

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Dennis Cox	Nick Naramore
Alta Schafer	Emily Crews	Pat Brunson
Barb Epstien	Eric Bongen	Paul Magrone
Barry Moreland	Ian Chase	Renee Stapleton
Bob Howdbrson	Jeff Wilson	Rick Freese
Bryan Ortiz	Jeremy Lawson	Robert Miller
Bryon Snapp	Laird Blanchard	Ryan Leffel
Chris Ottoson	Lane Ellison	Sean Tinker
Chuck Stahl	Mark Tobiasson	Stephen Heaven
Clark Vermillion	Mary Lou Wilson	Steve Fegler
David Davidson	Melissa Diede	Tony Howard
Dede Montgomery	Michael Wood	

The meeting was called to order by Mark Tobiasson.
Self-introductions were made.

The February meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned:

There was an employee pouring cement in an elevator pit. His vibrator tool was on the edge of the opening causing the employee to fall into the opening feet first into the pit. Make sure to keep your work area clean and clear.

There have been a lot of break ins and thefts on the job sites. 1 vehicle was stolen and has been recovered.

There is a new [King Kombo Ladder](#) that is a lean safe. It is a 3-in-1 ladder that can be adjusted to the job you need it for. It is slightly heavier than a standard ladder and it is rated for 375 pounds.

3M did a fall awareness training and one of the examples was using a scissor lift, being tied off, and employee fell out and could not reach the control panel. – it was asked if there is any indication up in the lift where the control box is so you don't park it on the wall? No there is not.

Bryon Snapp added that personal fall arrest/restraint is not required on a scissor lift.

An employee got his feet crushed by a steel plate while moving an excavator. Be sure you are in the clear while moving machinery.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

PEL's-

Oregon OSHA is hoping to have drafts out in the next couple of months with a tentative plan to be complete by the end of the year. Then they will start working on the next couple of PEL's to update.

Trena VanDeHey is speaking at the ASSP meeting.

Recordkeeping-

Oregon OSHA is working on rescinding the requirement for employers with more than 250 employees submitting both the 300 and 301 because the portal was never opened. There will be a stakeholder group meeting and we would like a few people from the Construction Advisory Committee to join the meeting. It will be April 23, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Portland Field Office.

Employer Knowledge-

The draft hasn't been updated since the last meeting yet. They are working on it and will present the revised draft to the stakeholder group again.

Silica-

Renee discussed the data that was emailed to the group regarding the [citation's issued as of March 2019](#) for silica violations.

-It was asked if you are drilling through asbestos, do you have to use a HEPA vacuum?
No, they need to do the asbestos assessment and use the proper equipment. Asbestos is a class 3 and you need to do the evaluation and training.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. March 5th Roseburg

Employee was unloading (removing tarp) on a go track of a low boy, fell 6 feet to the ground below and fractured his right tibia. 40-year-old male.

2. March 8th Portland

The employee was trimming wood on the jointer. He disabled the blade guard because he was cutting a small piece of wood. His hand slipped and the ring finger on the left hand caught in the jointer and cut off part of his finger, bone loss did occur. Operations Manager took him to the ER.

3. March 11th Brookings

The operator/employee was operating a tractor while helping a resident move material. The resident was struck by the bucket of the tractor. The resident received multiple injuries. The resident went to the hospital in Crescent City, California, and then transported to OHSU in Portland. The injured party was a resident of the RV park. OR-OSHA has no jurisdiction over the injured resident.

4. March 13th Astoria

Employee turned on grinder, and before any work could take place the grinder exploded, sending shrapnel from the stone wheel in the employee's face causing severe facial cuts. Employee was not wearing a face shield. Employee was taken to the hospital and given several stitches.

5. March 14th

A woman was talking with her coworker, who was taking care of a baby that comes in regularly. The woman asked the co-worker who the baby was, and the co-worker was surprised she did not know the baby or the baby's parents because she has seen the baby and the parents many times. Another co-worker was concerned and said that the employee should go to the emergency room. She was driven to the emergency room where she was admitted and stayed overnight one night. The diagnosis ruled out stroke, heart attack, or kidney issues, but was believed to be transient ischemic attack (TIA). The employee did not come to work Friday or Monday, but is planning on returning to work on Tuesday.

6. March 18th, Pleasant Hill

While changing the hydraulic hose, the victim's thumb was poked by a wire. Consequently, some hydraulic fluid got into his thumb and he had a bad reaction.

7. March 20th Portland

Victim was in the process of taking a bore head off a directional drill with a wrench when the rod rotated. The wrench struck the employee in the left leg below the knee resulting in a fracture. The employee was treated overnight in the hospital.

8. March 25th

Employee was picking up a metal shore post off of the ground when his finger was pinched by the sliding portion of the post. Amputating approximately 1/2 of his finger pad and 1/4 of the nail on his left index finger. Employee was driven to Legacy Emanuel Emergency Room where he was treated and released the same day.

9. March 28th Tualatin

Premises Technician was working off a 12' Werner stepladder installing telecom cable and fell approximately 9' to the ground resulting in a fractured shoulder and a torn spleen.

10. March 28th Portland

Employee was helping to transport nylon bags on a forklift, when the truck moved, pinning his finger between the forks and the side of the truck causing an amputation. Employee was responsible for sliding the sleeves of the bag over the forks of the forklift.

Fatalities

1. March 11th

Employee suffered a heart attack. Life saving measures were performed but employee was deceased. 61-year-old male.

2. March 25th

The victim was driving a loaded log truck when he had a motor vehicle accident. 55-year-old-male.

3. March 27th

Employee returned to work post release from doctor after illness. Employee was on his second day back to duty and collapsed while going to break on the morning of 3/27/2019. Possible heart attack/illness. 61-year-old male.

4. March 28th Woodburn

An employee, who was working for a roofing contractor, fell through a skylight in the roof of a large warehouse type building. 27-year-old male.

Round table:

April's ASSP meeting will have Oregon OSHA's Trena VanDeHey presenting on the PEL updates.

AGC Safety and Health Council: April 11, 2019 is Responsibilities of on-site personnel for cranes.

Please check the [event calendar](#) for more information.

Construction Safety Summit: The [calendar of events](#) can be found on their website.

- April 19, 2019 Safety Directors Round Table at the Lucky Lab Brewing.

- April 23, 2019 is Construction Safety Panel – Managing the “Gray Area” presented by Clark, Al, Bryon, Laird, and Barry. It will be at John's Incredible Pizza.

The [OR-FACE reports](#) have been released.

[OYes video contest](#) for 2019 will be Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Northern Lights Theater.

Next Meeting:

May 7, 2019

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