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Chairman's Message

Please reserve your place soon for the OIAA workshop on the new **OSHA Crystalline Silica Rule** scheduled for **February 23, 2018**. The new OSHA rule regarding respirable crystalline silica has the potential to affect many businesses related to mining and construction. Details for the workshop are in this newsletter. Contact Kellie Ramar soon – space is limited!

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce held an event on January 18th titled “America’s Infrastructure Summit: Time to Modernize”, bringing together government officials and industry representatives. The event focused on the critical needs to maintain and update our aging infrastructure. Thomas Donohue, President and CEO of the Chamber, highlighted four areas of focus including investing in surface infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges), investing in critical infrastructure (e.g. waterways, dams, levees, ports), streamlining permit processes, and expanding our workforce. A full transcript is available here:

<https://www.uschamber.com/speech/america-s-infrastructure-summit-time-modernize>

NSSGA president and CEO Michael Johnson spoke at a press conference during the event highlighting how the aggregates industry plays a fundamental role in addressing these needs. Per NSSGA’s website: “Anything of significance that you build—all these infrastructure projects for example—begins with a rock... Rocks build America.” The NSSGA article is here: <https://www.nssga.org/making-case-infrastructure-investment/>

The problems facing our nation’s infrastructure do not go away by not addressing them now or by distracting ourselves with other “newsworthy” items. Roads may not have the same headline impact, but they are the circulatory system for our nation’s economy.

May all of you have a safe and successful 2018!

Erick Staley
Chairman



**THE OREGON INDEPENDENT AGGREGATE ASSOCIATION
BOB MULLINS SCHOLARSHIP**

We are proud to announce that we will be awarding two scholarships again this year.

Our 2018 OIAA Scholarship is named in the honor of Bob Mullins, owner of Martin Creek Quarry.

Bob Mullins was born in 1950 and raised in Cottage Grove Oregon. He worked at the Weyerhaeuser Mill starting in 1968, when he was a senior in high school. He worked swing shift so he could continue attending High School. He graduated in June 1969, married the love of his life Barbara in August of 1969. He bought his first dump truck "1962 B model Mack" in 1974. He used his tax return money of \$1000.00 for a down payment.

Bob was never a man who sat still and waited for someone else to tell him what to do. His mottos are, "Work hard every day, learn from your mistakes, less talking more listening and you'll learn more. Never use the word "I" use "WE" (we built that road, NOT I built that road) Family always comes first"

During the 80's when our logging industry was in a financial crunch. Bob went to Alaska. He took his 1979 Western Star and worked repairing the Alaska State Highways. He worked in Alaska for 5 years. In 1988 he started building logging roads for Weyerhaeuser. Bob and his crew have built many miles of road, for numerous Timber Companies in Oregon. Most of his employees were class mates that attended school with him. Over the years he has been blessed with a great crew. He purchased his first Rock Quarry in 1989. A rock crusher in 1996. The rock crusher purchase included Kirby Nelson. Kirby is the finest crusher foreman, employee and friend Bob has known. Bob purchased his second Rock Quarry in 2000.

Bob semi-retired in 2015. Which means he now takes the weekends off. He and his bride celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in 2017. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Scholarship applications will be available in February 2018.



OIAA sponsored Event. (Free to all current OIAA Members)

Friday February 23rd - Associated General Contractors Office - Wilsonville, Oregon

Guest Presenter: Adele Abrams, Esq., CMSP.

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

OSHA's New Crystalline Silica Standard Training Workshop

This workshop will cover the requirements under OSHA's new crystalline silica standard, which took effect for construction in 2017 and affects general industry starting in June 2018. The seminar will cover general provisions of the rule including:

- Workplace exposure assessments and identification of "objective data",
- Development of written exposure control plans,
- Determination of which workers must undergo medical surveillance,
- Regulated areas and mandated signage,
- Engineering and work practice solutions for common tasks,
- Respirator use and medical evaluations, and
- Training for workers and for designated competent persons.

