

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, March 2, 2010

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Andrew Haymart  
Andy Collins  
Barbara Belcher  
Barry Moreland  
Brian Silbernagel  
Bruce Roller  
Dan Sabatino

Dave Holland  
Dave Kaiser  
Dave Parsons  
David Davidson  
Dede Montgomery  
Diana Gray  
Eliot Lapidus  
Kim Rossman

Marilyn Schuster  
Michael Wood  
Peg Munsell  
Ron Haverkost  
Tony Howard  
Trena VanDeHey  
Steve Barrett  
Cindy Regier

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Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am  
Round table introductions

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted and seconded.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:

[http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/standards/const\\_advise.html](http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/standards/const_advise.html)

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***Lessons Learned:***

The committee discussed the importance of inspecting and attaching fall protection gear.

***Continuing Business:***

**Status of rule making –**

**Proposed:** Nothing

**Recently Adopted:**

**Division 2/H – Acetylene** – Oregon OSHA repealed the current Acetylene rule, 1910.102, that is based on the Compressed Gas Association (CGA) Pamphlets; G-1-1966, G1.3-1959, G1.4-1966 The new rule, OAR 437-002-2102, Acetylene, updates references to standards developing organizations (SDO standards) making them consistent with current industry practices which will improve employee safety by clarifying employer obligations, and eliminate confusing requirements. The rule is adopted and effective February 19, 2010.

**Divisions 2, 4, 5 and 7 – Personal Protective Equipment** –Oregon OSHA has adopted the changes in general industry and maritime activities as published in the Sept. 9, 2009 Federal Register. The updated references will also be made in Oregon OSHA's Division

4, Agriculture, and Division 7, Forest Activities. The rules were adopted and effective February 25, 2010.

**Fall Protection, Scaffold Guide and Back Up Alarms –**

**Fall Protection** – Ron asked the committee “What is a fall hazard”? As a part of our publication and an upcoming article, this question (what is a fall hazard) is asked and answered. However, Ron noted that there is no such thing as a fall hazard. He was of the opinion that there are only things or actions that contribute to the hazard of falling. The group was asked if there should be a change in this distinction. Ron also noted that the rule and other such documents use the term “fall hazard”. After several comments from the group and based on a consensus, the committee felt the distinction not be emphasized and in fact remain as is. Ron also reported that the rewrite of the current fall protection guide is in its final stages and should be ready soon.

**Scaffold Guide** – The [scaffold guidebook](#) has been presented to staff for comment. From the comments the consensus thus far is that the guide focus on the most widely used scaffold types, which appears to be supported scaffolds rather than suspended. The group is working on outline information to kick start the new publication. Dave Parsons suggested adding a checklist to the guide with a note that the checklist is only a guide. The committee was polled and the majority was in favor of adding a checklist. Dave Holland requested that information be added to the guide to help identify the different types of scaffolds and when a system is a scaffold.

Dan Sabatino brought up discussion on mobile (baker style) scaffolds and “surfing” as a method of moving scaffolds was brought up. Manufacturer’s instructions say don’t surf but there is a [1998 federal OSHA interpretation](#) that allows surfing or skating a scaffold under specific conditions. Ron will look into the Federal OSHA Interpretation.

**Back Up Alarms** – An open discussion was held with the committee to get their thoughts about changes to the current rule. Strobes and cameras were also discussed. One member spoke about cameras becoming dirty, lost, or stolen, so possibly an ineffective measure on construction sites. This discussion was tabled in order to look at fatality statistics. It would give members an opportunity to look at the existing rule and for Oregon OSHA to discuss the draft languages developed by Technical staff. Jill will send out the below links of rules to the group:

Division 2, OAR 437-002-2225(9)

[http://www.cbs.state.or.us/osha/pdf/rules/division\\_2/437-002-2225.pdf](http://www.cbs.state.or.us/osha/pdf/rules/division_2/437-002-2225.pdf)

Division 3, OAR 437-003-3225(9) and 1926.602(9)

[http://www.cbs.state.or.us/osha/pdf/rules/division\\_3/div3o.pdf](http://www.cbs.state.or.us/osha/pdf/rules/division_3/div3o.pdf)

Bring ideas to the next committee meeting in April.

***Overnight Hospitalizations Report:***

Dianna Gray gave an overview of construction overnight hospitalizations. Steve Barrett gave an overview of a real estate roofing overnight that is still under investigation.

Dave Holland expressed concern on consistency and continuity. He said that many of the falls on the list are roofers and is curious to know what the data would show for 1995-1996 as opposed to now when fall protection systems are more available and affordable.

Dianna Gray asked if the committee had any thoughts on where we can insert some partnership activity to provide information and training material to these small businesses.

***Roundtable: -***

Michael Wood – The legislative session that recently ended had no policy bills that affected Oregon OSHA. One action late in the session will impact our budget. There was \$500,000 taken from both the Premium Assessment Operating Account and the Self-Insurers account.

***Planning for Agenda and for Next Meeting:***

The schedule of meetings was given to all committee members present.

When: Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Room F