

**Oregon OSHA**  
**Construction Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, May 3, 2016

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Barry Moreland	David McLaughlin	Mary Lou Wilson
Brian Silbernagel	Gary Beck	Melissa Diede
Bruce Roller	Glenn Curry	Mike Riffe
Candice Vinson	Illa Gilbert-Jones	Paul Magrone
Chris Ottoson	Jeff Wilson	Peggy Munsell
Cindy Regier	Jim Mahar	Roger Dale-Moore
David Davidson	Kathleen Fenton	Roy Kroker
Dede Montgomery	Kevin Wheatcroft	Russell Nicolai
Eliot Lapidus	Lisa Pickert	Stephanie Ficek
Emily Nye	Mark Tobiasson	Tony Howard
Eric Fullan		

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Mark Tobiasson called the meeting to order. The April meeting minutes were approved.

The group introduced themselves.

**GOSH Conference:**

The group looked at the list of topics. Illa Gilbert-Jones is looking to have all the speakers and topics confirmed by September. The group gave feedback on topics and suggestions for speakers. If anyone has additional recommendations, they can contact Illa directly at [gilberil@ohsu.edu](mailto:gilberil@ohsu.edu). We will also put this topic on next month's agenda.

**Lessons Learned:**

- A good practice and innovative use of technology is to have workers text photos of their fall-arrest systems to the supervisor before work begins.
- Reminder – have a rescue plan and talk to your crews about fall protection and rescue.  
Make it simple and clear when you talk to your crew.
- Personal safety for crews working at night. Talk to your crews. There is a lot of new technology out there in security systems to provide jobsite security.

Oregon OSHA has a new Portable ladder publication. Jeff Wilson passed around copies and talked about the immense improvement from the previous guide. Companies can purchase these guides through Oregon OSHA's resource center for \$1.25 each. Jeff left business cards for Kim Pyle, Oregon OSHA's resource center coordinator. She can be reached at 503-378-7453.

## **Continuing Business:**

### Status of Rulemaking:

#### **Silica:**

As a reminder, federal OSHA adopted silica rules for general industry and construction. Oregon OSHA has six months to come up with an equivalent rules. Oregon OSHA reviewed both the construction and the general industry standards and created a side-by-side rule document to identify similarities and differences (see attachment.) Our initial review indicates that combining these two rules into one rule is feasible and could be beneficial where employers move in and out of construction and maintenance activities. Oregon OSHA is coordinating a silica rulemaking advisory group with the first meeting on May 27 from 1:30 – 4:30 at Oregon OSHA's Portland field office. Contact Dave at [dave.mclaughlin@oregon.gov](mailto:dave.mclaughlin@oregon.gov) if you are interested in participating. This rulemaking needs to wrap up within about 5 months.

#### **Employer Knowledge:**

Oregon OSHA reconvened the employer knowledge workgroup on April 28. Oregon OSHA is developing a rule draft as a result of the CBI Services decision by the Oregon Supreme Court (<http://static.legalsolutions.thomsonreuters.com/pdf/341P3d701.pdf>), which encouraged Oregon OSHA to provide more explicit guidance as to when an employer would be protected from citation because the employer would be unable to know of a violation even with the exercise of reasonable diligence. An additional meeting is scheduled on May 20 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Portland field office.

## **Monthly Fatalities and Accidents Report:**

### **Fatalities**

1. April 2 – Portland

The employee fell through a piece of plywood on a roof that that was not secured. Employee fell approximately 19 feet to concrete resulting in traumatic head injuries.

2. April 11 – Keno

A 25-year-old male was missing for several days. Search and rescue crews located him and his vehicle in Klamath River Canyon. It appears the victim drove over a steep embankment and was ejected from his vehicle.

3. April 18 – Brookings

A 61-year-old truck driver and was dispatched for an order. He was found slumped over the three pony wheel two blocks away from the yard with the truck still running.

4. April 25 – Canyonville

Preliminary investigation reveals a 2015 Freightliner towing a trailer was traveling southbound on Interstate 5 when it drove off the roadway and into the center median. It rolled over and came to rest on its roof. The driver of the truck, a 52-year-old adult male, was pronounced dead on the scene by emergency personnel.

## Accidents

1. April 4 – Eugene  
While drywalling the upstairs interior of a private residence under construction, the employee fell down and injured his wrist requiring surgery.
2. April 4 – Klamath Falls  
While getting ready to install a new roof on a spud cellar, the employee walked on the plywood roof. The plywood collapsed and the employee fell 18 feet to the lower level.
3. April 4 – Portland  
The victim and another employee were building roof panels on the ground. The victim stepped up onto a roof panel approximately 22 inches off the ground and tripped or stumbled. The nail gun he was holding in his right hand fell against his right knee and fired a nail which penetrated into his knee.
4. April 7 – Woodburn  
An employee (lowboy driver) was helping to unload a "log-grappler" from a lowboy trailer with the help of a forklift operator when he became pinned between the forklift and the "log-grappler."
5. April 12 – Springfield  
While using a radial arm saw, the worker's glove got caught on the blade, and his hand was pulled into the path of the saw blade, resulting in amputation of his left ring finger and loss of the pinky to the knuckle. The worker was pulling the saw with the right hand and wearing gripper gloves.
6. April 19 – Clackamas  
A worker suffered heat exhaustion towards end of the day. He was taken to the hospital, hydrated, and kept overnight for observation.
7. April 23 – Springfield  
The employee was caulking while standing on an 8-foot ladder. The ladder was on unstable ground when it shifted, causing him to fall to the ground and break his ankle. As a result of the broken ankle, the foot lost circulation and needed surgery.

## Round table:

Spring symposium at OHSU is May 20 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Wilsonville Holiday Inn. The topic is How to Create and Sustain a Culture of Safety. The keynote speaker is Dov Zohar, Ph.D., Professor, William Davidson Faculty of Industrial Engineering and Management, Israel Institute of Technology and will speak on safety culture. You can access this seminar and previous trainings on [CROET's website](#).

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 7, 2016, Oregon OSHA Portland Office, Durham Plaza, 16760 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd, Suite 200, Tigard, OR 97224