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Nothing stays the same and nothing changes. What is old today will be new tomorrow. What is new today will be forgotten tomorrow.” Harley King

I regret to inform you that two of our founding members, Jerry Davidson and Mary McNatt have decided to resign from the OIAA Board of Directors. I am incredibly grateful to have observed their commitment, passion and guidance for the mining industry. Their collective experience and expertise have been instrumental in the development and advisement of OIAA from the start. Jerry and Mary both deserve time to have fun, relax and enjoy life outside of a working environment. If provided the opportunity, please wish them well in the next chapter of their lives. You both will be missed! Also, if you know of anyone interested in becoming a Board member, please contact Erwin Hackett at erwinh@rfpco.com .

OIAA is conducting our annual Part 46 Training in Roseburg and Albany next month. This training is required as an annual refresher to discuss health & safety topics in surface mining as well as any new business that may affect the mining industry. Hopefully you are all registered to attend one of the following:

Roseburg: Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds 7am-5pm

Albany: Monday, March 10th, 2025, at the Linn County Fair & Expo 7am-5pm

Attached is an oldie but a goodie. The Environmental Management System (EMS) Guide was published in the fall of 2012 to provide guidance for the development and implementation of an EMS for small to medium sized hard rock mining operations. With all the additional regulations that have hit and are suspected to hit the industry in the next decade, utilizing and following an EMS is a viable asset to a business. The document details the implementation process in a step-by-step manner as well as policy suggestions to maintain consistency from employees to management to ownership. The intent is to provide visibility to the environmental aspects that the facility may impact and place adequate controls and metrics to achieve regulatory compliance. However, the implementation of an EMS is only as successful as the monitoring program that follows to assess performance.

Melissa Bronson
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Attached please find the following links

Hardrock Mining and Beneficiation Environmental Management System Guide and Brochure

(Sorry I would have attached the actual information but it was too large to transmit)

[HardrockEMSGuide.pdf](#)

[HardrockEMSGuideBrochure.pdf](#)

We are looking for safety articles or any other articles that you think our members would benefit from. Please send your information anytime to the newsletter editor to

memberreply@oraggregate.com

Attention!!

We welcome and encourage all of our members to become more involved with our association. You are welcome to attend our meetings anytime. Please contact any of our board members for information on how you can become more involved, ways we can improve our association and information regarding our upcoming meetings.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ORAGGREGATE.COM

We are always looking for information to print in the newsletter. If you have a specific article, safety information , or any other information you think will be helpful and of interest to our members, please submit them to memberreply@oraggregategate.com

We are currently looking to add to our Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining us please contact any of the board of directors or come to the next meeting to discuss the possibility.

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***The next meeting is scheduled for May 7th 2025 10AM
at the office of Siegmund Excavation & Construction,
Silverton Oregon***