

Construction Advisory Committee
May 7, 2003

Present: Dan Frasier, Mike Murphy, Joe Miller, Gary Camfield, Barry Jones, Don Berg, Marilyn Schuster, and guest Braxton Chambers from Labor Education and Research Center (LERC)

The April 2 minutes were approved.

Old Business

Committee Membership: **Action: Mike Murphy will follow up with an ironworker representative to serve on the committee. Stan Strickland was to follow up with John Killin at ABC; however, Stan was not at this meeting.**

Warning Lines: Barry Jones and Marilyn Schuster discussed this issue. The June 27, 2001, now April 18, 2003, memo to OR-OSHA Staff regarding Warning Lines in Construction is on the OR-OSHA website.

Worker Interviews: Barry will have this for the next meeting.

Efforts to Standardize Construction Health Training and Medical Surveillance Programs: Don Berg talked with Jeff Jackson. The root cause of failure is cost - who is responsible for paying for it. Don't know if Stan was able to talk with Kim Gamble.

Injury Free Environment: Braxton Chambers from LERC explained the purpose of the Injury Free Consortium initiated by Intel. Their long-term goal is to have a higher level of standardized safety training. The curriculum would be for workers, foremen, and trainers. The training would be offered at the training centers so anyone could attend. Funding is needed for this project, and they have received an OR-OSHA grant. He felt that the Construction Advisory Committee would be a good partner with the Consortium. The next Consortium meeting is on June 10, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, place TBD.

New Business

GFCI in Construction Shops: There was a discussion on whether or not contractors who have building repair shops are required to have GFCI throughout their shops. Depending on the age of the building, codes may require them to have GFCI's. The general industry OSHA standards would apply to these settings. Inspections are based on the SIC. If someone is on the list and they have a shop, OSHA looks at the requirements for GFCI in areas where there are wet locations but not for temporary power use as in Division 3. Joe Miller asked if OR-OSHA or NECA could publish a bulletin about the hazards of not having GFCI in shops. Article could be put into the Construction Depot and the OR-OSHA web page on construction. **Action: Mike Murphy will write the article.**

Program Directive on Falls in Construction: Barry will bring proposed changes to this directive to the next meeting for discussion.

OR-OSHA's Website: Next Construction Depot topic will be platforms on fork lifts.

Technical has prepared a Fact Sheet on the voluntary use of respirators for the external website. The Fact Sheets are found on the Information page.

Next Meeting: June 4