



**ABC Safety Committee Meeting  
March 26, 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.

Justin Horn, Hardy Corporation, was welcomed as the group's newest member.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Kurt Friend.

**Review of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting was made by Ralph Livingston. Fred Kilgroe seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. Noted that there was no February meeting.

**Action Register Review**

Design for Safety:

Jay suggested doing a white paper on an ABC/AIA partnership much like the existing Gen/Sub "Meeting of the Minds" best practices publication. This is also appropriate for publishing in the A.C.N. magazine. Frank Wampol will head up the subcommittee with Fred Kilgroe, Ron Cross and Kurt Friend and meet with AIA representatives following the May Safety Committee meeting.

ASSE scholarship fund:

Fred Kilgroe will have an invoice sent to ABC for their contribution.

Web site task force:

Eric Christian will head up the task force including Mike Rodda and Bob Fitzgerald. They will work with Jenny Wilson at ABC on items for the ABC web site.

NSC Legislative Support:

Jay Reed reported that the trial lawyers were trying to tack on a provision that will allow someone to sue the boss of the other person involved in an accident if they were texting them at the time. Issues with this include personal privacy protection since phone records would have to be subpoenaed as proof. With only eight more meetings this legislative session, the issue will be dead if the provision goes

on the legislation. Top agenda items are budgets and bingo with little time for anything else.

Safe Day winner seminar:

The seminar was tabled until this summer.

After discussion, it was decided, to provide a booth for this year's winners at the event with a signup sheet to request a meeting with the safety personnel at each company who will act as a mentor.

### OSHA Update

#### **Virginia Ames, OSHA**

Virginia will retire effective April 2, 2010. Her position will be reopened for another CAS.

There has been one fatality since October 1. It was a struck-by during an excavation. A tripod that was not attached slipped and dropped the worker.

There have been eight heart attacks including one person who was only 22 years old. There is a \$5000 penalty for not reporting heart attacks within eight hours if the attack resulted in a fatality. Virginia encouraged everyone to live a healthy life style and eat well.

There were two highway accidents in the workers' own vehicles.

There was one suicide.

When letting someone go or performing disciplinary action, consider the possibility of suicide or workplace violence.

The crane standard is set for July.

At OSHA, there is a new safety compliance officer, Gary Vernon. There will be two new HIs, one new CIS and one additional new person in safety.

Check out OSHA on You Tube. There are two new videos on respirators. Also visit the newly updated OSHA website that includes downloads and updated interpretations.

Virginia reminded everyone to share any citations with their company's other sites. If other sites are also found with a similar offense, it will warrant a contempt charge. Be proactive. Share it, train and inspect.

### National Safety Council

#### **Jason Robinson**

There was no NSC update.

### ASSE Update

**Fred Kilgroe**

The ASSE gave out three scholarships last month to Jacksonville, UAB and Auburn.

The March ASSE meeting will be held at ABC featuring John Welsh who will speak on professional liability.

Please check the web site for information on next month's meeting location with is TBD.

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

**Safe Day Progress**

**Jill Clark**

Jill reported that the current sponsorship total was \$6000, with a budget shortfall of \$8000 and encouraged everyone to pitch in to ensure that Safe Day is a quality event. The luncheon will be held on Friday, April 23 at 11:00 AM at the BJCC, East Meeting Room H/M on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Ron Hayes will address the group. Seats are only \$45. Reservations are required before April 13. Email [jill@abc-alabama.org](mailto:jill@abc-alabama.org) for more information or to reserve a spot.

**University of Alabama Training Information**

**Kimberly Mason**, Director of the U of A OTI Education Center

The OSHA Education Center is part of the College of Continuing Education and the Division of Environmental and Industrial Programs. Parking is free.

Kimberly is involved in three groups: Safe State (a free safety consultation program), Safe State Environmental and training/conference activities. She encouraged the group to take advantage of the free safety consultation options.

There are new prerequisites to qualify as an OSHA trainer. Five years of experience is required in addition to the 510 and the 500 courses.

The Governor's Safety and Health Conference will be held on August 30-September 1, 2010. For more information, visit <http://algovshc.ccs.ua.edu/>.

The lead paint renovator law goes into effect in April. Contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978 must be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

For course listings available, visit [www.uaosha.ccs.ua.edu](http://www.uaosha.ccs.ua.edu).

**Group Roundtable**

**Virginia Ames (OSHA)** suggested that volunteers be placed at the Safe Day Eagle Winner booths and volunteered to do so.

**Roberto Sanchez (OSHA)** assured the group that the Safety Committee will have the support of OSHA even after Virginia retires.

**Frank Wampol (B.L. Harbert)** warned that there is a strong emphasis on hazcom. Make sure your documentation is in order.

**Danny Callies (G & R Plant Maintenance)** provided information on hooks, hangers and other safety products. Be sure to keep your cords out of the way. You can order cable supports from [www.cabproducts.com](http://www.cabproducts.com). Danny also invited everyone to join the Joseph A Holmes Safety Association. There are no membership dues and safety professionals of all industries are welcome.

**Fred Kilgroe (Penn National)** advised for everyone to watch for young, inexperienced OSHA inspectors.

### **Adjourn**

Submitted by: Jill Clark

*The next meeting of the ABC Safety Committee is scheduled for Friday, April 16 at 7:30 a.m. at ABC.*