The new rule cuts exposure limits down to 50 ug/m³ (8-hour TWA), which is half of the old general industry PEL and 20% of the old construction limit. Penalties for violations can reach \$126,749! OR-OSHA has a rulemaking in progress to adopt the federal standard. In addition, the seminar will address the impact of the OSHA rule on mining operations, particularly for employers that are under both OSHA and MSHA jurisdiction. This will be a practical, solutions-oriented workshop.

This workshop is for OIAA Members only and is open to Company Owners, Management and Safety Managers. We are limiting attendance to 3 employees from each member company. With a limit of 50 total in attendance. Please contact OIAA Secretary Kellie Ramar no later than February 12th if you plan to attend.

This workshop is hosted by Ken Leahy Construction. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

To register for this event call Kellie Ramar at (503) 357-2193 or e-mail to kramar@kenleahy.com. Please put OIAA Silica workshop in the subject line.

Space will be limited to the first 50 that sign up.

Annual OIAA 2018 Part 46 Training

Only two more months until registration will begin for our 2018 Part 46 Refresher training. We will be holding two separate classes back to back, one in Albany and one in Roseburg. The difference this year is that we are limiting the number of attendees in each class. Registration is on a first come first served basis. Once one class is filled your registration will be directed to the other class. Sign up early to ensure that you get the location you are wanting. The registration form will be individually e-mailed out to you the first half of January. It will be listed on the website and in the January newsletter.

Once again this year the class will be taught by the Law office of Adele Abrams. The dates and locations are listed below:

Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg, OR – March 12, 2018
Linn County Fair & Expo, Albany, OR – March 13, 2018

Starting in 2018 this will be a “Refresher Training” class only. If you have new miners they may attend and this course material will count towards the new miner training, but it will not cover all of it. Each company will need to provide the additional training required for their new miners.

The type of membership your company has defines how many employees you can send to the **training at no cost**. Each person on your list must be an employee for your company and receive payroll wages from your company. Hired outside consultants and subcontractors are not considered employees and will need to register as either a Member or Non-Member company.

The different types of memberships are listed below.

Premier Corporate Membership attendance will be free for all YOUR employees.

Corporate Membership attendance will be **free for the first 10 employees**. The cost for each additional employee will be \$100.00. You will be billed for the additional attendees after the training is completed.

Associate Membership attendance will be **free for your first employee**. The cost for each additional employee will be \$ 100.00. You will be billed for the additional attendees after the training is completed

A registration form is attached to the end of this newsletter

Forms have been e-mail out to members, classes are filling up fast so be sure to get your registration forms in as quickly as possible.

Mine Safety and Health Administration Announces Annual Winter Alert Campaign

From MSHA website December 5, 2017

ARLINGTON, VA – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) today announced its annual Winter Alert campaign, reminding miners and mine operators of the increased hazards that colder weather creates at both surface and underground coal mines.

The Winter Alert campaign, which runs each year through March, emphasizes increased vigilance and adherence to safety principles during the winter months, when cold temperatures increase hazards for miners. Throughout the Winter Alert campaign, MSHA personnel regularly visit mines around the country to heighten awareness of the changing conditions that occur during winter months, and will distribute materials that focus on best practices for safely performing miners’ jobs.

“The cold winter months bring an increased risk of underground coal mine explosions, as well as an increase in hazards associated with ice and snow that collect at surface facilities and preparation plants,” said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health David Zatezalo. “During the Winter Alert campaign, MSHA personnel will work to ensure miners and mine operators have information to maintain safe and healthful working conditions.”

When the barometric pressure drops during colder weather, methane can migrate more easily into the mine atmosphere, increasing the risk of an explosion. Dry winter air also results in drier conditions underground, allowing coal dust to become suspended in the mine atmosphere, increasing the danger of an explosion.

Examinations are the first line of defense underground and should include the following:

- Check for methane.
- Know the mine’s ventilation plan and maintain ventilation controls.
- Continually apply rock dust to prevent the propagation of an explosion.

At surface operations and preparation plants, hazards such as limited visibility, slippery walkways, and freezing and thawing highwalls may lead to accidents.

- Check highwalls and benches for stability.
- Examine vehicles for exhaust leaks and consider limiting engine idle time to reduce risk of carbon monoxide asphyxiation.
- Remove snow and ice on roadways, and apply sand to maintain traction.

