

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING
December 5, 2006
L & I Building
Salem, OR

Attendees:

Barry Moreland, Chair
Bill White
Peggy Munsell
Bob Harris
Dave Parsons
Don Berg
Dave Kaiser

Attendees:

Tony Barsotti
Amme Standring
Mike Murphy
Barry Moreland
Ron Haverkost
Chris Ottoson
Marilyn Schuster

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.

1. MINUTES OF THE November 1, 2006 MEETING:

It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved with the following changes:

1. Barry Moreland inquired about the 10-foot rule and work in proximity to overhead power lines.
2. Distracted Driving

2. OLD BUSINESS:

Status of current rule review:

Peggy reported that the 437-003-0047, *Proximity to Overhead High Voltage Lines*, 10-foot rule will be revised for clarity, but will not incorporate changes that make allowances to work within 10 feet of high voltage power lines. Marilyn commented that companies might apply through the variance process based on industry needs and qualifications. Dave Kaiser raised the question about NECA possibly developing a program that addresses training qualifications.

Outreach:

OR-OSHA's Hexavalent fact sheet is still being worked on and that a draft will be sent to all OR-OSHA for comment over the next few weeks. OR-OSHA's Record keeping and Reporting fact sheet is also in progress and the text has been sent to the graphic artist for layout and design. This fact sheet will include information on reporting motor vehicle fatalities; and is general for record keeping and reporting. It was suggested that OR-OSHA send out a press release to inform employers of the new requirement.

Dave Kaiser asked why the efforts for inspecting motor vehicle accidents are being duplicated as it is a law enforcement activity. Marilyn explained that Oregon OSHA would be working from a workplace safety perspective, looking at training, vehicle inspections, policies, etc...

Health and Safety Issues (global/current):

Training Opportunities: Nothing to report.

Vehicle Fleet Safety: A vehicle safety work group has been put together. The next meeting will be in January, the last Wednesday of every month at 9AM. The meetings will be held at AGC Center.

At the first meeting the group discussed developing a booklet that would be a sample fleet safety program. The committee invited Ellis Brasch to be included in as one of the members of the committee.

Bill White discussed his usage of the Automated Reporting system that enables the monitoring of employees driving records. The reports show infractions or upcoming suspensions. KERR has a written policy that employees must sign and agree to. There is a fee for the initial setup for employees and a fee for any future reports that are set as citations or events are added to one's driving record.

The next issue of the Construction depot will have an emphasis on fleet safety. The Construction Depot is slated for publication in January.

Warning Lines for roofing: The committee was informed that using warning lines in lieu of fall protection is an option only for roofing work. However, where the fall hazard has been mitigated by eliminating exposure to it through the proper use of barrier lines, warning lines or by the location of the work activity, then work will be considered to be in compliance.

<http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/interps/2003/warninglines.pdf>

Ron Haverkost met with Russ Nicolai on his question regarding warning lines. Ron is working with Russ and the roofers Local 49 apprenticeship-training program, and will be sitting in on some of the sessions. Ron asked the committee members that are working with companies using warning lines, to ask what the industry practice is.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Health & Safety Issues (global/current): Nothing to report.

Uniformity Issues:

Ron Haverkost provided the committee with a draft interpretation that had been recently posed relating to planking requirements for scaffolds. The interpretation has been sent to the Scaffold Industry Association (SAI) and the industry responded favorably. The committee agreed that the last paragraph should be titled "Answer" to make it easier to read.

Open Forum:

Dave Kaiser asked about 2 legislative concepts that could impact the construction industry.

LC 578 – HB2222 Safety Committees. This would clarify who needs a safety committee and when the safety committee starts.

LC 574 – HB2223 Coverage of successor employers when companies are sold. This would allow the ability to follow business that reincorporate with a different name. This would allow any outstanding citations to also be enforceable upon the new business.

Tony Barsotti updated the committee on the NEXCON conference that was held. The summary findings will be complete by December 15. There were 20 companies that provided feedback and in general everyone thought NEXCON was a good addition.

Bob Harris provided a checklist from Stacy and Witbeck and will email the documents for reference in the minutes.

Marilyn Schuster provided a legislative report. Ellis had reviewed data on fatalities and claims for steel erection and there was no data. Marilyn asked the committee to send any incidents to her where fall protection prevented injuries. Please send any stories to her by the first part of the January.

Elect New Chair: It was moved and seconded that Barry Moreland continue to act as chair for the Construction Advisory Committee.

Future Meetings: All future meetings will be held will be on the first Tuesday of every month with the exception of the January meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, January 3, at 9 AM.

Barb Belcher