



ABC Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2009

11:00 am ABC Office

In Attendance:

Richard McCormack- JC Glass
Mark Briggs- OSHA
Terry Nadir- Teal Construction
Steve Satterly- Burton
Jim Cooper- RefChem
Kevin Byrd- KBR
Jesse Ramos- TDI
Ralph Riley- S&B Engineers & Constructors
Karen Schaeffer- H & E Equipment
Marc Jumper- P.I.C. Inc.
Donald Thomas- SAFway
John Dunlap- Worely Parsons
Keith Liggett- C & A

Terry Buza – Cajun Constructors
Donald Thomas – SAFway TK
Amanda Burk- ABC
Scott Oliver – D.E. Harvey
John Luna- ISC
Chris Scheve – Lott Contractors
Ross Lott – Lott Contractors
Mark Hernandez- OSHA
Jim Shelton- OSHA
Mark Hernandez- OSHA
Adriana Saucedo- Staff Unlimited
Chris Walker- Turner
John Luna- ISC

Minutes were approved.

New Business:

- Jobsite posters changed with such improvements as standard minimum wage rates. It is necessary to print them in both Spanish and English. On an ending note, the posters have been improved by the committee and printing will start in a few weeks. The pricing goes as follows:
Quantity/Price per Unit (set)
1000 \$5.61
1500 \$4.32
2000 \$3.69
2500 \$3.33
- OSHA Partnership – STEP award winners have been called to participate in the partnership and the goal is to have 12 new partners. Right now we have 10!!! All peer inspections for old and new partners must be scheduled now. Deadline for completing all inspections is October 1.
- Brown Bag Topics – September meeting topic will be about National Safety Excellence Awards. Ralph Riley will be the speaker (S & B).
- Goal Review- Here are some ideas that we can improve on: 1) Add article in Build Houston that promotes committee and safety programs (ex-safety tips and benefits of the safety committee). 2) Try to focus more on Small/Specialty/Sub contractors and how the committee members can better pre-qualify subcontractors for hiring.
- Is there anymore that the safety committee can be doing with regards to recruiting small/sub contractors? Small contractors are looking for standardization, effortlessness, low paperwork, timely and effectiveness when it comes to time and dedication to serve a committee. The committee can be an information source and this is what we have discussed thus far
 - Have larger companies/contractors mentor the smaller/sub contractors
 - Create a safety/health library
 - Subscription service through ABC for safety magazines
- Portable Safety Records- Would need to have some governing committee to decide if accident is employer or employees fault. What about the size of the company? Some are small contractors while others are large companies; these companies would have a wide variation in safety standards. Some companies do a tracking like this already; TCA already has this program in process. Canada has this program set up as well. Good for objective end of things but bad for the subjective; can't measure safety attitude, which is a problem. In theory it is a good idea but there are some global aspects that won't work (ex- "I'm accident prone and you won't hire me...that's discrimination."

Company Incident Reports

- Fatality rate has increased about 150% since last year. This is only for the Houston area.
- The committee discussed Company incident reports:

- Minor First Aid
- Near misses
- Driving Reports- a lot of “unseen” hazards
- Conscious of heat stress this time of year
- Trench Fatality
- Energized Fatality- electrified to death
- Two heat fatalities in Houston area in the past 1 ½ weeks.

OSHA Update

- Make sure that the partnership is retaining criteria.
- OSHA Partnership meeting was held on August 6th, 2009. OSHA has been doing a sweep of the greater Houston area. Over 200 inspections were made in about 10 days. Over 600 citations were awarded. Quite a bit of the citations were for fall protection. Some of the partners were inspected- some inspections were good, some were bad.
- Make sure to list all the safety programs that your company offers.
- There is a construction emphasis in Texas. Partners are not exempt from R.E.P. on mobile cranes.

Old Business:

- Safety Survey- Needed to narrow down the questions, the survey was too long. Training and safety will be surveyed. Russell, Ralph and Amanda are the three volunteers thus far. John Luna volunteered his services at the end of the meeting. Still need 1-2 more members to volunteer their time for sub-committee for the survey
- Construction Expo – date has been set for October 21st at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Next Meeting will be Monday, September 28th at the ABC Office at 11:00am

2009 Safety Committee Brown Bag Topics

July Meeting:

Lunch: Chris Scheve, Lott Contractors

Brown Bag Topic & Speaker: Heat Stress Prevention - Jimm Cooper, Ref-Chem LP

August Meeting:

Lunch: Jimm Cooper, Ref-Chem LP

Brown Bag Topic & Speaker: Fall Protection/Tying Off – Mark Jumper, Performance Insulation Contractors

September Meeting:

Lunch: Ralph Riley, S & B Engineers & Constructors

Brown Bag Topic & Speaker: National Safety Excellence Awards – Ralph Riley, S & B

October Meeting:

Lunch:

Brown Bag Topic & Speaker: Subcontractors-Prequalification program

November Speaker:

Lunch:

Brown Bag Topic & Speaker:

December Speaker:

Lunch:

Brown Bag Topic & Speaker:

Future Topic Suggestions: Pier Drilling- Hiring subcontractors- Evaluate safety performance- Truck Driving Safety