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Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter

August 2021

Chairman's Message

DOGAMI sent a reminder to permittees in their Summer ENGAGe newsletter that permit fees went up starting January 2021 (https://www.oregongeology.org/mlrr/news/ENGAGe Summer 2021.pdf). They also stated that permit application reviews are delayed due to the volume of submittals they have received. Many state and local agencies appear to be short-staffed for their workloads this year. Timelines for permit review can be delayed several times over if multiple agencies are involved, such as if your DOGAMI permit needs input from DSL, Fish and Wildlife, SHPO, etc. It's always prudent to plan for permitting to take a while, but from recent experience, timelines have been particularly long during the pandemic and could be impacted well into next year. Plan accordingly.

Take care and be safe.

Erick Staley Chairman

For those that may have missed the newsletter last month

THE FUTURE OF OIAA STANDS IN YOUR HANDS

A few of our board members have left over recent years, and several of our long-standing officers must step down this December. The future of OIAA heading into 2022 is uncertain. To continue with our association, we are desperately seeking members to not only fill the board member positions but step up to build a new team of officers as well.

Active board participation really does not take much time. We meet a few times a year for approximately 2 hours. We are able to do our meetings in-person, via zoom or conference calls. Our inperson meetings are held in close proximity to our board members' locations, making it as convenient as possible to attend.

Please help us in 2022 to fill these positions and keep our association going strong. Those of you that participate in our annual training know how important it is to continue with our association. Others have received help with challenging compliance issues and difficult citations, help provided by OIAA board and associate members over the past 13 years.

We all got together on that rainy October 2008 day in Eugene for a reason. Don't forget what that was — with each administration comes change and the potential to again need each other to defend our industry and our livelihood. If you are interested in becoming a board member or officer, please email our secretary at memberreply@oraggregate.com or contact any of our current board members or officers.

Thank you for being a part of our association. Please consider helping OIAA continue into the future with just a few hours of your time.

Kellie Ramar OIAA Secretary Oregon OSHA launches a free online training course to help comply with the emergency wildfire smoke rule.

Employers now have a free resource to help them comply with rules aimed at protecting workers from wildfire smoke. Oregon OSHA has provided an online training course.

The course "Wildfire Smoke Training Requirements" was designed to help employers meet the training requirements in Oregon OSHA's emergency temporary rule which addresses wildfire smoke in the workplace.

The temporary rule addressing wildfire smoke took effect on August 9th and will remain in effect for 180 days. The rule required employers to comply with employee training provisions by August 16th. Oregon OSHA encourages a careful reading of the "temporary wildfire smoke rule". Every workers has the right to a safe and healthy workplace.

For more information go to https://OSHA,oregon.gov under Wildfire Smoke Training.

Safepro

Our June class in Savannah Ga was a great success. Many questions about MSHA's current inspection activity and what to look for in the near future came up. Change is coming now, not later understanding the laws and regulations that govern the mining industry are vital to managing your compliance and safety programs. It has never been more urgent for safety and production managers to fully comply with the 1977 act and 30 CFR. Protect your business and people with the Safepro Law Institute. It will give your people the tools for their tool box to protect your company.

We at Safepro are looking at the Law institute in mid-October 2021 in Savannah Ga to update the mining industry on current events along with our normal Law classes. If you are interested, please let me know in the next couple of weeks so I can make the reservations and get class setup. Phone 828-385-2930 email dbeam@safeproinc.com

PS: Check out our website <u>safeproinc.com</u> for online training. We offer New Miner and Annual Refresher Part 46. Companies with 50 or less employees can purchase all classes for the year for 1,100.00 and companies with over 50 can get all classes for 1500.00 for the year. These classes satisfy all training needs or can be used to add to already existing classes you may have.

Yours in Safe Production

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Deadline for submission is fast approaching

OIAA is once again offering a scholarship. The guidelines and application form are attached at the bottom of this newsletter. Congratulations to all our 2021 graduates.

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Our next meeting will be coming up in October watch for the date

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Stay Safe, Stay Healthy





THE OREGON INDEPENDENT AGGREGATE ASSOCIATION 2021 Scholarship Application

Oregon Independent Aggregate Association (OIAA) is proud to offer a \$2,500.00 scholarship to any deserving student 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.

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 recipient 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 scholarship shall be in the amount of \$ 2,500.00 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 (2021)

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Application Deadline: September 15, 2021

Applicant will be selected for the school term starting September 2021