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Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

Just a few updates for the newsletter this month. I blame my turkey-induced food coma for any apparent lack of originality.

Workplace Examination Rule Update – As mentioned in the September newsletter, MSHA revised its suspended Workplace Examination rule and was seeking comments from the industry. MSHA finished holding hearings and receiving comments earlier this month. They also delayed the effective date of the rule (again) to be June 2, 2018. The status of the rule is still unclear, as it could be further modified or withdrawn.

WOTUS Update – As reported by [NSSGA](#), the Trump administration proposed to withdraw the WOTUS rule and replace it with a better, clearer rule. EPA is soliciting comments from the industry on what should be included in a new WOTUS rule. The 2015 WOTUS rule would have significantly expanded the EPA's jurisdiction to include waters within 4,000 feet of "navigable waters", including dry stream beds and isolated wetlands. Interpreting "navigable waters" has always been a slippery subject thanks to the original Clean Water Act of 1972 not adequately defining what "navigable water" is.

Hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving break!

Erick Staley

David Zatezalo Appointed Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health

On Wednesday, November 15th, the Senate confirmed David G. Zatezaslo, of West Virginia as Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Mine Safety and Health. The senate voted 52 to 46, along party lines to confirm Zatezalo.

NSSGA reported, "During his confirmation process, Zatezalo told the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pension that he would seek more consistent enforcement from agency officials and improve use of technology to boost safety and focus on "safer mining and health behaviors."



Mining Expo International

September 6-8, 2018

Las Vegas Convention Center - Las Vegas, Nevada

Exhibit - Educate - Attend

Mining Expo International September 6-8 2016 Las Vegas, NV. Mining Expo International is an event that provides an outstanding networking, educational and marketing opportunity for all of those directly involved in the mining industry.

The Mining Expo International 2018 Conference offers a robust educational program of lectures, workshops, and poster sessions serving the multi-faceted needs of mining communities. Categories include: Underground Mining, Surface Mining, Domestic and International Mining Projects, Environmental Considerations, and the Future of Mining including perspectives from Trade Associations and experts in the field.

We are currently accepting presentation, workshop, and poster session proposals of 500 words or less, along with a speaker bio of 200 words or less. Please submit all materials via email to the Conference Director: Madalena@MiningExpoIntl.com. You will be notified of conference decisions in January, 2018.

Exhibitors can take full advantage of Mining Expo International's marketing and networking opportunities by having invaluable face-time with thousands of quality attendees, promoting your products and services. Early Exhibitor registration for the event ends January 1, 2018. By signing up early you can save on exhibit space to maximize your company's exposure and advertising dollar. Mining Expo International will capture an audience from every sector of the mining industry making this a must attend event. For more information about exhibiting, please contact the Sales Director Ray@MiningExpoIntl.com for all available opportunities.

Expo only attendees can attend the event for free if they register before January 1, 2018. Registration is currently available online by visiting our attendee registration portal at: www.miningexpointernational.com/register-to-attend.

Additional information about participation can found on the event website www.MiningExpoInternational.com or by phone at (504) 218-5415.



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 you 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

2017 Board Meeting Schedule

December 13, 2016- 10:00 AM - Offices of KPD Insurance – Springfield, Or
(This is a mandatory closed work session meeting for all Board Members)

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

If you would like to contribute anything to our monthly newsletter, contact Kellie Ramar at memberreply@oraggregate.com. Please put Newsletter Tips in the Subject line.