

# HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Committee Meeting

August 20, 2009 1:00 PM to 2:40 PM

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

**Members Present:**

Lawrence Akina (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Tristan Aldeguer (Dick Pacific Construction Co., Ltd.), Robert Aquino (Hawaii Electricians Training Fund), Chuck Beneke (Covanta), Lani Bjork (Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel), Richard Botti (Legislative Information Service of Hawaii), D. Lewis Boucher (Hawaiian Dredging), Reynard Burgess (Parsons), Paul Chang (Hawaii Carpenters Union, Local 745), Sharlyn Sato for Patrick Cheng (Airgas Gaspro), Joaquin Diaz (Hawaiian Dredging), Joseph Ferrara (Associated Builders and Contractors), Clifford Higa (Safety Systems Hawaii), Paul King (Actus Lend Lease, LLC), Robert Nakamatsu (Department of Human Resources Development), James Newberry (American Society of Safety Engineers), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Daniel Vasilash (General Contractors Association of Hawaii), Thomas Vendetta (ISWC Division, C&C), James Zane (McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co., Ltd.)

**Members Excused:**

Delbert DeRego (ILWU Local 142, Maui Division), Clayton Kamida (Hawaii Employers' Council), Janelle Kanuha-Marshall (Marine Corps Community Service), Charles Kelley (Outrigger Enterprises, Inc.), Timothy Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Hans Nielsen (University of Hawaii), Les Onaka (American Society of Safety Engineers), Jim Peck (American Industrial Hygiene Association), Michael Redman (HEMIC), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association), Clifford Uwayne (United Public Workers), Richard Vieira (Hawaii Painter's Union), Antoinette Waikiki (Operating Engineers, Local 3), Shelley Wheeling-Park (Kaiser Permanente of Hawaii)

