

# NECA-IBEW Joint Safety Committee

September 21st, 2023



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## Meeting minutes

1. **Call to order** - The attendees gave introductions and approved the 7/20/23 minutes.
  - 1.1. Bob Henderson - Capitol, Ilene Ferrell - Cochran, Josh Carter - IBEW 48, Steve Huson - MPE, Dave Jacobsen - IBEW 48, Dave Unsell - Accurate Electric, Jeff Cordill - Christenson, Shane Tercek - Capitol, Larry Reynolds - IBEW 48, Troy Nichols - Stoner Electric, Amanda Davies - E.C. Co, Debbie Spickerman - IBEW 48, Ryan Smith - Rosendin and Barry Moreland - NIETC were in attendance.
2. **Old business**
  - 2.1. Form 173 - I.O. Injury reports - The committee discussed new training agent contract language to mandate all shock incidents involving apprentices to be reported to JSC. Encourage JW electrical related incidents to be reported as well. ALL recordable injuries are required to be reported per CBA language. For dealing with JWs who do not keep apprentices safe or violate company safety rules, Amanda suggested a peer level review process to be completed before employee can be reassigned.
  - 2.2. 2024 70E / Sample EEW Policy Revisions - Barry reviewed the areas where revisions are necessary to align the NECA - IBEW 48 Sample EEW Policy with the 2024 NFPA 70E edition. Draft version ready for distribution in October.
3. **New business**
  - 3.1. Feds propose revisions to 1926 Construction PPE Standard, Subpart E, to clarify [proper fitment](#) of employees wearing the pep mandatory. Bob mentioned that PPE manufacturers need to do a better job making available sizes, especially in small and extra small.
  - 3.2. New ITA online reporting requirements - Employers with [100+ employees](#) at any time during the year to now upload injury and illness data from forms 300, 300A and 301 (801) to the Injury Tracking Portal beginning in January, 2024.

- 3.3. OR OSHA SB 592 & SB 907 - notice of [proposed rule making](#) & hearings - Oregon OSHA to revise current Division 1 penalty amounts and establish 2 new penalty definitions in response to SB 592 and SB 907. Basically, penalty amounts and mandatory comprehensive inspections to now be required when employers are found to have repeat willful and / or fatal injuries at the workplace.

#### 4. **Round Table - Injury Reports - Lessons Learned**

- 4.1. App laceration to finger when holding threaded rod in hand and operating bandsaw with the other hand. Saw was larger, 2 handed style. Material not secured in vice or similar. 5 stitches.
- 4.2. JW fall from A-frame ladder during wire pull. Head broke free during pulling motion causing a loss of balance. JW fell / jumped backwards and landed on their feet which caused a fractured heel injury.
- 4.3. App fall from extension ladder during wire pull. Using battery powered fish tape and hook on end of tape not completely covered with tape. Hook snagged on conduit / coupling edge and caused App to be pulled forward and loss of balance. App landed on their feet however, the impact caused 3 breaks in the foot. Ilene reported that the [Milwaukee instructions](#) prohibit the use of this type of fish tape when working from ladders.
- 4.4. Multiple JWs suffer hearing damage when pipe under pressure test ruptures causing very high db impulse sound to take place. No struck by injuries took place. Workers got checked out and some had “blisters” on their ear drums and tinnitus. One reported PTSD like symptoms afterwards.
- 4.5. App tears bicep during wire pull.
- 4.6. App dislocates shoulder climbing out of a vault.
- 4.7. JW shocked 277v on back of neck when working above t-grid ceiling. Someone had left a j box open and live conductors were hanging out without any wire nuts on them. JW is ok and did not fall due to the shock.
- 4.8. Troy reported that recycled glass cullet was being used as trench backfill in lieu of gravel on a project giving concern of members about breathing in glass dust and cut hazards when working in the trench or nearby. Apparently, [the use of glass](#) is quite common.
- 4.9. Jeff reported an incident where a minor first aid type injury turned worse when employee lost consciousness upon sight of their own blood. The resulting fall caused serious impact injuries to the face. He recommended approaching teams with an open suggestion for them to notify supervision if any sort of personal illness or medical diagnosis could result in a similar situation. Not trying to pry into personal medical information rather be more aware of situations where the buddy system could be employed and better prepared to respond.

- 4.10. Steve asked about any Medium Voltage training resources as the NIETC does not address these systems or safety when working on or near them currently.
  - 4.11. Larry reported favor with the [Wavecell](#) new style helmets however, his crews had questions about how to properly clean the silicone rubber liner.
  - 4.12. Larry brought up a discussion on how safety has become to some degree a bit overbearing - E.G. Skanska ladders last and tie off in scissor lift, 2 hands to be used on all 2 handed tools and double faceshield requirements when drilling overhead.
5. **Up Next** - The next meeting is scheduled for **FRIDAY**, November 17th, at 2:00 PM, at the NIETC in room #3. Barry to send out meeting invite and reminder.