

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

July 7, 2008 1:00 PM to 2:06 PM

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations 830 Punchbowl Street – HIOSH Training Room 427

Members Present:

Sheri Lau Clark for Clayton Kamida (Hawaii Employers' Council), Joaquin Diaz (Dick Pacific Construction Co., Ltd.), Clifford Higa (Safety Systems Hawaii), Timothy Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Les Onaka for James Newberry (American Society of Safety Engineers), Michael Redman (HEMIC), Daniel Vasilash (General Contractors Association of Hawaii), Clayton Winger (Monarch Insurance Service), James Zane (McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co., Ltd.), Lauren Zirbel for Richard Botti (Legislative Information Service of Hawaii)

Members Excused:

Lani Bjork (Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel), Reynard Burgess (Parsons), Paul Chang (Hawaii Carpenters Union, Local 745), Patrick Cheng (Airgas Gaspro), Delbert DeRego (ILWU Local 142, Maui Division), Tracy Hayashi (Hawaii Electricians Training Fund), Janelle Kanuha-Marshall (Marine Corps Community Service), Charles Kelley (Outrigger Enterprises, Inc.), Paul King (Actus Lend Lease, LLC), Robert Nakamatsu (Department of Human Resources Development), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association), Clifford Uwaine (United Public Workers), Thomas Vendetta (ISWC Division, C&C), Richard Vieira (Hawaii Painter's Union), Shelley Wheeling-Park (Kaiser Permanente of Hawaii)

Presenters:

DLIR Staff:

Darwin L.D. Ching, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Jennifer Shishido, Director's Office; Jamesner Dumlao, HIOSH Operations Manager; Ellen Kondo, HIOSH Consultation and Training Branch Manager; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Robert Aquino, Hawaii Electricians Training Fund; Chuck Beneke, Covanta; D. Lewis Boucher, General Contractors Association; Les Onaka, American Society of Safety Engineers; Jim Peck, American Industrial Hygiene Association

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Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Mr. Zane welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken. Quorum was present. Announcement was made that ASSE's new representative is Mr. Les Onaka.	ASSE needs to complete operational procedures to replace their representative.
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes from the May 15, 2008, meeting was not available.Mr. Zane requested that the minutes from the May 15, 2008, meeting be sent out a little earlier for members to review and the minutes from this meeting are done separately.	

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<p>Discussion of HIOSH September Conference</p>	<p>Hawaii SOS Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIOSH proposed having a September safety conference in partnership with the HIOSH Advisory Committee and other agencies. • The conference will be held on September 25 and 26, 2008, at the Hawaii Convention Center. • One of the major goals for the conference is to update and give information to the regulated community that is affected by the National Emphasis Program (NEP) areas, such as amputations, combustible dust, silica, chromium, accidents, and fatalities, to encourage compliance. • On September 25, 2008, the conference will focus on vov information, such as what are the effects on first responders and how they can protect themselves. HIOSH would like vendors such as Safety Systems and Airgas, to participate to showcase their products. • On June 24, 2008, a planning meeting was held. The Veterans of Safety (VOS) felt it was important to have leaders of companies, such as the CEOs and presidents, attend the conference. The VOS is making efforts to contact them. • About 5,000 letters will be sent to individual companies notifying them of what industries are affected by the NEP, that they are on HIOSH's inspection list and assistance is being offered. The letters will include some of the workers' comp data, common injuries, and common citations pertaining to that industry. • HIOSH is expecting about 500 to attend. Newspaper ads may also be used to get the word out. • A broadcast on the Internet will be explored so that neighbor island people will have access to the information. • The name of the conference is Hawaii Safety Opportunity and Sustainability (SOS) conference. Members voted, selected, and approved the name. <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIOSH intends to invite speakers from the National Safety and Health conference in Anaheim which ends on September 24, 2008, to speak on their subject matter expertise. <p>Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding silica, HIOSH intends to have a national speaker talk about the emphasis program and the particular hazards of silica. Ms. Nira Cooray of AIHA has done a lot of sampling, she will be involved with the presentation. HIOSH's enforcement staff will also be involved. HIOSH would like employers to be informed of what can be done to mitigate silica hazards and the approximate costs of such measures. • Because people tend to give their attention to topics that pertain to them, one member expressed concern that 	<p>A motion was made to approve and support the September conference. To address certain matters, including expenses, the motion was refined to say the HIOSH Advisory Committee will partner with HIOSH and others in strong support of the Hawaii SOS conference. Motion was approved.</p>

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	<p>some in his industry may not find much value in topics on which they already have had training, such as slips, trips and falls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion was made to put breakouts a little closer together so that someone could attend two breakouts in the afternoon instead of just one. • A robotics demonstration is also being planned to show how robotics plays a significant role in the emerging workplace and how robotics ties into workplace safety. The demonstration will showcase the talents of the robotics teams of our local high schools. Mr. Alan Yokoyama is working on getting a national ASSE speaker for this portion of the conference. • Each one and a half hour session will have an OSHA speaker and/or a HIOSH representative address the NEP policy and enforcement issues in the first half of the session. The second half of the session will have someone from the private provide insight on practical implementation. • The topics have not been finalized. One suggestion was emergency response. • To help companies that have very little or no experience and have never been inspected before, a list by industry of the presentations they should attend will be available when registering. At the conference, arrangements will be made to have persons guide attendees to the sessions that are most pertinent to their industries and interests. <p>Cost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost of the conference would be \$50 to cover lunch and administrative fees. For those that are working towards becoming a safety professional and cannot afford the cost of the conference, they may be able to put in a scholarship request for review and consideration. The actual cost of the lunch is \$36. Members were asked if they wanted to charge for just the lunch or charge \$25 and solicit sponsors to cover the \$11 difference. The Outreach subcommittee expressed its view that \$50 is reasonable. • The Disability Compensation Division of DLIR will sponsor coffee in the morning of the conference. <p>HIOSH Advisory Committee Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HIOSH Advisory Committee members could help support the conference by soliciting participation from their respective organizations. A pamphlet containing the conference information will be distributed to help solicit participation. Member requested that the pamphlets recognize HIOSH and federal OSHA as the sponsoring agencies. • As HIOSH funds cannot be used for food, partnerships with the HIOSH Advisory Committee and others must be 	

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	<p>created to address the need.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members were invited to stay after the meeting to give further suggestions or if they were interested in working on any committee. 	
Information From HIOSH Advisory Committee to HIOSH		
Public Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment was made that if there are not enough people attending the University of California San Diego's (UCSD) classes, there is potential of losing their training here in Hawaii. For the rest of the year, HIOSH has offered their training room as a facility for UCSD to hold their classes so that UCSD can continue to provide training. A member raised a concern that attorneys had developed a special category so that employers could avoid a willful citation. A suggestion was made that HIOSH should make sure employers know what a willful citation is. HIOSH will review the matter. 	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director Ching will not be attending the next meeting, as he will be out of the office. Jamesner Dumlao and Jennifer Shishido will be at the next meeting. 	August 21, 2008, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Deirdre Yamasaki
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

Mr. James Zane, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee