

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING February 4, 2004 Salem

Members present:

Bob Harris, Chair
Michelle Potter
Dan Frasier
Don Berg
Joe Miller
Barry Jones
Rocky Shampang

Members present:

Frank Upham
Marilyn Schuster
Gary Camfield

Absent:

Pete De Luca
John Killin
Bill Walden
Mike Murphy
Greg Nutt
Mike Grant

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

1. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3 MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS

It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

Status of current rule review:

Marilyn Schuster, Manager Standards and Technical Resources for Oregon OSHA said that we are currently in a holding mode while we work with Federal OSHA on 18(e).

Schuster gave a report on the fall protection rule and the request by the Building and Construction Trades Council to change the fall height from 10' to 6' for other than steel erection.

Frank Upham of S.D. Deacon said that Region III of Federal OSHA is working in detail with their national office on masonry bracing. They hope to have a new national standard for masonry bracing in a year or so that will be patterned on OR-OSHA's standard.

Topic for The Depot:

Ideas for the next issue in March were: Fatality Rate and information on fatalities, 502 Committee article to be written up by Rocky Shampang, OR-OSHA.

Michelle Potter, Safety Director Walsh Construction, recommended an article that summarizes and clarify the ten-foot and six-foot rule for an upcoming issue of The Depot.

Concrete Boom Trucks:

Upham would like to see language and procedures that would protect the laborers and concrete finishers on job sites. Upham said he would seek the assistance of Jim Demault and meet to discuss possible language for safety around boom trucks. A committee member suggested that there might be safety training grant money available for this project. **Action:** Upham to look into putting a committee together to look at the topic.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Safe Economic Recovery:

The committee discussed how to reach out to small employers, new businesses, new employees, and temporary employees as Oregon rebounds from its recession.

There was a productive discussion which generated a number of ideas for outreach to small construction employers.

Health and Safety Issues (global/current):

Rocky Shampang described the new working group called, "The 502 Committee." This committee will be made up of OR-OSHA and industry representatives who will provide information for a process-oriented fall protection guide. The information will be published in sections for each construction process as they are completed. The committee will look at certain construction methods to identify which fall protection systems are compatible with the process or type of work being performed. The committee will also examine those construction processes where it may not be feasible to implement one of the fall protection systems listed in 1926.502. Also, to identify any alternative work procedures, methods of construction, or fall protection measures. The goal of the committee is to provide a guide that the user can open up to their particular process and find the fall protection options.

Joe Miller said that there is a Fall Protection training funded by a Susan Harwood Grant. There will be 2 eight-hour sessions on March 29 & 30 located in the A.G.C. Oregon-Columbia Chapter Bldg. in Wilsonville. You can register on the A.G.C. web site at: www.agc-oregon.org. Or contact Joe Miller at 503-789-6993 for more information.

Uniformity Issues: None to report.

Open Forum: None to report.

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

The next meeting will be held March 3, 2004, at the L & I Building in Salem, Room B.

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