

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING

May 5, 2004

Salem

Members present:

Bob Harris, Chair
Marilyn Schuster
Don Berg
Gary McQuown
Frank Upham
Mike Murphy
Ellis Brasch

Members present:

Michelle Potter
Dave Tischer
Tony Howard
Dale Matlock
Joe Miller

Absent:

Pete De Luca
Rocky Shampang
Bill Walden
Greg Nutt
Barry Jones
Mike Grant

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

1. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2004 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 reported that there would be no new rule reviews until mid summer.

Frank Upham asked about status of the Overhead Line Safety Act. Marilyn stated Mike Mitchell was able to attend the Oregon Building Codes Elevator Electrical Board meeting and clarify some confusion regarding the proposed changes. The changes are not to change the rule, just clarify the rule. These changes are on hold until mid summer. Because the subject is on hold until mid summer, it was moved and seconded that the subject be removed from Old Business. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that a new item be added to Old Business. A "What's new in the Resource Center" topic will be added to the next meeting to allow the committee members to be informed on information available in the Resource Center. Marilyn will report back to the committee when there is any progress. The motion passed unanimously.

Topic for The Depot:

Ideas for The Depot: Joe Miller suggested including information on the new MUTCD specifically the new requirements for flaggers.

Marilyn stated that OR-OSHA is still using the Millennium edition of the MUTCD, copies are available in the Resource Center and it is also available on-line.

Ellis stated any new topics should be sent to Ellis by the second week in July to be included in the next issue that will be printed in July.

502 Committee:

Ellis provided the committee with minutes from the April 28, 2004 committee meeting. The idea for the new guide would be to provide alternative methods of providing fall protection when there are circumstances when workers cannot use the fall protection systems listed in 1926.502. A draft of this "Road Map" should be available at the next Construction Advisory Meeting on June 2nd.

Bob Harris passed out an article "Will your safety harness kill you?" and discussed some economic issues that companies will face to provide methods of fall protection that may only take 5-15 minutes.

Concrete Boom Trucks:

Frank Upham had nothing new to report for the concrete boom trucks issue. It was moved and seconded that the subject be removed from Old Business until later in the year. The motion passed unanimously.

Safe Jobs Smart Business Action Plan:

Michelle Potter has made initial contact with Parr Lumber about distributing safety material to customers but has not confirmed they will agree to work with OR-OSHA.

Action: Michelle will follow up and report at the next meeting.

Action: Marilyn Schuster will be meeting with ODOT later this month to see how safety can be built into bridge projects.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Guest – Gary McQuown of Arctic Sheet Metal

Gary discussed how he is currently involved in putting a new training program together regarding Hearing Conservation in Construction. They are working on an effective 2 week training program that every new apprentice attends beginning the first day on the job. The idea is to minimize the severity of hearing loss and provide awareness training. This training program draft has been approved by the union and is still in the investigative process. Gary will keep the Construction Advisory Committee informed on any new updates.

Health and Safety Issues (global/current):

GFI – Excess tripping was brought up due to the wet weather conditions. Michelle Potter suggested purchasing a boot from an electrical supplier to minimize excess tripping.

Michelle Potter questioned if an evacuation plan is required for every project. The committee agreed that there does need to be a plan in place with an assembly point and a secondary assembly plan for every project and a way to account for employees working on the project.

Uniformity Issues: Nothing to report.

Open Forum:

Dale Matlock reported that there's not a lot on the backlog for construction at this time.

Frank Upham discussed overloaded circuits and if there was information available to provide employees about the dangers of overloading circuits.

Since there was no further business for the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held June 2, 2004, at the L & I Building in Salem, Room E.

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