shaped tank. The access hatch is approximately 1.5ft x 1.5ft He sprayed inside the tank to loosen materials and debris. There was a shop light sitting next to the tank to provide light. The victim took an air nozzle and used it to remove the debris. As soon as he did that it ignited the fumes. The incident resulted in second degree burns to face and arms.

The group asked about the accident on an excavation site where a worker was trapped waist-high in gravel. Evidently, the worker was released from the hospital the same day, so it may not have been officially reported to Oregon OSHA. Hoffman was involved in the rescue even though it was not their employee.

Round table:

The Governor's Occupational Safety and Health (GOSH) conference is in March, 2017 and planning is underway. The GOSH planning committee is looking for topics and speakers. Does anyone have a construction topic that they would like to see discussed? Someone suggested cranes. Silica may be a hot topic in 2017. Members are encouraged to email Illa Gilbert-Jones at gilberil@ohsu.edu with topic suggestions. She would like to get speakers from the committee.

Gary Beck is currently looking to fill 9 Oregon OSHA positions. Several are in the interview stage now, and many are still open. Oregon OSHA positions are listed [online](#).

Jeff Wilson shared some history of the fall protection rule as it applies to excavations.

Construction Safety Summit's monthly topic is about using technology and techniques for crane safety. Mike Parnell from ITI is the speaker. The event is at John's Incredible Pizza in Beaverton on April 26, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$9.49. Lunch is available for purchase. Go to Construction Safety Summit's [website](#) for more information.

A member raised a question about labels on ladders. Would Oregon OSHA issue a citation for a worn label on a ladder? Jeff Wilson looked up the rule and read requirements about defects in ladders, but nothing about labels. Oregon OSHA would support the ANSI standard, which states that labels are necessary. A worn label would not be cited nor would it be considered a "defect."

The issue of Oregon OSHA consultation was addressed. Consultants can on occasion give wrong information and it can become an issue when employees are given or overhear that misinformation. Employers are encouraged to contact Roy Kroker, the consultation manager, as issues arise. The group would like to see Roy Kroker at these meetings more often.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2016, Oregon OSHA Portland Office, Durham Plaza, 16760 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd, Suite 200, Tigard, OR 97224