

NECA-IBEW Joint Safety Committee

November 17th, 2023



Meeting minutes

1. **Call to order** - The attendees gave introductions and approved the 9/21/23 minutes.
 - 1.1. Ilene Ferrell - Cochran, Josh Carter - IBEW 48, Larry Reynolds - IBEW 48, Troy Nichols - Stoner Electric, Debbie Spickerman - IBEW 48, Steve Hudson - MPE and Barry Moreland - NIETC were in attendance.
2. **Old business**
 - 2.1. 2024 70E - EEW Sample Policy revisions and additions - Barry reported the revisions are now complete and copies distributed to contractors. He thanked Troy for finding the one typo in the whole document.
 - 2.2. Feds propose revisions to PPE rules to clarify proper fitment - Oregon example - the committee reviewed current OR-OSHA language which already mandates proper fitment of PPE for all industries. No need to wait for Federal OSHA to adopt their proposed language.
3. **New business**
 - 3.1. WA Lni Rulemaking - Voluntary use of PPE - The draft rule would allow the voluntary use of PPE when workers feel the need to protect themselves from noise, dust, or possible infectious or contagious diseases. The voluntary use of PPE must not introduce hazards to the work environment, must not interfere with an employer's security requirements, and it's use must not be in conflict of any DOSH standards.
 - 3.2. WA Lni Rulemaking - Non-compliance with Feds regarding fall protection - The Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) is in the process of making updates to the chapter 296-880 WAC, Unified safety standards for fall protection, related to leading edge work, safety monitor system requirements and roofing activity on low-pitched roofs.

- 3.3. Safety Resources - Intek - NECA eSafetyline - the committee reviewed decent safety training rescuers / tool box talks produced by eSafetline and distributed monthly to NECA contractors.
- 3.4. The committee reviewed a submission for IBEW LifeSaving Award for member Bryan Barker who responded professionally to carpenter who fell 20' and landed nearby. IBEW 48 Executive Board to formally submit to the IO for approval.
- 3.5. OSHA 502 to be held in Portland 2/27-29/24

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

- 4.1. App hand injury when paddle bit in drill caught glove while climbing through attic. Drill switch not in neutral / off position.
- 4.2. App hand injury - smashed - details TBD
- 4.3. M H hand injury operating hydraulic lift gate and fingers were inside track. Unaware of hand position. Operated bumper mounted switch from inside bed of truck.
- 4.4. App damage to eye when cutting smurf tube under tension and tail whipped back and hit them in the face. Reportedly was wearing safety glasses.
- 4.5. S & C App shocked on wet shop vac fed by cord without grounding pin.
- 4.6. JW broke wrist - fall from ladder - missed last step and hit wrist on strut rack on way down. Troy reminded group of "Feet Feel Floor - Look Let Go" motto (and [youtube video](#))
- 4.7. JW finger smashed when manipulating axle in large wire spool.
- 4.8. MH fall from 8' ladder when overreaching.
- 4.9. Fluor new GC at Intel now requiring quarterly inspection reports on a wide variety of tools and ladders
- 4.10. Lack of temp cord management on job sites leads to increase risk of trips / fall. Troy reported terrible conditions and GCs not enforcing good cord housekeeping.
- 4.11. Workers disciplined for cutting PVC conduit in trench while holding the conduit in hand or placing on foot to stabilize. Where are the triangle shaped conduit holders once offered by Rackatiers? Perhaps now available from iTools?

- 5. **Up Next** - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th, at 2:00 PM, at the NIETC in room #3. Barry to send out meeting invite and reminder.