

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

December 1, 2010 1:00 PM to 2:50 PM

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

Members Present:

Lawrence Akina (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Ruth Amancio, (General Contractors Association), Robert Aquino (Hawaii Electricians Training Fund), SeaRay Beltran (County of Maui), Chuck Beneke (Covanta), Lani Bjork (Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel), D. Lewis Boucher (Hawaiian Dredging), Reynard Burgess (Parsons), Paul Chang (Hawaii Carpenters Union, Local 745), Joaquin Diaz (Hawaiian Dredging), Clifford Higa (Safety Systems Hawaii), Paul King (Actus Lend Lease, LLC), James Newberry (American Society of Safety Engineers), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Les Onaka (American Society of Safety Engineers), Jim Peck (American Industrial Hygiene Association), Michael Redman (HEMIC), Sharlyn Sato (Airgas Gaspro), Thomas Vendetta (ISWC Division, James Zane (McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co., Ltd.), Lauren Zirbel for Richard Botti (Legislative Information Service of Hawaii)

Members Excused:

Tristan Aldeguer (Dick Pacific Construction Co., Ltd.), Walter Chun (Veterans of Safety), Delbert DeRego (ILWU Local 142, Maui Division), Joseph Ferrara (Associated Builders and Contractors), Will Harris (University of Hawaii), Clayton Kamida (Hawaii Employers' Council), Janelle Kanuha-Marshall (Marine Corps Community Service), Charles Kelley (Outrigger Enterprises, Inc.), Jon Kumashiro (Department of Human Resources Development), Timothy Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association), Clifford Uwaine (United Public Workers), C&C), Daniel Vasilash (General Contractors Association of Hawaii), Richard Vieira (Hawaii Painter's Union), Shelley Wheeling-Park (Kaiser Permanente of Hawaii)

Presenters:

DLIR Staff:

Pearl Imada Iboshi, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Ryan Markham, HIOSH Operations Manager; Tin Shing Chao, Occupational Health Branch; Ellen Kondo, Consultation and Training Branch; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

Guests (Public):

Jim Beavers, Joanna Clark, Alden Ishii, Steve Kalani, Cynthia-Ann Maake, Tim Matthews, Pane Meatoga, Jr., Mardi Miyamoto, Craig Shoji, Denise Wong

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Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Mr. Reynard Burgess welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
Minutes	A motion was made to approve the August 19, 2010 minutes.	August 19, 2010 minutes were approved.
Recognition of Service of Chair Reynard Burgess	Mr. Burgess thanked everyone for being a part of the HIOSH Advisory Committee. Mr. Burgess commented this past year was a very trying year and there is a great backlog of business that needs to be addressed in the upcoming year.	Mr. Joaquin Diaz will become chair.
Selection of Vice Chair	Mr. Chuck Beneke was nominated.	Mr. Beneke was elected vice chair.

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Director's Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Pearl Imada Iboshi thanked everyone for their support and informed December 6, 2010 will be her last day. Senator Dwight Takamine will become the new Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Mr. Ryan Markham's not to exceed date is June 30, 2011, but it will depend on the new director. • HIOSH received permission to fill three positions: two Environmental Health Specialist positions and one OSH Advisor. The OSH Advisor position is filled by Mr. Moses DeMello. • HIOSH sent a letter to federal OSHA requesting that they take back jurisdiction over the federal military bases. • HIOSH partnered with the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) and had a tie-off seminar focusing on the solar companies. HIOSH will be partnering with DBEDT for two more seminars on various topics. • HIOSH has a contractor reviewing the final rule for the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board. • Mr. Markham and Mr. Galen Lemke are working with Honolulu Community College to develop an internship program. Students could get course credit by shadowing some inspectors. • Next year's budget includes positions that will get HIOSH back to the level that is needed. Hopefully, it will be passed by the Legislature. Any support the HIOSH Advisory Committee can give will be appreciated. 	
Old Business		
VPP and SHARP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, HIOSH is working on the VPP onsite inspection for Monsanto. Ms. Jennifer Shishido is the VPP team leader. • After HIOSH is fully staffed, HIOSH needs to analyze whether or not VPP should be handle by the Consultation and Training Branch. 	
Joint Projects Between HIOSH and the HIOSH Advisory Committee		
Training Subcommittee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If federal OSHA accepts jurisdiction of military bases, they will need training. If federal OSHA comes to Hawaii to do the training, HIOSH would like to make arrangements to receive some training also. • Training subcommittee has the people and the place to give training. The only problem is getting management to attend the training. 	

