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Chairman's Message

Workplace Examination Update – MSHA announced earlier this month that the effective date for the proposed Workplace Examination rule would be pushed from October 2, 2017 to March 2, 2018. More importantly, MSHA changed some aspects of the rule to be more logical and less of a burden:

- Changing the rule to require “examination of the working place... before work begins or as miners begin work in that place”, rather than be required before the start of work. It was left up to miners to figure out how to inspect the workplace before starting work...
- The previous rule called for documentation of all hazards and their resolution. There was concern this would allow for MSHA inspectors to inventory a plethora of safety hazards at a site in one nicely bound package, regardless of impact or severity, including issues that could be quickly resolved on the spot. The revised rule only requires documentation of “adverse conditions that are not corrected promptly and the dates of corrective action for these conditions.”

MSHA is holding four stakeholder meetings in late October and early November at locations across the country. The closest meeting to Oregon will be in Salt Lake City on October 26th.

Details for the proposed changes can be accessed from MSHA's website:

<https://www.msha.gov/news-media/press-releases/2017/09/12/msha-proposes-changes-final-rule-workplace-examinations-metal>

Candidate to Lead MSHA – President Trump nominated David Zatezalo, a former coal mine executive at Rhino Resources, as assistant secretary to lead MSHA. Mr. Zatezalo has over 40 years' experience in coal mining in Appalachia and Australia and retired in 2014. Many were hoping for a nominee who would better represent the aggregates industry, but at least he has first-hand experience running a mining company. Until he is confirmed, Wayne Palmer will continue serving as acting assistant secretary of MSHA.

Erick Staley



OIAA 2018 Part 46 Training

The Law office of Adele Abrams will be conducting our training for 2018. Registration forms will be available starting January 15th. Policy changes have been made for 2018, please read below for the new changes.

Roseburg Class – March 12, 2018
Albany Class – 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.

Registration will be on a first come first served basis this year. Registration forms will be accepted starting January 15th, 2018. If you want one of our specific locations you must sign up early to insure that 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.

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

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 memberreply@oraggreggate.com. Please include “Part 46 training” in the Subject Line.

Safepro Update

By Dean Beam

Safepro 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 17 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 shops 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 safeproinc.com. We want you to have a good time as well as a good learning experience. I look forward to seeing you Savannah Ga.



OIAA Scholarship Recipients have been selected

We had three exceptional candidates this year, unfortunately we could only pick two. The recipients of this year's OIAA Scholarships were Brian Spindler of Creswell Oregon and Wyatt Dunlap of Corvallis, Oregon. Brian will graduate in the Spring of 2018 with a bachelor's degree in Forest Engineering from Oregon State University. His goal is to eventually become a Harvest manager. Wyatt plans to complete his undergraduate studies in forest engineering at Oregon State University and pursue a career as a forest engineer for a timber company in Oregon. Congratulations to both of these young men and we wish them continued success on their careers.

2017 Board Meeting Schedule

December 13, 2016- 10AM - 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@oraggreggate.com or call her at (503) 849-5583 for more information

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