

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING October 1, 2003 Salem

Members present:

Stan Strickland, chair
Bob Harris
Mike Murphy
Dan Frasier
Dan Sabatino

Members present:

Greg Nutt
Joe Miller
Marilyn Schuster
John Killin
Don Berg

Absent:

Bill Walden
Michelle Potter
Mike Grant
Frank Upham
Barry Jones

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

1. MINUTES OF THE September 3 MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS

It was MOVED by Stan Strickland and seconded by Joe Miller to approve the minutes with the correction of changing mold to asbestos on page 2, and the removal of John Killin's name as a 'yes' vote under HB 3010. The motion passed unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

Worker Interviews: **Issue resolved.**

Falls in Construction: Steel erection training in Wilsonville at the Associated General Contractor's office. The dates for the training were September 22 & 23. Overall, the training and the participation were good. **Issue resolved.**

HB 3010: Dan Sabatino expressed concerns of the safety of workers and the exposure to serious injury to workers if the rule is not enforced for the remainder of the year. It continues to be the recommendation of the committee to enforce the rule until January 1, 2004.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Health and Safety Issues (global/current): Marilyn Schuster said Peggy Munsell is currently working on a mold fact sheet.

Strickland said the issue of 10-foot-to power line rule has been passed onto the task force committee, which had their first meeting on 9/24/03. The next meeting will be held at the PGE office on Kale Street of Hwy. 99W on October 15 at 10 a.m.

Joe Miller talked about the WISHA revision of the hearing conservation rule in regards to the audiometric requirements. **Action: Request from Joe Miller to see issue pursued.**

Greg Nutt asked about an illustration in subdivision P (excavation) standard that shows a trench shield 18" above the top of the excavation. Greg Nutt thanked Marilyn Schuster for calling him back, and said that the **issue is now resolved.**

Bob Harris commended Tomas' Schwabe for his new training in Spanish. The name of the program is the Peso Program which has 11 modules on different topics.

Committee members were congratulated for bringing up scaffolding fall protection at past meetings. The recommendation at that time was that Compliance Officers be more diligent in determining how scaffolding erectors derived their decision that fall protection is not feasible or creates a greater hazard. Recent events showed the insight the committee had on this matter.

Status of Current Rule Review: Strickland had concerns as to whether OR-OSHA was enforcing the NFPA 70E standard. Mike Murphy said there has been a citation issued specific to a lack of compliance with NFPA 70E. OR-OSHA members were unfamiliar with the citation. **Action: Mike Murphy to provide copy of the citation to Barry Jones for review at next meeting.**

Strickland is still very interested in opening up Division 3, Subdivision K. The concern is that, although many companies are utilizing the NFPA 70E standard, until it is adopted in whole or in part, many companies will not take the necessary steps to protect their workers. He asked that OR-OSHA review of the Subdivision K at the top of their list. Mike Murphy stated that subdivision K is out-dated and in need of review.

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. **Action: This item tabled for the next meeting.**

The business of GFCI (required as of 10/1/03) was brought up by Joe Miller, and discussed by the committee. GFCI issues discussed were: battery chargers, insulated tools, compressors, and generators. It was suggested that this may be a good topic for a future Construction Depot item. Battery chargers do not require GFCI protection where as insulated or non insulated tools, compressors, and generators do.

Marilyn Schuster said there will be a hearing held on October 29, and the comment period will close on October 30, for Proposed Changes to Division 1, General Administrative Rules.

Schuster also explained that the proposed changes to Powered Industrial Trucks In General Industry and Construction which will remove federal provision will have little effect in Oregon due to similar Oregon initiated rules.

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Uniformity Issues: Dan Sabatino talked about the multi-employer work site committee reconvening to evaluate the policy of when OR-OSHA would start pulling worksite citations when an error is identified in a citation.

Topic for the Construction Depot Newsletter: The topic for third quarter (October) will be mold.

Since there was no further business for the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

The next meeting will be held November 5, 2003, at the L & I Building in Salem, Room B.

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