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## Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter

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#### Chairman's Message

**MSHA Enforcement Alert!** – Many of you take advantage of the Part 46 annual refresher training offered through OIAA by the Law Office of Adele Abrams. This past week, one of our members was cited by an inspector alleging an inadequate training record in violation of 30 CFR § 46.9. The reason given: because the Abrams' organization was not listed in the competent person column along with the name of the competent person who provided the training (Joshua Schultz).

Per 30 CFR § 46.9(b)(2), the requirements for training documentation include {thanks to Joshua for providing this}:

The type of training, the duration of the training, the date the training was received, the name of the competent person who provided the training.

The organization name for the competent person is not mentioned, and hence is not a criterion for enforcement. We actively opposed this citation through multiple phone calls with the Albany MSHA office and Joshua Schultz from Adele Abrams' office. We were told by Melvin Lapin – Field Office Supervisor for MSHA Albany, Oregon office– that he agreed the company name did not need to be on the training documents and that he would look into this further and get back to us.

Be aware of this potential citation! According to the cited member, the inspector mentioned he already cited other OIAA members for this and could try to do so in the future. Make sure you have a MSHA regulation book handy or are ready to discuss this with an inspector and how the company name is not a requirement mentioned in the regulations. It is always easier to point this out during the inspection instead of correcting it afterward through an administrative process. Even if you do not know where to look in the MSHA regulations, it is a fair question to ask the inspector the basis for the citation including the regulation reference, then look it up and read it together to understand (and verify) the inspector's legal justification to cite you.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Kellie Ramar.

#### Erick Staley



#### OIAA 2018 Part 46 Training

Mark your calendars. Dates have been set for our Annual Part 46 Training. The Law office of Adele Abrams will conduct the training. Registration forms will be available starting January 15<sup>th</sup>. Policy changes have been made for 2018, please read below for the new changes.

> Roseburg Class – March 12, 2018 Albany Class – March 13, 2018

#### Reminder!!

#### Changes have been made to our Annual Part 46 Training Registration Process

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.

**<u>Registration will be on a first come first served basis this year</u>**. Registration forms will be accepted starting January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you want a particular location you must sign up early to insure you get your location. Late entrants will be offered space available only.

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.

<u>Associate Membership</u> 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

This training is for OIAA Member Employees only. If you have subcontractors working for you and you send them to the training they will need to register under their company name and pay the non-member fee. Only if they are on your company payroll are they considered your employees.

If you have any questions please e-mail <u>memberreply@oraggregate.com</u>. Please include "Part 46 training" in the Subject Line.

# SAFETY CORNER



# A guide to the dangers of the sun and 21 tips to keeping construction crews safe from those harmful rays

As the construction season rolls on, the workload isn't the only thing that increases.

The amount of hours crews put into a day extends throughout the hotter months, but with longer hours comes the inevitable exposure to UV rays.

Time and time again the topic of sun exposure is addressed in construction firms nationwide, but the question is, how much of that discussion is put into practice out in the field?

#### WHAT IS MELANOMA?

There are different varieties of skin cancer, and not all of them are as dangerous as the infamous melanoma.

For instance, basal and squamous cell skin cancers are called non-melanomas, which are found on the outer layer of the skin.

The American Cancer Society says these types of cancers can develop on sun-exposed areas of the skin, like the face, ear, neck, lips and backs of the hands. The cancers can be slowly growing but can also spread to other parts of the body. These types can be cured if treated early.

As for melanoma, this cancer begins in the melanocytes, which are cells that produce the skin coloring known as melanin.

Melanoma is almost always curable if detected early, according to the American Cancer Society.

#### **Get informed**

If crews decide to battle the sun head on, they will lose every time.

It's important for contractors to share information and get informed about understanding the sun's strength, even down to the very basics.

For instance, everyone knows putting on sunscreen is a basic step in preventing sunburn. However, do you know if you're choosing the right sunscreen?

Always be sure to read the label before purchasing sunscreen and look for the phrase "broad spectrum" protections. This label means the sunscreen can block UVA and UVB rays.

Additionally, "water resistant" does not mean "waterproof", the American Cancer Society states. If a product has this phrase, the manufacturer must put a specific amount of time it works while sweating.

#### PREVENTION

Protecting your employees should be your number one goal, and that includes sun safety. Proper sun safety should be addressed at weekly safety meetings.

Here are some tips from the Skin Cancer Foundation for outdoor workers:

**1.** Outside jobs can sometimes be done inside or moved to a shady location. A temporary shelter can be erected or trees and buildings used for protection.

2. A shady spot should be available for lunch and coffee breaks.

**3.** Reorganize the job so tasks requiring outdoor work get done in the morning before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m., to avoid the hours of greatest sun intensity.

4. Wear protective clothing and cover the skin.

5. Long-sleeved, closely woven shirts and long trousers provide the best protection.

**6.** Avoid clothes that you can see light through. If light is getting through, the ultraviolet radiation is getting through as well.

7. If shorts are worn, a pair that approaches the knee will offer more protection than a shorter pair.

8. A collar will protect the skin on the back of the neck.

9. Wear a hat and sunglasses

**10.** A hat will keep the sun off the face, neck and ears. It will also protect bald spots.

11. Broad-brimmed hats are best. The brim should be at least three inches wide.

**12.** If a lot of bending is required, have a flap on the back of the hat, which will keep the sun off the back of the neck.

**13.** Hardhats can have a flap or extra brim fitted to them.

14. Use sunglasses or safety glasses that filter out UV rays.

15. Use an SPF 15 or higher sunscreen before going outdoors.

16. Use a water-resistant sunscreen when working with water or when perspiring

**17.** Some substances increase the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation. These include industrial chemicals such as asphalt and diphenyls, and some medications. A water-resistant sunscreen will help give protection when there is likely to be skin contact with these substances.

