



**ABC Safety Committee Meeting
January 15, 2010
ABC Building
7:30 a.m.**

Welcome

The meeting was brought to order by the acting Safety Committee chairman, Bob Fitzgerald, followed by the self-introduction of committee members.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting was made by Virginia Ames. Ralph Livingston seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Action Register Review

Design for Safety:

Rob Milton and Fred Kilgroe will discuss the program with ASSE to see what that organization can do to help.

ASSE scholarship fund:

Fred Kilgroe will contact John Placey today to have an invoice sent to ABC for their contribution.

Legislative Support:

Jason Robinson reported that the bill to ban texting while driving is in the beginning stages. Last year it passed the House and died in the Senate. Nationally, the issue has more attention this year than in 2009. Anyone who would like to be added to Jason's notification email list, contact him at jason.robinson@nsc.org. Jill will talk to Jay to request that he coordinate a group to go to Montgomery in February.

OSHA Update

Virginia Ames, OSHA

There have been 4 fatalities since October 1. One fatality was due to a heart attack, two were traffic incidents and one is under investigation after a worker was found slumped in a backhoe.

There are two new OSHA Safety Compliance Officers. Jennifer McWilliams is in training and another person is due to start any day.

Engineer around hazards when possible. Do your own surveys. Make sure employees are involved to get to the truth. Pay attention to leading and lagging indicators.

OSHA will no longer provide personnel to monitor the ABC library. Information can be downloaded off of the OSHA website, and pamphlets are being phased out. Another good source of information is the website for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health at www.cdc.gov/niosh/.

Please support the Tuscaloosa area OSHA Training Institute. <http://uaosha.ccs.ua.edu/>

Virginia encouraged Roberto Sanchez (OSHA) to have other personnel attend the ABC Safety Committee meetings.

Bob Fitzgerald and a group of committee members including Jason Robinson, Fred Kilgroe, Ralph Livingston, Larry Edwards and Ron Covo will schedule a visit to visit OSHA to continue to strengthen the committee's relationship with them.

Ralph Livingston reported that he can no longer get VPP people to look at his job sites. He remarked that the flavor of the OSHA website had also changed.

Virginia reported that there will be no more money in the budget for the compliance assistance program at the end of this fiscal year.

Danny Callies said that MSHA is in the same situation. The Department of Labor is focused on money. MSHA fines that totaled 17 million in the past now surpass 40 million. Fatalities have decreased because of people working together. It is up to those passionate about safety to keep it going.

National Safety Council

Jason Robinson

The NSC Safety and Health Magazine is available for free when you sign up at www.nsc.org.

The Safety Council's new office is now located on Data Drive, across from the Comedy Club in Hoover. Everyone is invited to attend the open house on January 21.

The Safety Council is supporting bills in Montgomery banning driving while text messaging, a required ignition interlock (breathalyzers on cars) for DUI offenders and a graduated drivers license. The text messaging bill is at the currently on the forefront. Show your support by sending emails and making calls to Senator Lowell Barron. Jason and Jay Reed will try to find an opportunity to take a group to Montgomery to lobby in February.

ASSE Update

Fred Kilgroe

The January meeting of the ASSE will focus on workers' comp issues and be held on the 22nd at Energen.

UAB has agreed to send a dynamic speaker to address the ASSE at an upcoming meeting.

Fred will work with Jenny Wilson (ABC) on a date to schedule a luncheon at the ABC office this year.

See <http://alabama.asse.org/> for more information on the ASSE and on upcoming meetings.

Leading Indicator Discussion

Bob Fitzgerald

Lagging indicators are reactive. They are measures of failure after an event has occurred. Leading indicators are proactive. It involves preplanning to prevent an incident. Southern Company's focus is on housekeeping, behavior observation and training. Find trends and reasoning behind incidents.

Jason Robinson asked the group if they kept up with first aid cases and whether they are worthwhile to measure.

Ron Covo

Recording accidents are worthwhile. They can be analyzed to prevent further accidents by finding causation.

Virginia Ames

You should count your near-misses as well. If you use the federal register for VPP, your injuries will be reduced without a doubt. Virginia provided a yearly analysis handout.

Ralph Livingston makes sure that everyone has a 30-hour card on his sites and competency training. Electronic registers are updated every 1-5 days. The cost is miniscule compared to the cost of an accident. Hold the subs to the same standards as your people.

Group Roundtable

Jason Robinson (National Safety Council) is reading Nine Elements of a Successful Safety and Health System. Management buy-in is critical. Does your mission statement mention safety?

Virginia Ames (OSHA) reminded everyone that she would be conducting a recordkeeping class at ABC on January 27th.

Danny Callies (G & R Mineral Services) announced that the 8-hour rigging class would be held at G & R on March 3. Jill will send the flier to the safety committee. There will be room for 40 people. Email danny@grplantmaint.com to save your spot. Danny will also be doing a 4-hour rigging class in February at OSHA

Ron Covo (Doster Construction) received his ASP and will test for his CSP in March.

Jill Clark (ABC) Safe Day applications are available at the ABC office and can be downloaded from www.abc-alabama.org. They are due on March 5. STEP applications are also available in the ABC office or can be downloaded from www.abc.org.

Adjourn

Submitted by: Jill Clark

The next meeting of the ABC Safety Committee is scheduled for Friday, February 19 at 7:30 a.m. at ABC.

