

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Al Lee	Dede Montgomery	Lon Steel
Alta Schafer	Denis Bonin	Mark Tobiasson
Andy Haymart	Dennis Cox	Mary Lou Wilson
Barb Epstien	Diana Lowe	Michael Wood
Barbara Hanley	Doug Pettyjohn	Mike Jacobs
Barry Moreland	Eden Berestoff	Nathan Taylor
Bashiru Mumuni	Emily Crews	Nevin McClain
Bill Haskins	Eric Bongen	Paul Magrone
Brad Nanke	Eric Fullan	Renee Stapleton
Braxton Chambers	Hailey Latherow	Rhett Beecher
Bryan Ortiz	Holt Andron	Robert Miller
Bryon Snapp	Jacob Erroco	Robirda Lee
Caleb Harris	Jeff Hooper	Roy Shwago
Chris Grover	Jeremy Lawson	Ryan Leffel
Chris Miller	Jim Mahar	Sean Tinker
Chris Ottoson	Joaquin Diaz	Stephen Heaven
Clark Vermillion	Julie Love	Steve Huson
Dale Lindstrom	Kathy Miller	Tony Howard
Dalton Gensch	Laird Blanchard	Tosha Gilpin
Darren Toy	Lane Ellison	Troy Stroud
Dave McLaughlin	Lisa Pickert	
David Davidson	Lisa Wisler	

The meeting was called to order by Nathan Taylor.

The December meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Lessons Learned:

Clark: success: a task of repairing a scaffold that is a sidewalk covering. A vehicle had damaged scaffold. It is not the easiest to tear apart and they did a task planning, they selected the material. About 10 feet high/ the component he was leaning on bent away from the scaffold toward the ground. The employee was wearing fall protection and he was not injured. Everything worked right.

Dede question on vaccines

Nathan: one thing I have seen over years is issues with presses in shops. OSHA inspections start in the shop and sometimes the presses don't have guards, it has led to several incidents with employees losing fingers. Take your safety back to the shop, not just the field. Make our shop areas safer.

Q- Steve Huson: on average how many of your injuries come from the "shop" either prefab, or shop delivery?

A: There are a number of inspection types in construction. A comprehensive inspection would likely result in an inspection of the shop as well as a jobsite. It is very common to find hazards in a shop.

Monthly Accidents and Fatalities Report:

If there is an accident or fatality incident that you would like more information on let Nathan and Jeff know so we can track it and can discuss once the case is able to be discussed.

The following is preliminary information as reported at the time of the accident intake.

Accidents

1. December 23rd, Bend

An employee fell off a 6 foot self-supporting ladder on 12/23/20. The employees leg began hurting and the employee went to St Charles Medical Center, in Bend, on 12/24/20 where the employee learned that he broke his femur. The employee was admitted into the hospital on 12/24/20 and surgery was performed on the employee on 12/25/20. The employee staffing company is currently unaware of the reason the employee fell off the ladder.

2. December 14th, Central Point

Employee was trouble shooting a hydraulic leak on a backhoe boom and while the boom was extending and contracting while another mechanic was operating the boom, employee (mechanic) inserted finger in a pinch point on the boom resulting in amputation of left index finger.

3. December 17th, Hillsboro

The employee was pinned/crush between the company's Ditchwitch SK 800 and subcontractor's truck bumper. The driver of the truck did not see the employee working in that area. The accident happened on the private driveway. The owner was working with the employee and did not see it happen but heard a loud crushing sound and alerted him. The owner called 911 and the employee was sent to the OHSU.

4. December 4th, Milwaukie

Employee was working on a deck in Milwaukie, Oregon. They were hauling lumber around the house. Employee experienced a heart attack. Ambulance came to site. Took employee to hospital. Employee has been released. 68-year-old male

5. December 8th, Portland

Employee was wiping down joiner table. Power was not turned off as required. Rag was pulled into joiner. Small piece of skin, on end of right index finger, was amputated.

6. December 30th, John Day

Employee was struck in face by spring while removing a garage door on the pavilion. Employee suffered fractures and broken teeth.

7. December 28th, Estacada

Employee was tied off and rock scaling on an approximately 200 ft cliff, when an overhead rock fell off the slope striking the employee in the face, causing facial lacerations. A nearby employee helped lower the injured employee to the ground. An ambulance was then called and transported the injured worker to Legacy

Emanuel Hospital. He was admitted to ICU and stayed overnight for additional testing. The employee was still at the hospital when the accident was reported.

