

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Dennis Bonin	Michael Wood
Alta Schafer	Dennis Cox	Mike Riffe
Andy Collins	Emily Crews	Nathan Taylor
Barb Epstien	Eric Elkins	Paul Magrone
Barry Moreland	Ian Chase	Renee Stapleton
Bryan Ortiz	Jeff Luyet	Robert Henderson
Bryon Snapp	Jeremy Lawson	Robert Miller
Caleb Harris	Laird Blanchard	Roy Shawgo
Chris Ottoson	Mark Hillyard	Ryan Leffel
Clark Vermillion	Mark Tobiasson	Sean Tinker
Dave McLaughlin	Mary Lou Wilson	Soren Bjerregaard
Dede Montgomery	Melissa Diede	Tony Howard
Dennis Barlow	Megan McDonald	Wil Sims

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

The April meeting minutes were approved.

Lessons Learned:

There are people out climbing the tower cranes and recording themselves doing it.

The Construction Safety Summit meeting last month went great. It was a great presentation with interesting topics and information. Thank you to everyone who participated. They are planning to have another one next year.

Continuing Business:

Status of Rule Making:

Cranes-

The crane rule is almost done and will be adopted May 9, 2019. OR-OSHA has extended the effective date to January 1, 2020 for training and evaluation.

PEL's-

Oregon OSHA is hoping to have drafts out in the next few 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.

Dave McLaughlin is the new Standards and Technical Manager.

Employer Knowledge-

The revised draft is being presented to the Partnership Advisory Committee mid-May.

Penalties-

The Agency is intending to conduct rulemaking related to increasing penalties. In the past penalties were increased relatively rarely resulting in the need to make large increases due to inflation. These increases insured the appropriate penalty amounts acted as an effective deterrent to noncompliance. The agency's new approach will result in adjusting the penalties more often which will result in modest increases (assuming inflation). In addition, the agency is considering amending some language in the same sub section to provide clarification.

They are also working on ALH rulemaking and also working on exterior only firefighting.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. April 12th Eugene

The victim was operating a press brake when it closed on both of his hands, amputating his left thumb and right index finger.

2. April 8th Cottage Grove

At the time of the accident, the worker had been cleaning gutters. He was descending from the ladder when he fell to the ground resulting in broken ribs, shoulder, and inflamed lung.

3. April 5th Lowell

The victim was on a roof to look for a leak when he lost his balance and slid off of the roof coming into contact with the extension ladder he had used for access on his way to the ground. The victim was transported to the hospital via ambulance resulting in a broken arm.

4. April 3rd. Eugene

The worker was standing on an extension ladder when it slipped out from under him. The victim fell on the ladder and a pile of lumber, resulting in a cut and contusion to the front of his right knee.

5. April 1st Hermiston

An employee was cutting wood on a table saw. His hand slipped and trimmed the end of his right thumb off.

6. April 29th Gladstone

Employee and foreman were deconstructing an I beam and metal stairway with a forklift. The I beam got caught on something on ground, kicked up, and pinned the employee's ankle against the wood framed wall, crushing the employees ankle. Employee was taken by ambulance to Willamette Falls Hospital where he will have surgery.

7. April 25th Portland

Employee was working as part of a team doing a tear-off project, and was on the roof tossing garbage into a dumpster when he lost his balance and fell a story and a half.

8. April 11th Portland

A plumbing employee was tracing a leak in a copper pipe. The employee sprayed soapy water on a joint which was under pressure at approx. 60 psi which caused it to explode and piping struck the employee. The employee received stitches to his head and hand; he was treated and kept over night

9. April 1st Portland

Sub-contractor for employer was working on upper level of an older condominium (interior) when a concrete slab broke loose and he fell to lower level, then the concrete slab landed on top of him. He broke his femur and was transported to OHSU and will be undergoing surgery

Fatalities

1. April 26th Eugene

The victim was carrying a wheelchair down the stairs to a lower level storage room when she fell and hit her head on the concrete floor. She was transported to the hospital for her injuries. The victim had some age-related medical condition. She had some complications while in the hospital and the family discontinued life support. (72-year-old female.)

2. April 25th Portland

Victim was non-USPS mail contractor/carrier. Victim parked vehicle, exited and crossed street to shut gate when he was struck by United Independent taxi vehicle resulting in fatal injury. (77-year-old male.)

3. April 11th Hillsboro

The employee was working on a 5-foot-high platform ladder removing bolts and fasteners from a solar panel print line. An employee heard a commotion, a hard hat and a body hit the concrete floor, then found the injured employee laying on the concrete floor. 911 was called and the injured employee was transported to the hospital via ambulance. (28-year-old male)

4. April 1st Grand Ronde

A four-person rigging crew was setting chokers approximately 600-700 feet from landing. Turn was hooked by tops and after rigging was moved he was struck by a log. (33-year-old male)

5. April 1st Clackamas

Employee was in bread delivery truck, backing into the depot. He bumped into a pole once, tried to correct it, and bumped the pole again, then strongly accelerated the truck into a propane tank, causing an explosion. (49-year-old male.)

Round table:

Oregon OSHA has recently received a [petition for rulemaking relating to traffic control](#).

The petition process requires Oregon OSHA to seek public comment on the petition, which we will be accepting through May 31, 2019.

Construction Safety Summit: the next meeting is mental illness and suicide. It will be at John's Incredible Pizza on May 28, 2019.

The group discussed ladders and new products available.

The ASSP Santiam Section is doing a fall protection training on May 15, 2019 in Salem.

The Women in Trades Conference is May 18, 2019.

Dennis shared that AGC has information that they shared at the AGC Safety and Health Council Meeting in April.

-[Responsibilities of onsite personnel for cranes](#)

-[AGC crane operator qualification summary](#)

-[Documentation for crane operator evaluation](#)

The group discussed the Seattle crane fatality.

The summer is coming and temperatures will be rising, stay hydrated, and keep the word going on how to work safe in the heat.

The Oregon Health Sciences University's Spring Symposium is June 7, 2019 from 9:00am-4:00pm. The topic is Workplace Aggression: Best practices to prevent, identify, and safely mitigate aggressive behavior and violence.

If you have any topics that you would like Oregon OSHA to talk about to the group, please let [Alta Schafer](#) or [Mark Tobiasson](#) know.

Next Meeting:

June 4, 2019
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