

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING December 7, 2005 Salem

Members present:

Joe Miller, Chair
David Kaiser
Mike Murphy
Pat Darby
Bob Harris
Tony Barsotti
Barry Moreland

Members present:

Dale Matlock
Don Berg
Marilyn Schuster
Michael Wood

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM.

1. MINUTES OF THE November 2, 2005 MEETING:

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 currently there are no new rules.

Joe Miller asked if OR-OSHA was looking at proposing a rule similar to the state of Washington PELS for silica. Marilyn Schuster said that she wasn't familiar with WISHA's proposal but we could evaluate as part of the PEL update work.

Joe Miller made inquiries as to OR-OSHA's plan to review their scheduling system. Schuster stated that between now and October 2006, OR-OSHA will open the rulemaking process on HB2830 letters that are mailed to employers. When OR-OSHA starts to review the scheduling system, the 2830 Advisory Group will likely be reconvened.

502 Committee:

Bob Harris reported that the committee is in the early stages of their next brochure. The current discussion was related to fall protection for other trades. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2006, at Bob's office.

Safe Jobs Smart Business Action Plan:

Nancy Cody was to bring a summary of the injury data to the meeting today, but was unable to attend. Bob Harris reported that one new display stand and a replacement were put out this past month.

ACTION: Nancy Cody will be contacted, and invited to attend the January Construction Advisory Committee Meeting.

OR-OSHA's 2006-2010 Strategic Plan:

Marilyn Schuster provided handouts of OR-OSHA's FY 2005 State OSHA Annual Report. She stated that the data collected was primarily the same as the last fiscal year. OR-OSHA's focus is on fall protection, fatalities, injuries, illnesses and ergonomics.

Another handout was available for the committee's review called, "Oregon Lost Workday Cases Incidence Rate." There was some discussion around collecting the injury and illness data and why it's more limited over the last few years. The amount of money available to do the studies for SIC and NAICS' is the main reason for the decline.

Health and Safety Issues (global/current):

Ladder safety -- was again a major cause of concern for the committee. The OR-OSHA Quarterly newsletter, "Construction Depot" focused on ladder safety and how to use them properly. The committee was frustrated with the risk of possible injuries in regards to the residential use and falls connected with improper ladder usage. It was unanimous that the committee would continue to chip away at this.

The committee complimented OR-OSHA on how good the publication, "Construction Depot" is. Harris suggested that the issue of ladder safety be kept under Old Business.

Ergonomics -- Tony Barsotti spoke briefly on construction ergonomics. He said that an ERGO Conference is scheduled at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion on November 8 & 9, 2006.

Anchors -- Joe Miller contacted Gary Lampella by voicemail on Tuesday, December 6. There has been no follow-up since the meeting on November 16. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2005, from 11 -- noon at the Home Builders Association in Salem.

Checklists -- Bob Harris asked where the "checklists" were on the OR-OSHA web site. Marilyn Schuster answered that it's under A-Z Index, and requested Margo to add the link in the minutes.

<http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/subjects/checklists.html>

Heat Cold Cards -- Bob Harris asked Marilyn Schuster about these cards, she expects them to be printed in the near future.

Revival of JEP -- Nothing to report, however, issue will be added to the January 2006 meeting agenda.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Health & Safety Issues (global/current):

There was some discussion about the interpretation of steel erection and lifting a load inside a structure that is above the first or second floor.

ACTION: Marilyn Schuster said that she will research on the issue of steel erection and working within a building and report at the next meeting.

Tony Barsotti talked about boiler inspection exams, and that safety questions ought to be included in the exams for certain licensees. He suggested that there ought to be some OR-OSHA materials available for people to review before taking these exams.

Marilyn Schuster presented a handout from the US Dept. of Labor on the hazards of manually lifting balloon frame walls.

Uniformity Issues:

Nothing to report.

Legislation:

Nothing to report.

Open Forum:

Joe Miller stated that his term as Chair for the committee was up.

Election of new chairperson: Barry Moreland was elected the new chairperson by unanimous vote.

It was noted that there is not a room available at the L & I Building for the April 2006 Construction Advisory Committee Meeting. It was decided that the committee would meet at the Portland Field Office on April 5, 2006, in the Training Room at 9 AM.

Dave Kaiser recognized the good job that Barry Moreland's done with 70 E, and that there was a great show of people at the apprenticeship programs.

Marilyn Schuster to update the committee at the next meeting on the "Revival of JEP."

There was no further business from the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for held January 4, 2006, at the L & I Building in Salem, Room B.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo E. Cash