**Presenters:**

**DLIR Staff:**

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

**Guests (Public):**

Ruth Amancio, General Contractors Association

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<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 May 21, 2009 minutes and the proposed amendments.</li> </ul>	Proposed amendment #1 was not adopted. Proposed amendment #2 was adopted. May 21, 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>Due to a budget deficit of approximately \$700 million and tax revenues being down, the State is currently going through downsizing. HIOSH had 12 positions affected.</li> <li>A copy of the HIOSH Advisory Committee's roster was circulated for amendments. The roster will be posted on HIOSH's website.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Steps Contemplated to Address Suggestions From Members in the Business and Safety Community to Improve Services Provided by HIOSH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When calling HIOSH's Complaint Line or Accident Line, HIOSH requests that the caller leave a message with contact information so that HIOSH can get more information and respond back to the caller that their call was received/handled. The caller's information will be confidential.</li> <li>• HIOSH requests that HIOSH Advisory Committee members notify HIOSH of any meetings where a HIOSH representative is needed. HIOSH will make every effort to be present to provide guidance and assistance. HIOSH's representative will report back to HIOSH the information from the meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Report on Accidents, Fatalities and Significant Cases</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Fiscal Year 2004 to Fiscal Year 2008, the number of accidents has gone up.</li> <li>• For Fiscal Year 2009, so far there have been 10 accidents that were investigated. Of the 10 accidents, five were fatalities, two were chemical leaks/spills, two were in the construction industry and one was the loss of an eye.</li> <li>• Presentations were given on the status of the accidents HIOSH has received for Fiscal Year 2009 to date and an update on Boiler and Elevator (B&amp;E) inspections.</li> <li>• Although B&amp;E's travel to neighbor islands has been severely reduced, priority is given to inspections concerning new installations and critical facilities. Other inspections may have to wait until there is a sufficient number of inspections to warrant a trip.</li> <li>• B&amp;E requests cooperation from the industries to better plan B&amp;E's inspection trips. HIOSH will post on its website a checklist of common deficiencies. Elevator companies and general contractors should review the checklist to avoid having a failed inspection.</li> <li>• B&amp;E is looking into electronic processing for their permits, discrepancy letters and invoices.</li> </ul>	
<b>Yellow Ribbon Job Fair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIOSH will be manning a table at the Yellow Ribbon Job Fair which will be held on September 20, 2009, at the Hawaii Convention Center.</li> <li>• HIOSH welcomes any assistance. If anyone is interested, they should call Mr. Jamesner Dumlao at 586-9078.</li> </ul>	
<b>Joint Projects Between HIOSH and the HIOSH Advisory Committee</b>		
<b>Governor's Pacific Rim Conference 2010</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies were distributed on preliminary information provided by Mr. Les Onaka.</li> <li>• The Governor's Pacific Rim Health and Safety Conference 2010 will be held on May 5-7, 2010 at the Hawaii Convention Center.</li> <li>• ASSE is looking for sponsors and speakers. Mr. Jimmy Zane is the chairperson for the sponsorship committee. Mr. Zane will be sending sponsorship letters to HIOSH Advisory Committee members. ASSE's and HIOSH's website have the form for interested speakers.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>VPP and SHARP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Chuck Beneke asked what is the status regarding the Consultation and Training Branch (C&amp;T) and renewing VPP.</li> <li>• Although HIOSH is affected by the State downsizing, the C&amp;T will continue doing business as usual.</li> <li>• HIOSH is working on making a couple of changes to the federal VPP manual before adopting. HIOSH has not discussed whether to move the three-year renewal to five years. If the renewal is changed to five years, the evaluation to be certified will be more intensive.</li> <li>• The federal VPP manual changes SHARPs to be done by C&amp;T and VPPs to be done by enforcement staff. HIOSH is reviewing this section.</li> <li>• HIOSH would still like to utilize SGEs for SHARP and VPP.</li> </ul>	<p>HIOSH will meet with Mr. Beneke and Mr. Reynard Burgess after the HIOSH Advisory Committee to help with any issues they may have.</p>
<b>Information From the HIOSH Advisory Committee to HIOSH</b>		
<b>Training Subcommittee Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSHA Training Institute (OTI) will be using the Building Industry Association's training center to hold classes. The training center will be completed in September. OTI would like to hold a series of classes and certify small business professionals that wear dual hats. HIOSH's support and endorsement is being requested for marketing purposes.</li> <li>• In October, Industrial Hygiene and OSHA 500 and 501 classes will be held. HIOSH will post the OTI training dates on their website.</li> </ul>	
<b>Operating Guidelines Subcommittee Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attention to attendance was handled through the amendment to the minutes.</li> <li>• Members were reminded to review the operating guidelines.</li> </ul>	
<b>Around-the-Table Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Vasilash received two letters for new representatives. Ms. Sharilyn Sato will be representing Airgas Gaspro. Ms. Ruth Amancio will be representing the General Contractors' Association.</li> <li>• Mr. Burgess recently attended an OSHA 510 course locally. If anyone was interested in attending, the classes are excellent and the instructors are very knowledgeable.</li> <li>• In October, Mr. Newberry will be attending training on health safety. After completing the training, Mr. Newberry will be teaching the class.</li> <li>• Mr. Zane will be sending members requests for sponsorship contributions for the Governor's Pacific Rim Conference.</li> <li>• Mr. Ferrara informed that the Association of Building Contractors has revised their quarterly training program, which is being sponsored, and has been getting a good response.</li> <li>• Mr. Botti asked if the Boiler &amp; Elevator Inspector's inspection forms could be made into a checklist by</li> </ul>	

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	<p>category for his organization. Currently, HIOSH's checklists are by industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Lani Bjork informed that the hotel industry is giving to its contractual security more and more responsibility for safety and health. Hopefully, the 511 training for general industry will still be available next year.</li> <li>• Mr. Clifford Higa informed Safety Systems will be participating in the Governor's Pacific Rim Conference next year.</li> <li>• Mr. Beneke was looking for ideas on how to educate people that putting their money into safety is a great investment. Mr. Joaquin Diaz informed the Governor's Pacific Rim Conference's theme is based on companies cutting safety and how they can proceed forward with staff who may have a dual responsibility in safety and their job.</li> <li>• Ms. Shishido informed that HIOSH is developing a recordkeeping presentation and training since there will be an enforcement emphasis on recordkeeping.</li> </ul>	
<b>Public Comment</b>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Mr. Vasilash reminded members that there will be a vice chair selection at the next meeting. He would like members to think about who the next vice chair should be.	November 19, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

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Deirdre Yamasaki  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

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Mr. Daniel Vasilash, Chair  
HIOSH Advisory Committee