Fatalities

1. December 23rd, Portland
Employee was found unconscious and unresponsive in the breakroom. At the time of the incident, the employee was having lunch alone approximately 11:30am and the mechanism of injury was unknown. The staff was notified via triage page over the communication system and CPR was performed on the employee (approximately 11:47 am). Emergency services was contacted and the employee was taken to the hospital. On 12/25/20, the employee passed away at the hospital. 60-year-old female
2. December 14th, Portland
Employee was killed during armed robbery. 44-year-old male.
3. December 9th, Hillsboro
Worker found unresponsive. ERT responded, no pulse, provided CPR. Transported to Hospital. Presumed heart attack. 58-year-old male.
4. December 5th, Albany
On Saturday evening, the employee was working as a line cook at the restaurant. At approximately 6:05 p.m., without any warning, he collapsed on line and apparently hit his head directly on the floor. One of the managers on duty immediately called 911. EE was taken to the hospital in Albany and was transferred to the hospital in Corvallis. He received care until he passed away Sunday evening or Monday morning. 19-year-old male.

Continuing Business: Status of Rule Making:

Employer Knowledge and Penalty Updates-

We are compiling info and should have more information at the next meeting. The feds increase their fees at the end of January so we are waiting for them before we move forward.

We have the other rulemaking on pause until after the Infectious Disease rulemaking.

Infectious Disease Rule Making:

We are working on permanent rulemaking. There will be a general workplace, Health care workers, and 1 for when a pandemic or epidemic is happening

We will be working on excessive heat rulemaking

Manganese: we are not sure yet, should know more next month.

Synopsis:

Renee reviewed a case beginning 2020. Highway median excavation pinch point fatality.

Anonymous Questions:

If you have anything you would like to bring up at the meetings and would like to stay anonymous, let Mark Tobiasson or Nathan Taylor know and they will bring it up for you.

There were no questions this month.

Round table:

Construction Safety Summit: January 26, 2021 Michael Wood with Oregon OSHA will be giving OSHA updates. Zoom meeting.

New elects: Dennis Bonin. Amanda Davies, Steve Barrett, and Joaquin Diaz is chair elect.

History of CSS-

1994-96 we had ASSP and ASSE, but we needed boots on the ground training that people could use and take back to their jobs. In 1996-98 we had local safety professionals giving trainings.

We have the Wayne Thomas memorial fund that can help with the cost of materials for trainings. It is a reimbursement and not a scholar ship/ grant.

Emily Crews at Fortis is the administrator: If you would like to be put on the mailing list visit their page [CSS](#).

Thank you, Clark for your contributions over the years.

You've done an excellent job with CSS, Clark!! Thanks for all your good work. - Barb Epstien

I concur. Clark has laid some great ground work and leadership. - Joaquin Diaz

Thank you for your service to the CSS. You've done an outstanding job & the construction community appreciates everything you've done over the many years. – Tony Howard

Thank you for your leadership with CSS. – Steve Huson

Clark, thank you very much. CSS Has enriched my career! – Ryan Leffel

Robert shared there is flagger training via zoom through Chemeketa. Visit their website for more information www.karmsafetysolutions.com. They also offer CCB credits for the Flagger Training.

Joaquin: AGC safety and health conf 1/13- twice a year: [add link.](#)

Dede shared invite to participate in an anonymous survey to evaluate how well the guidelines developed by the Oregon Construction COVID-19 Task Force were shared within the Oregon and SW WA construction and trades industry. Participation in this survey will help us better understand how to effectively share pertinent safety and health information to Oregon construction and trades safety and health leaders and workers. Complete the survey at: https://ohsu.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1H6J8VTJ6mlszjv

Dede also mentioned there are a lot of questions about vaccinations moving forward (e.g., can employers mandate, what will be likely availability, etc.) I am planning to get info together for an upcoming blog on this, just fyi. Thanks everyone. My email is montgomd@ohsu.edu.

If you are interested on being on the steering committee contact Nathan - NathanT@agc-oregon.org or Mark - Mark@weitmanexcavation.com

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:

February 2, 2021
Zoom Meeting