**18.** Choose a gel, stick or lotion form of sunscreen according to personal preference; no one form is more effective than another.

**19.** Reapply sunscreen every two hours. If sweating freely, reapply more often.

**20.** Make sure the face, lips, neck, ears, arms and back of the hands are protected.

**21.** Ultraviolet radiation bounces off water, sand, concrete, light-colored surfaces and snow. People who work near these areas will need to take extra care.

### Safepro 2017 November Law Institute:

The mining industry should be alert to MSHA's ever changing enforcement initiatives. While MSHA waits for appointment of a new head for the agency, they will continue to enforce polices from the last administration. Some of the inspections in the eastern US are focusing on part 50 audits, it is vital that your people understand the difference between first aid and medical treatment and the reporting requirements. \$afepro covers the 1977 Act in detail along with 30 CFR and program policies which give guidance to how the laws and regulations are to be enforced. The upcoming institute in Savannah November 13- 17 will give you the knowledge coupled with your mining experience that allows you to be prepared for the imminent MSHA inspection. The Institute information will help you avoid bad citations and the knowledge to comply with the law. We have 21 seats open for the institute. The hospitality room will be open every night after class. We will have food and drink along with a chance to talk with your instructors and myself one on one.

Spouses are welcome if your company allows you to bring them. Shopping in Savannah is considered excellent. Malls and quaint shoppes are within easy walking distance from the hotel. Walking and riding tours of the city can be arranged during the week you are here. If you have any questions or wish to register, just contact us at <u>safeproinc.com</u>. We want you to have a good time as well as a good learning experience. I look forward to seeing you Savannah Ga.

Yours in Safe Production

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## **OIAA Scholarship for 2017**

OIAA is pleased to once again this year offer two \$ 2,500.00 scholarships. This year's scholarship is named the Oregon Independent Aggregate Association- Ken Leahy Construction Inc. Scholarship. Ken Leahy Construction is a family owned Excavation and utility Contractor in Cornelius, Oregon. The company was started 50 years ago by Ken & Donna Leahy in Beaverton. Both Ken & Donna remain very active in the company along with their two sons.

A Scholarship application will be attached to the end of this newsletter and available on our website. Deadline for 2017 scholarship applications is August 15, 2017

Our Deadline is fast approaching. If you have any high school graduates working for you and they plan to pursue a career that meets our criteria please encourage them to apply for our scholarship. If you have college students working for you they are also eligible to apply for our scholarship, even if they have done so before.

## 2017 Board Meeting Schedule

August 9<sup>th</sup> 2017- KPD Office Conference Room – Springfield, Or 10AM

December 13, 2016- Location to be announced

The bugs have been worked out of our new website, check it out at www.oraggregate.com





#### THE OREGON INDEPENDENT AGGREGATE ASSOCIATION 2017 SCHOLARSHIP HONORING KEN LEAHY OF KEN LEAHY CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Oregon Independent Aggregate Association (OIAA) is proud to offer two annual Scholarships to any deserving students pursuing a career related to the construction, aggregate and forestry industry. Areas of study are to include construction, construction management, engineering, geology, architecture, land use planning, forestry, heavy equipment repair and welding. This year's scholarship is named in honor Ken Leahy founder of Ken Leahy Construction, Inc. located in Cornelius, Oregon

#### Who May Apply?

The OIAA Scholarship is open to all current members, employees of current members and their families studying in the required fields as indicated above.

The academic institution may be a university, community college, private college or a trade school with recognized related courses of study. Scholarships will be applied toward full or part-time tuition and or educational material costs within one calendar year.

Your Personal Statement is the most important part of your application! When you prepare your Personal Statement, it's very helpful to tell the OIAA scholarship selection committee about your career goals in the required industries, personal goals, reasons for applying for this particular scholarship, and personal financial circumstances that pertain to your financial need. Your statement should be a minimum of one page and not more than two pages.

#### The OIAA Selection and Award Process

Applications will be directed to the scholarship selection committee. Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing by the OIAA and the recipient's name will be listed on the OIAA website. Those who do not receive scholarships will also be notified by mail.

Unless otherwise noted, the scholarships shall be in the amount of \$ 2,500.00 each as a onetime award.

All recipients will be required to write a short letter of thanks to the OIAA and present it in person at a designated Board Meeting. By attending such meeting you indicate your acceptance of the award and the terms of the scholarship.

Scholarships shall be awarded in compliance with applicable Oregon laws and OIAA policies related to non-discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, disability, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status.



# Scholarship Application (2017)

|                        |                           | Zip code: |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Phone: ()              | Alternate phone number () |           |
| E-mail address:        |                           |           |
| Current University, Co |                           |           |
|                        |                           | Zip Code  |
|                        |                           | Minor:    |
|                        | to graduate?              |           |
| When do you expect     |                           |           |
|                        | ar and or Community Info  | rmation:  |

List school and or group activities (sports, clubs, committees, offices) that you have participated in:

III. WORK EXPERIENCE (INCLUDE ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IF NEEDED)

| What work | experience | have v | vou had? |
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Would you be interested in work with a construction, aggregate projects or forestry company?YESNOPART-TIMESUMMER

- IV. Remember to attach the following:
  - 1, A transcript of grades through the last grading period prior to the date of application.
  - 2. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer or other relevant acquaintance.
  - 3. Your Personal Statement as required in the Scholarship Guidelines.

*I certify that the information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.* 

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return you application to the attention of the application committee

Oregon Independent Aggregate Association P.O. Box 571 Stayton, Oregon 97383

Application Deadline: August 15, 2017

Applicant will be selected for the school term starting September 2017