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Around-the-Table Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Diaz informed February 14-17, 2011, OSHA Training Institute (OTI) is having the OSHA 510 class at the BIA Construction Training Center. The OSHA 510 class is a standards based program. The class is for four days and is a prerequisite for the OSHA 500 class. The cost is \$725.00. The class is college accredited to earn a degree through University of California, San Diego and Columbia Southern University. Mr. Diaz suggested that members read the EFAME report on OSHA's website and talk to Senator Takamine to try to get Mr. Markham to stay on a lot longer. • Mr. Newberry informed the Hawaii Safety Alliance will be starting a Safety 101 class. The class involves owners and the delegated safety persons. The Hawaii Safety Alliance would like to include in the training what employers can expect from HIOSH's visit. Mr. Newberry will be sending a copy of the August minutes to Mr. Ken Atha since it contains the HIOSH Advisory Committee's conclusion of federal OSHA's response to the Freedom of Information Act. • Mr. Zane recently did a presentation at Kahuku High School. After talking to instructors, he found out it seems there is a higher percentage of students that go straight to work after high school instead of college. • Mr. O'Donnell complimented Covanta and Parsons for having very strict safety rules for everyone working at HPower. • Mr. Peck recalled in the 1980s, when OSHA required ironworkers to be 100% fall protection, a project was completed ahead of schedule. Workers liked having the safety requirement and it saved the company money. He also inquired if HIOSH's website has a listing of all the training that is scheduled. Mr. Newberry will send the links to Mr. Markham to put on HIOSH's website. • Ms. Ruth Amancio informed committee that Ms. Mardi Miyamoto will be replacing her as representation from the GCA. • Ms. Sharlyn Sato suggested that members try to get upper management to attend trainings. Mr. Newberry asked if Ms. Sato and Mr. Higa could put their training schedule on HIOSH's website also. • Mr. Boucher mentioned federal OSHA was looking at listing companies on the web who did bad things. This might help getting upper management's attention. • Mr. King is proud that his company is incident and injury free and makes sure that all of their subcontractors comply with safety. • Ms. Lani Bjork stated that her company is doing everything they can to be safety compliant. 	

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Around-the-Table Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lawrence Akina said that the Hawaii Teamsters has 79 companies under them. The bigger companies have their safety department in place. The smaller companies, which is about 60 of them, needs help in being safety compliant. • Mr. Paul Chang complimented HPower and Actus Lend Lease for having excellent safety programs. • Mr. Beneke would like to see the committee help HIOSH move forward. • Mr. Markham hopes that items in the EFAME report will get corrected as additional staff gets added. In the short amount of time he has been with HIOSH, he was able to get three positions. He requested that HIOSH be budgeted for full benchmark. It would be greatly appreciated if the committee could help support that. Mr. Markham thanked everyone for their cooperation and help. Mr. Vendetta commented that even though HIOSH gets the approval to fill the positions, it will be hard filling them because the pay is so low. • Mr. SeaRay Beltran stated that OTI will be holding several courses for a whole year in Maui. The information will be on different websites, radio and newspaper. • The committee members thanked Mr. Burgess for his leadership and good work, and everyone wished all happy holidays. 	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Mardi Miyamoto is looking forward to being on the committee next year. • Mr. Alden Ishii and Mr. Jim Beavers from Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) informed their company would like to help support HIOSH. • Ms. Cynthia-Ann Maake, who is an aspiring safety major, hopes she and her fellow colleagues can bring something forward as they go through the process. • Mr. Steve Kalani echoed what Ms. Maake said. • Mr. Jim Beavers notified everyone that he will be retiring from HECO in April. HECO supported HIOSH to become a State plan and supports HIOSH to continue being a State plan. • Ms. Joanna Clark reported that the OSHA Hawai'i Workshop is scheduled for May 4, 2011. The 2009 workshop had a great turnout and ASSE is hoping for the same in 2011. • Mr. Pane Meatoga, Jr., is looking forward to being on the committee. He will be replacing Ms. Antoinette Waikiki and representing the Operating Engineers. In the past two years, Operating Engineers has stepped up their safety classes to include quantity and quality. 	

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Next Meeting		February 17, 2011, 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. Reynard Burgess, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee