

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Meeting minutes

Attendees:

Andrew Haymart	David Davidson	Michael Wood
Bob Harris	Dave Parsons	Mike Murphy
Bill White	Dede Montgomery	Peggy Munsell
Bruce Roller	Jacque Strand	Ron Haverkost
Chad Harvey	Kimberly Gamble	Tony Barsotti
Corey Hancock	Linda Rabe	Tony Howard

Call to Order 9:00 a.m.

Introductions

Review minutes:

Mike Murphy motioned to accept meeting minutes for April 2008. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

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

➤ **Status of current rule review- Peggy Munsell**

- Peggy gave an overview of rulemaking activity:

Safety Committee final rule status – Reconvene stakeholder group, schedule for May 21st.
Fixed Site Scheduling rulemaking activity

Fixed Site Rule Making Activity - Michael provided an overview of ways to provide a more meaningful way to target and selecting employers for inspections that are industry based. An advisory committee has not been convened yet. First meeting slotted for July.

Confined Space – nothing new to report. Dave McLaughlin will be putting a stakeholder group together for a construction confined space standard.

PPE –Who pays- Adopted May 1, effective May 15, 2008.

Compressed Gas – Mike Lulay is working on a revision to the compressed gas standard. Stakeholder group has not been convened. Look for a new rule late, 2008.

Silica – Michael Wood to sign final document in the next couple of weeks.

Click here for current rulemaking activity:

[Adopted Rules](#)
[Proposed Rules](#)

➤ **Health & Safety Issues (global/current)**

Permanent anchor- Tony Barsotti/Ron Haverkost

Tony provided copy of a document titled “Update of Permanent Anchor Committee” to the committee. The document outlines the sub-committee’s areas of focus for the next six months and plans to begin outreach in early summer. The sub-committee is exploring design and engineering issues, code language, and research needs. They are discussing a proposed change to the building code- Chapter 15 (Commercial and residential). Tony asked if Oregon OSHA/ IMD could provide the sub-committee with a report on falls (5 or 10 years) by fall of 2008. They want to make proposed changes based on data.

Discussion: The committee discussed the difference between proposing a national code change v. a state specific code and that the change will have to have minimal inspection burden. The concern is that annual inspection and documentation would be a significant burden. Ron Haverkost talked about California requirements pertaining to 1910.66; the manufacturer installs and certifies the permanent anchors. Ron suggested that we get the Building Owners Association involved. He plans to research the Powered Platform standard more and look into the history of violations. Kim talked about the cost of going with the manufacturer v. local engineer and the adverse cost difference between the two. A hurdle may be proving there are enough people impacted by this hazard to warrant a change. Does the data support the change.

Rubber Gloves Testing – Barry Moreland/Ron Haverkost

Ron provided a quick update on his progress. Comparison information has been submitted to Michael, Marilyn and Peggy for direction. Will report at the next meeting.

Construction Site Excavation Slope Design and Shoring Systems – Kimberly Gamble

Kimberly talked about a couple of past situations her company had regarding excavations designed by soils engineer’s. The problem was the engineers report was unclear and did not meet the same expectations as OR/OSHA Excavation standards. Two of the three-reports/ notes did not have the engineers stamp on them. Kimberly asked if anyone else on the committee has had the same problem. The committee discussed the need for clear engineering documentation. Michael Wood said, when sloping and benching systems do not utilize options under the standard they must be approved by a registered professional engineer. Designs must be written for the particular project; and contain the engineer’s stamp.

➤ **Lessons Learned**

Andersen Construction – Kimberly Gamble

Kim talked about the importance of learning from each other and described a recent near miss scaffold incident that could have resulted in a fatality. She talked about the training provided regarding the scaffolding and the steps taken to keep the employees safe, including daily documented inspections. The problem occurred when someone damaged an outrigger bracket that supports the scaffold planks resulting in it not being able to fully extend, left a plank only partially resting on the outrigger bracket and then did not remove the mast climbing scaffold from service. This damaged outrigger bracket occurred at a bridge where scaffold planks overlap. As a result, when an employee stepped down onto one of the overlapping planks, it

rolled away from him and fell from the scaffold. The employee fell but was able to catch himself, preventing a six-story fall. Kim asked the committee if there is a way to do an anonymous lesson learned to facilitate the spread of information throughout the industry in an attempt to prevent accidents and injuries.

Discussion: The committee discussed several ideas of ways to share lessons learned. The newsletter Soap Box, the Construction Depot, and possibly a hazard letter were discussed. The committee noted the importance of sharing these situations. Peggy will have Ellis Brasch of the Technical Section add Kimberly's incident as a lesson learned to the Construction Depot.

➤ **Open Forum**

Dede Montgomery brought pamphlets- Driving safety at work CROET

Tony Barsotti provided a copy of an article entitled "Getting to Zero" from Construction Safety Magazine.

Peggy Munsell- Announced the Tuesday May 13, 2008 ASSE Chapter Meeting

➤ **Planning for Agenda for Next Meeting**

None discussed

Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. AGC in Wilsonville.

Please note: Dave Parsons will chair the June 3, 2008 meeting