Safepro MSHA Law Institute

Safepro Institute will give you the information and knowledge to not only comply with MSHA law but to combat citations with which you do not agree. The institute covers the 1977 Mine Health and Safety Act as amended by the 2006 Miner's Act and 30 CFR standards. We will go into detail about Your Company's responsibilities under the law and operator entitlements and inspector's responsibilities pertaining to the law. We will review what constitutes a S&S citation and 104d1 citation. You will be given a law manual which includes the two parts of the law and MSHA program policies. We will review a number of actual citations that have been issued over the years and how to defend against bad paper using the law manual. The seminar will cover part 46 training requirements and part 50 reporting requirements. By attending our institute, you will have the knowledge and confidence to handle the "imminent" MSHA inspection. Have your game plan and your people ready; remember your house must be in order to keep government from controlling your business.

The June 2018 Safepro Institute will be held at the **Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee North Carolina**. A block of rooms has been held for the class at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. A special rate has been arranged. Breakfast and lunch will be served all four days at no charge. This will be four full days of class getting out of class on Thursday around 4:30. All you will need for class are pen and notepaper. Dress for class will be casual.

Spouses are welcome if your company allows you to bring them. Cherokee and Asheville have many attractions including the Biltmore House and Gardens, Blue Ridge Parkway, Down Town Asheville, Harrah's Cherokee Casino and many others. We want you to have a good time as well as a great learning experience.

The Safepro hospitality room will be open Sunday night and every night after class with food and drinks along with a chance to talk with your instructors about any problems you and your company may face. To register go to safeproinc.com.

Yours in Safe Production,

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2018 Board Meeting Schedule

February 7th- May 9th – August 8th – December 12th

For location of meetings please contact our secretary at memberreply@oraggregate.com

February 7th meeting will be held at 10AM KPD Insurance Conference Room
Springfield, Oregon

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APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPCTED

If you have fresh ideas or would like to become more active in our association by becoming a member of the Board of Directors we are currently accepting applications. Our Association is only as good as we each make it. Membership participation is an important part of our mission. If you are interested please e-mail our Secretary Kellie Ramar @ memberreply@oraggregate.com or call her at (503) 849-5583 for more information

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ORAGGREGATE.COM

January 1, 2018

ANNUAL PART 46 TRAINING REGISTRATION

New for 2018: Premier Corporate Members Free to all your employees
Corporate Members – Free to the first 10 employee \$ 100.00 for each additional
Associate Members – Free to your first employee \$ 100.00 for each additional
(An invoice will be sent to you for each additional employee after the training)

NEW THIS YEAR REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS
Register early to ensure that you get your preferred location, space is limited to each class.

Non-members the charge is \$ 350.00 for small companies (1 – 2 attendees) and \$ 650.00 for larger companies (3 or more). Please complete the information below. An invoice will be mailed to you. If you want to join the association and receive a discount on this training please contact Kellie Ramar at (503) 849-5583

Coffee and lunch will be provided at both of these trainings. **To guarantee that everyone gets lunch and that we are not paying for lunches we do not need,** please help us keep an updated count of your employees that will be attending by calling or e-mailing with updates as you add or remove from the list.

Thank you
Kellie Ramar – OIAA Secretary

Please circle the training date you wish to attend and list all the employees that will be attending.

March 12, 2018 Douglas County Fair Grounds – Roseburg Oregon 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM
March 13, 2018 Linn County Fair & Expo- Albany Oregon 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Company Name: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **e-mail address** _____

Please print clearly or type your employee’s first and last name that will be attending.
(Attach a second sheet if necessary)

NAME	NAME
1. _____	11. _____
2. _____	12. _____
3. _____	13. _____
4. _____	14. _____
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7. _____	17. _____
8. _____	18. _____
9. _____	19. _____
10. _____	20. _____

Fax your completed form to (503) 357-3649 or e-mail to kramar@kenleahy.com or mail to PO Box 489 Cornelius, Oregon. Attn: Kellie. ***Please e-mail or call me immediately if you need to make any changes to your list.***