

# HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Committee Meeting

November 20, 2014 1:00 PM to 2:45 PM

**Department of Labor and Industrial Relations / 830 Punchbowl Street / HIOSH Training Room 427**

**Members Present:**

Tristan Aldeguer (General Contractors Association), Robert Aquino (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), Malcolm Barcarse, Jr. (Associated Builders and Contractors), Jason Kobayashi for Mark Behrens (Department of Education), Mark Benson (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Jennifer Cynn (Local 5), Joaquin Diaz (American Society of Safety Engineers), Lata Sua for Mike Redman (HEMIC), Frank Izuta (First Medical Group), Jon Kumashiro (Department of Human Resources Development), Tim Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Walter Medina (City and County of Honolulu), Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Jill Niitani (County of Kauai), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625),

**DLIR Staff:**

Dwight Takamine, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Jade Butay, Director's Office; Diantha Goo, HIOSH; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

**Guests (Public):**

Lily Chu, Rajkumar Sundram, Eddie Vidad

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Mr. Jim Newberry welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
<b>Minutes</b>	A motion was made to approve the August 21, 2014 minutes.  Under Old Business, Decision and/or Outcome, Mr. Eddie Valdez should be changed to Mr. Eddie Vidad.  Under New Business, the second to the last sentence, The Board accepted Nevada's crane certification training., should be changed to The Board accepted Operating Engineers out of Nevada crane certification training.  Under Old Business, first sentence under first bullet point, Mr. Allan Los Banos, who chaired the committee to look into becoming part of participating high schools' career technical education program, retired from the Hawaii Electricians Training Fund., should be changed to Mr. Allan Los Banos, who chaired the committee to look into becoming part of participating high schools' career technical education program, resigned from the Hawaii Electricians Training Fund.	August 21, 2014 minutes were approved with corrections.
<b>Recognition of Service of Chair Jim Newberry</b>	Mr. Newberry was recognized for being chair 2013-2014.	
<b>Selection of Vice Chair</b>	Ms. Jennifer Cynn was nominated and confirmed.	Ms. Cynn was elected vice chair.
<b>Director's Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the transition of the new incoming Governor, this meeting will probably be Director Dwight Takamine and Deputy Jade Butay's last opportunity to meet with the Committee.</li> <li>• Director Takamine and Deputy Butay expressed their appreciation for the Committee's assistance and commitment in restoring HIOSH throughout their term.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Director's Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the Committee's support at the Legislative level, HIOSH received two additional inspector positions, one in Safety and one in Health.</li> </ul>	
<b>Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSHA recently sent the following three standards:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Modification of crane operator certification;</li> <li>○ Electrical generation transmission; and</li> <li>○ Amendment to the reporting standard.</li> </ul>               HIOSH will adopt all three standard amendments but they will not be done within six months.             </li> <li>• Staffing:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HIOSH is trying to fill two Health inspector vacancies. There will be a third vacancy in January. There are four possible candidates. If one of the candidates does not mind waiting until January, then HIOSH can possibly fill all three positions.</li> <li>○ HIOSH does not have any candidates for the Safety inspector vacancies. Since the salary is low, most of the candidates HIOSH receives are retired candidates that only want to work for a year. HIOSH may look into upgrading the minimum requirements and salary to try to attract better candidates.</li> <li>○ HIOSH's Safety Consultant position is still vacant. Since HIOSH is unable to find experienced candidates, HIOSH will drop the level for that position and train someone. HIOSH's Consultation and Training Branch manager's position is also still vacant.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Accidents:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There have been two heavy machinery fatalities. One concerned all the brakes not functioning and the other concerned the operator not being able to see the person. There was not sufficient training. Since these incidents occurred at night, there was limited vision. These cases are still under investigation.</li> <li>○ There were two unobserved eight foot ladder fatalities. If HIOSH sees workers on ladders with two hands occupied, they will issue Serious citations.</li> <li>○ There was a standup forklift fatality where the person backed himself under the rack and got crushed between the rack and the forklift housing.</li> <li>○ There was a fatality where the scissor lift tipped.</li> <li>○ HIOSH is thinking of sending out to storage facilities information on the fatality where the worker was crushed due to the things not stored correctly.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The 2013 FAME report had nine recommendations. Even though HIOSH received the FAME report nine months late, Mr. Newberry commented Ms. Diantha Goo did a great job responding to those nine recommendations. Since HIOSH receives their FAME report much later than when it was issued, Mr. Newberry will look into asking the Region IX office to hold their closing conference after their on-site evaluation and receiving the draft of what was found so that HIOSH can work on fixing the problems much earlier.</li> </ul>	<p>The HIOSH Advisory Committee is willing to help HIOSH with their vacancies in any way. HIOSH needs to fill their vacancies first.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was concern about employers receiving citations six months after they were investigated by HIOSH. The current Hawaii Revised Statutes says that HIOSH shall issue their citations within a reasonable amount of time. No action will be done at this time since it involves changing the law and HIOSH has issued only a few citations close to six months after the inspection.</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Outreach Sub-committee is looking at the following opportunities to create alliances with employers and HIOSH:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tentatively in May, ASSE will be having its OSHA one-day workshop. It will either be at the Blaisdell or the Dole Cannery ballroom. The cost is \$85 which includes lunch. There will be training and breakout sessions. Help is needed in providing topics of interest.</li> <li>○ The General Contractors Association has a safety team partnership they are interested in forming with HIOSH. The partnership would be employers policing themselves with HIOSH Consultation's help and being exempt from some programmed inspections. A copy of the guidelines was provided for Ms. Goo's review.</li> <li>○ HIOSH is interested in a partnership where businesses are close to SHARP/VPP status. Although businesses get a five percent reduction on their insurance, CSHPs are not pushing for businesses to have SHARP/VPP status.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Sub-committee regarding becoming part of participating high schools' career technical education program has requested a list from high schools of when they have their career fairs so the sub-committee can have a booth or table to introduce what they are doing and to see what kind of interested there is. Since high school students have chosen their career path by the time they start high school, the sub-committee is also looking at introducing safety as a career to middle schools and trade schools.</li> </ul>	
<b>Around-the-Table Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Tristan Aldeguer reminded everyone of the OSHA one-day workshop coming up in May. If anyone has any questions or can help provide topics, please call Mr. Aldeguer.</li> <li>• Hawaiian Dredging has trained over 100 DAGS employees on subjects such as blood borne pathogens and confined space. Their training is free for any State agency that is interested.</li> <li>• The ironworkers international union is working on adopting the reinforcing steel standard.</li> <li>• Mr. Jon Kumashiro is retiring from DHRD. Ms. Lily Chu will be his replacement.</li> </ul>	Motion was made and accepted to have Ms. Lily Chu replace Mr. Jon Kumashiro.
<b>Public Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workers using scissor lifts are refusing to tie-off or be tethered because the ones that died in recent fatalities were the ones tied-off or tethered and not able to jump. Workers should not be riding the scissor lifts when they are being moved.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Next Meeting</b>		February 19, 2014, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Deirdre Yamasaki  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

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Mr. Jim Newberry, Chair  
HIOSH Advisory Committee