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Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter

October 2018

Chairman's Message

MSHA Enforcement Alert! – We have heard from a couple of our members about new inspectors in Oregon that have been aggressive and confrontational. In the words of one of our members, their equipment operator was being “cornered” by aggressive, repeated questioning that insinuated he was lying. The member likened the approach to a police interrogation, where repeated questioning would hopefully result in inconsistent answers.

An operator may be tempted to lie if he knew of some potentially damaging details. (But let's be clear, folks – DO NOT lie to federal inspectors!) In this case, however, the operator could easily and honestly answer each time he was asked the same questions throughout an inspection, which took most of the day. The Albany Field Office has been informed about these unnecessarily confrontational inspection tactics. It does not serve to promote safety in the industry by building mistrust between operators and inspectors.

If you or your staff participate in an inspection, remember to truthfully answer the questions that are asked. If the questioning turns confrontational or insinuates dishonesty, do not lose your cool. Answer the questions and note what is being asked and how you are answering the questions. If this style of inspection continues, it will be helpful to bring specific examples to the attention of the Albany Field Office or higher up the administrative chain, if it comes to it. Please share your experiences with OIAA Board members so we can keep tabs on how frequently this is occurring.

Be Safe,

Erick Staley

p.s. – Speaking of the Albany Office, Melvin Lapin retired as the MSHA field office supervisor and is replaced by Randy Cardwell as of October 1st.

Wyatt Dunlap – One of our 2018 Scholarship Winners.

October 11, 2018

Dear Scholarship Donor,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the OIAA Bob Mullens Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has financially assisted me in pursuit of my college degree.

As I complete my education at Oregon State University, I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift. Because of this scholarship, I will have to worry less about financially making it through my senior year.

Thank you again for this thoughtful and generous gift.

Sincerely,

Wyatt Dunlap

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Oregon State University

Class of 2019



2019 Part 46 Training



2019 Part 46 Training dates have been established. Registration in 2019 will be on a first come first served basis on both classes so remember to register early to get the location you want.

Registration forms will be available beginning in January 2019. No pre-registrations will be taken prior to January 2019.

Watch future newsletters for training updates.

OIAA 2019 Part 46 Refresher Training

Presented by: Adele Abrams, Michael Peelish & Josh Schultz

Roseburg Class – Douglas County Fairgrounds - March 11, 2019

Albany Class – Linn County Fair & Expo – March 12, 2019

\$afepro, inc.

Understand the laws and regulations that govern the mining industry are vital to managing your compliance and safety programs. Along with the new changes coming to work place examination the \$afepro 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 four-day 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 company's responsibilities under the law. Operator entitlements and inspector's responsibilities pertaining to the law. We will review what constitutes a S&S citation and 104d1 citation. Attendees will be given a law manual which includes The Act, 30 CFR and MSHA program policies. The seminar will cover part 46 training requirements and part 50 reporting requirements. By the end of the institute you will be able to understand the two parts of the law that govern the mining industry and use the law manual to prevail against unnecessary enforcement. This class is for Supervision, Owners, Presidents and CEO's the people you most trust to run your business. Companies should not be caught off guard when dealing with citations or accidents know the law and company responsibilities. The \$afepro Mine Safety and Health Institute is being held at the Brice hotel in down town Savannah Ga. Address is 601 East Street. Phone 912-238-1200. Savannah offers more than can possibly be done after class with many tours and great restaurants within walking distance. Classes will start at 8:30 a.m. on November 12 – 15, 2018. This year we will be offering Breakfast starting at 7:30 and lunch in class with Hospitality room open from 5:00 pm until everyone retires with drinks and light appetizers and a chance to ask questions of instructors. Spouses are welcome if your company allows you to bring them. We want you to have a good time as well as a great learning experience.

Yours in \$afe production,

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2018 Board Meeting Schedule

Note: The December 12th meeting has been cancelled

Next Meeting will be January 16th

Location to be determined at a later date

Election of officers for 2019 was held at our meeting on August 8th.

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Attention!!

We are looking for a few board members to replace those that we will be losing in 2019. If you are interested or would like more information on becoming a voice of your association please contact Chairman Erick Staley.