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Chairman's Message

As kids big and small prepare to leave their classrooms for the summer – some of whom will take their first big steps into the “real world” – we are happy and hopeful for their future. Who knows where their lives will take them? To quote one of my favorite authors (Dr. Seuss, thanks to my kids):

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.

I want to remind our members that we offer 2 scholarships each year to people who are pursuing their education in a field related to construction, aggregates, or forestry including:

Construction	Land use planning
Construction management	Forestry
Engineering	Heavy equipment repair
Geology	Welding
Architecture	

This year's awards are named in honor of the Bob Mullins, owner of Martin Creek Quarry near Cottage Grove, Oregon. Current members, employees of current member companies and their families can apply for these scholarships. Details and the application are provided in this newsletter.

Also, remember the final Workplace Examination Rule goes into effect on June 2nd. Fortunately, MSHA does not plan to start issuing fines immediately. NSSGA posted a news brief that MSHA will not issue citations related to the new Rule until October 1, 2018, allowing some time for miners to understand the rule and MSHA to provide additional compliance assistance. You can read the full article here:

<https://www.nssga.org/msha-adding-time-to-comply-with-exams-rule/>

Have a happy and safe Memorial Day Weekend!

Erick Staley
Chairman

The New Workplace Exam Rule Update- Metal and Nonmetal Mines

As most of you know, on April 9th, 2018 MSHA published a final rule that amends a rule issued in January 2017. This rule provides mine operators additional flexibility in managing their safety and health programs and reduces regulatory burdens without reducing the protections afforded miners.

MSHA will hold stakeholder meetings around the country to inform and educate the mining community on the requirements of the final workplace rule. The next meeting in the proximity of Oregon/Washington will be on May 31, 2018 at 9 am at the Hilton Garden Inn Denver Tech Center in Denver Colorado.

MSHA has finalized its workplace examination rule with an effective date of June 2, 2018. In order to give the operators time to understand the rule and the agency time to provide additional compliance assistance the agency will not issue citations related to the new Workplace Exams until October 1, 2018, however they may issue citations in the case of extremely dangerous hazards.

Safety

Take steps to avoid hazardous slope failures. Monitor for signs of instability, properly design slopes, and grade surfaces for water drainage.

Don't let this happen to you!



Courtesy of MSHA website.

OIAA Membership Drive



March starts a Membership drive contest for our members.

Help us keep our membership growing by promoting our association.

We are always striving to keep our member base strong. We organized back in 2009 to help members with MSHA and OSHA issues. We have provided training to over 125 employees from our 48 member companies each year with our Annual Part 46 Refresher Miner Training and other specialty training throughout the year. Most of these are free classes for our members. All our membership fees are used to provide training to our members and to provide two scholarships every year to students pursuing a career in construction, construction management, engineering, geology, architecture, land use planning, forestry, heavy equipment repair and welding. These scholarships are open to our members only, their families and their employee's families.

Who better to help us grow our association than our members? Send us a new Member company reference, when that company becomes a member your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Visa Gift Card. We will continue our membership drive thru July. We will draw the winning entry at our August 8th meeting.

Remember our association is only as good as you make it. SO GET INVOLVED!!



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

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 are available on our website at www.oraggregate.com or by contacting our secretary at memberreply@oraggregate.com,



2018 Safepro Law Institute

Guest who register for the 2018 June 11 thru 14 law institute are eligible to win a voucher from Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort for two nights free stay of two. It also includes dinner for two at Chef's Stage Buffet and breakfast for two to Selu Garden Café. You need to be register before June first.

In 2018 MSHA will focus on health samples. Some citations are being issued as S&S for samples over the PEL for employees even when employees are wearing dust masks. Exposure monitoring as required by 56.5002 will be in the scope of an inspection. MSHA publishes final rule on Examinations of Working Places in Metal and Nonmetal Mines. This rule changes the old work place examination! Also, MSHA is stepping up its efforts to ensure mine operators pay the safety and health fines for which they are responsible and comply with safety standards. If operators fail to show good faith and arrange to pay their penalties, MSHA will pursue them with every means under the law.

Attendees will be given a Safepro law manual which includes The Act, 30 CFR and MSHA program policies. Adele L. Abrams, Esq., CMSP president of The Law Office of Adele L. Abrams PC will be at the Safepro institute for a full day she will offer insights on the new examinations of work places law and taking questions from our attendees. We hope to see you there.

Yours in Safe production,

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2018 Board Meeting Schedule

August 8th – December 12th

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

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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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ORAGGREGATE.COM