

# HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Committee Meeting

May 21, 2009 1:00 PM to 2:40 PM

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

**Members Present:**

Tristan Aldeguer (Dick Pacific Construction Co., Ltd.), Robert Aquino (Hawaii Electricians Training Fund), D. Lewis Boucher (General Contractors Association), Reynard Burgess (Parsons), Alan Hiramatsu for Thomas Vendetta (ISWC Division, C&C), Clayton Kamida (Hawaii Employers' Council), Paul King (Actus Lend Lease, LLC), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Les Onaka (American Society of Safety Engineers), Jim Peck (American Industrial Hygiene Association), Daniel Vasilash (General Contractors Association of Hawaii), Lauren Zirbel for Richard Botti (Legislative Information Service of Hawaii)

**Members Excused:**

Lawrence Akina (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Lani Bjork (Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel), Paul Chang (Hawaii Carpenters Union, Local 745), Patrick Cheng (Airgas Gaspro), Delbert DeRego (ILWU Local 142, Maui Division), Joseph Ferrara (Associated Builders and Contractors), Clifford Higa (Safety Systems Hawaii), Janelle Kanuha-Marshall (Marine Corps Community Service), Charles Kelley (Outrigger Enterprises, Inc.), Timothy Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Robert Nakamatsu (Department of Human Resources Development), Hans Nielsen (University of Hawaii), Michael Redman (HEMIC), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association), Clifford Uwaine (United Public Workers), Richard Vieira (Hawaii Painter's Union), Shelley Wheeling-Park (Kaiser Permanente of Hawaii), James Zane (McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co., Ltd.)

**Presenters:**

**DLIR Staff:**

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

**Guests (Public):**

John Ambrose, Parsons; Chuck Beneke, Covanta; Joaquin Diaz, Hawaiian Dredging; James Newberry, American Society of Safety Engineers; Aloha Silva, Parsons; Antoinette Waikiki, Operating Engineers, Local 3

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Mr. Daniel Vasilash welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
<b>Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A motion was made to approve the February 19, 2009 and April 9, 2009 minutes.</li> </ul>	February 19, 2009 and April 9, 2009 minutes were approved.
<b>Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee</b>		
<b>Director's Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director Ching thanked the committee for all of their efforts in helping to save HIOSH.</li> <li>HIOSH will set up a meeting with interested members to discuss how HIOSH should move forward.</li> <li>HIOSH will be using the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds to provide training for inspectors and contractors. HIOSH requested support and cooperation from the committee for this project.</li> <li>On September 18, 2009, 7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., HIOSH is planning a VOG for Outdoor Workers Seminar, which will be held at the King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel. The seminar will focus on agriculture safety and VOG.</li> <li>On September 20, 2009, HIOSH will have a booth at a job fair for returning veterans (approximately 1,700). The job fair will be all day at the Hawaii Convention Center. Assistance from the members is welcomed.</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Joaquin Diaz will chair and restart the Training Subcommittee to help with the ARRA training.</p> <p>Interested members should contact Mr. Jamesner Dumlaio (586-9078).</p>
<b>Accidents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On May 16, 2009, there was a tragic fatality at Hawaiian Cement (located at Campbell Industrial Park). The matter is pending investigation.</li> </ul>	
<b>HIOSH Staffing and Vacancies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Daniel Bulkley, Occupational Safety Branch Manager, left in mid-April. HIOSH is trying to fill this position.</li> <li>HIOSH is trying to transfer a recently vacated Kauai Occupational Safety and Health Compliance Officer position to Maui.</li> </ul>	
<b>Newly Confirmed Members to the Hoisting Machine Operators' Advisory Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hoisting Machine Operators' Advisory Board's two newest members are Mr. Joaquin Diaz and Mr. Edward Sanchez.</li> <li>Mr. Thomas Vendetta is the Chair and Ms. Lora Contreras is the Executive Director for the board.</li> <li>Currently, the board has three (3) members and is awaiting approval to fill two (2) more positions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Joint Projects Between HIOSH and the HIOSH Advisory Committee</b>		
<b>One Day Workshop (ASSE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members were thanked for "getting the word out" about the OSHA Hawaii Workshop.</li> <li>HIOSH had to turn away close to 150 people. The classes were standing room only, and were filled with new people that were eager to learn.</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>VPP and SHARP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In January, OSHA published a federal register notice expanding the participation of VPP to mobile and corporate worksites. HIOSH is currently evaluating whether this expansion should be adopted in Hawaii.</li> <li>Currently, OSHA is working on their revised VPP manual in light of revisions that were made on the federal level.</li> <li>Parsons would like to achieve VPP status. They will resubmit their application.</li> <li>For SHARP employers, there is Simmons. For VPP employers, there is Covanta, Chevron, and Monsanto. There are five (5) sites currently being evaluated for SHARP.</li> </ul>	
<b>Publicity on Citations and Violations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIOSH is still evaluating whether or not to publicize citations.</li> </ul>	
<b>Information From the HIOSH Advisory Committee to HIOSH</b>		
<b>Operating Guidelines Subcommittee Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Newberry made a motion to discontinue the application process for membership which was instituted in 2006, and reinstitute the membership process provided in the guidelines.</li> <li>A motion was made to revise the initially established membership of 24 to 33, and remain flexible in its makeup and number, working towards its most desirable membership number of 25.</li> <li>Suggestion was made to put back in the guidelines the provision that allows the HIOSH Advisory Committee, after getting the Director's approval and when desired, to make official communications to third parties.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion was approved.</p> <p>Motion was approved.</p> <p>Suggestion was tabled for future consideration.</p>
<b>Around-the-Table Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Les Onaka mentioned that he is getting queries about the swine flu. As people are starting to panic, HIOSH may also get inquiries. Employers are considering having employees wear masks, but do not understand that the masks need to be fitted and medically tested.</li> <li>Mr. Newberry made a motion to accept Ms. Antoinette Waikiki as representative of the Operating Engineers, Local 3.</li> <li>Mr. Newberry encouraged Mr. Chuck Beneke to bring to the next meeting Simmons and other SHARP or VPP organizations' concerns.</li> <li>Mr. Diaz thanked HIOSH for their hard work.</li> <li>HIOSH is developing a plan to train safety and health professionals on the Form 33 so it will streamline HIOSH's evaluation process of getting more SHARP companies.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion was approved.</p> <p>Mr. Beneke will bring concerns to the next meeting.</p>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Conroy Dang, HIOSH's Occupational Safety and Health Compliance Officer, thanked the committee for their efforts in saving HIOSH. Committee members will be relied on to convey this message.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>		August 20, 2009, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved:

Mr. Daniel Vasilash, Chair  
HIOSH Advisory Committee