

CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING
March 6, 2007
L & I Building
Salem, OR

Attendees:

Barry Moreland, Chair
Bill White
Tony Barsotti
Bob Harris
Dave Parsons
Michael Wood
Russ Nicolai

Attendees:

Dale Matlock
Robert Salinas
Dianna Gray
Pat Darby
Ron Haverkost
Chris Ottoson
Dede Montgomery

Attendees:

Bruce Dennis
Dave Kaiser
Joe Miller
Mike Murphy
Peg Munsell
Tony Howard
Tim Sinniger

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM.

1. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2007 MEETING:

Bob Harris moved and Dave Parsons seconded the motion that the minutes be approved as submitted. The committee agreed unanimously.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:
http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/standards/const_advise.html

2. OLD BUSINESS:

Control Lines in Construction:

Tony Barsotti reported on the February 14 meeting of the "Control Lines In Construction" committee (Bob Harris; Tony Barsotti; Kimberly Gamble; Bruce Dennis; Dave Kaiser; Dianna Gray; Ron Haverkost; Russ Nicolai). They discussed the OR-OSHA Letter of Interpretation dated 4/18/03 "Fall Protection: Warning Lines," unauthored Draft 1 & 2. Also, reviewed was WISHA's Regional Directive 5/24/05 "Warning Lines Used for Fall Protection in Construction," and review of the Best Practices document.

The next meeting scheduled will be the week of March 20.

Status of current rule review:

Peg Munsell reported on the following:

- The 1910.157 Portable Fire Extinguishers rule is in the process of being revised for clarity, clearing up when emergency action and fire prevention plans are needed. OR-OSHA will not proceed with changes to these D2/E, Means of Egress rules, until the fire extinguisher rule is revised.
- OR-OSHA is looking at revisions to the Z-tables in general industry, construction, and agriculture. These changes are clerical along with making the tables consistent between the Divisions.
- The 10 foot rule for Division 3/K, OAR 437-003-0047, Proximity to Overhead High Voltage Lines and Equipment proposal has been sent to the Secretary of State. OR-OSHA will hold a

hearing on April 24th. The rule still prohibits exposure within 10 feet (plus a few inches for voltages over 50 kV) of overhead lines. See OR-OSHA's Web site for proposed changes. http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/pdf/notices/proposed2007/ltr_proposed_div3k_10fo_otrulr_2007.pdf

- OR-OSHA is working on motor vehicle rule changes to Division 2/N, Oregon Rules for Commercial and Industrial Vehicles and Division 3/O, Motor Vehicles.
- Revisions to the Federal OSHA Electrical Standard, 1910.302-308 becomes effective August 13, 2007. OR-OSHA will adopt these changes within the next six months.

Outreach:

Peg Munsell brought copies of the new Workplace Violence and Portable Ladder guides.

Health and Safety Issues (global/current):

Training Opportunities:

GOSH Conference March 12-15 in Portland at the Convention Center.

Vehicle Fleet Safety:

Dave Parsons reported on the late February Com Chat meeting with SAIF Corp.

The next Vehicle Fleet Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for March 28 at the AGC Center.

Peg Munsell reported that Ellis Brasch from Technical will work with the committee to develop resource pamphlets for motor vehicle safety.

502 Update:

Bob Harris introduced Tim Sinniger from Central Oregon Builders in Bend to present to Michael Wood the National Association Home Builders Safety Award for Excellence "2006 Innovative Safety Program/Idea of the Year" award. Michael accepted it on behalf of the OR-OSHA 502 Committee, which is the first recipient of the National Association Home Builders award.

CROET Workshop:

Dede Montgomery from CROET at OHSU handed out a draft agenda of topics for the June 1 workshop. The workshop has been named "In everyone's Best Interest: Safety at Work for Informal and Non-Traditional Work Settings." For more information or resources available, please contact Dede at montgomd@ohsu.edu.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

Health & Safety Issues (global/current):

Michael Wood brought the committee up to speed on Oregon OSHA's request bills, HB 2222 Safety committees and HB 2223 Identifying successor employers. He also discussed HB 2259 extending OSHA discrimination complaint deadlines; SB 442 Serious violations stayed until appeal, and SB 556 Extending deadline to appeal a citation (hearing scheduled for March 12 at 3 PM).

Michael also noted that there are several bills relating to drug use in the work place this session.

Uniformity Issues:

Mike Murphy was concerned about working while energized. He suggested revisiting the electrical standards. Michael Wood posed the broader question, should there be two different rules for construction and general industry working energized?

Confined Space in Construction:

Michael Wood asked the group if OR-OSHA should develop a comprehensive standard for construction similar to the more detailed general industry confined space standard? As a group, the consensus was that there is a need and that OR-OSHA should begin looking into a construction rule and/or modifications to the existing general industry confined space standard that would be consistent within the industries. Several members indicated that they would be interested in working on a stakeholder committee.

Open Forum:

Bruce Dennis obtained an accident investigation template from OR-OSHA's Resource Center. He declared it to be helpful when doing their own investigations in the future.

Tony Howard of Hoffman Construction said that Hoffman purchased a fire simulator, which he described as a great tool for those who haven't used a fire extinguisher.

<http://www.bullexsafety.com/trainingProducts.asp?p=training>

Dave Kaiser brought up the concern of ATVs or gators on construction sites. He wanted to know if there was a policy on the ATV's. Dave Parsons said that insurance companies, golf courses, and OSU has resources and an operator's manual on-line. **ACTION:** Ron Haverkost to look into and bring back to April meeting.

Pat Darby asked about emergency access/egress for multiple floor buildings. Ron Haverkost said he looked and there was nothing in Oregon or in the Federal code that addressed that.

Tim Sinniger said that the NHBA English/Spanish Fall Protection handbook will be ready in a couple of months. He also commented on new technologies to deliver safety information on the job, such as IPOD stations.

Russ Nicolai said that site specific DVD training is very helpful in the field.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at 9 AM in the L&I Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Cash