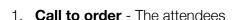
## NECA-IBEW Joint Safety Committee

November 21st, 2024 Meeting minutes





gave introductions and approved the 9/24 minutes.

 Josh Carter - IBEW 48, Larry Reynolds - IBEW 48, Shane Tercek - Capitol, Bob Henderson - Capitol, Ilene Ferrrell - Cochran, Aaron Porter - J H Kelly, Joe Forest -McKinstry, Troy Nichols - Stoner and Barry Moreland - NIETC were in attendance.

## 2. Old business

- 2.1. Oregon OSHA Haz-Com Rule still at proposed stage. Announced a mid-November adoption. Really not a big impact to NECA / IBEW. Continue to request and update SDS as typical.
- 2.2. NFPA 70E additional workers for Energized Electrical Work Most contractors still using 480v at trigger for additional personnel present. Mostly an issue at Intel due to EEW kits inside panels - NOTE these kits reduce likelihood of shock hazards only, not arc hazards.
  - 2.2.1. Committee concerns included: retraining on what is the current rule vs tribal knowledge. Follow same approach on all projects inconsistency creates confusion both within an organization and when workers move between employers. If using arc flash Incident Energy to determine use of additional workers, what is the trigger level 4 cal, 8 cal et.
  - 2.2.2. Clarity on use of apprentices for CPR / rescue needed. Apprentices may be used for this purpose not limited to 250V and below. They would need appropriate arc / shock PPE as necessary and training to recognize electrical hazards.

## 3. New business

- 3.1. WA Lnl Rigger training requirements Part L vs Part F-1 Fact Sheet the committee discussed the different degrees of training necessary to satisfy Oregon OSHA & WA DOSH rigging criteria. In WA, if rigging loads to be attached to a crane, workers must be certified typically through a 3rd party. When rigging for other non-crane related purposes they would have to be qualified, which could be done via their employer. Oregon OSHA does not have the same stipulations and requires riggers to be qualified for
- 3.2. WA LnI Crane (Telehandler) Certification WA LnI has not yet adopted revised crane language which will mandate operators of rough terrain forklifts / tele-handlers when

used like a crane to raise and horizontally move loads, to be certified through a 3rd party provider similar to crane operators and NCCCO.

- 3.3. Dynamics affecting culture of service electricians / technicians
  - 3.3.1. Survey questions the committee reviewed sample topics in which a survey questionnaire will be created for distribution to contractor service personnel. Outcomes to better identify contributing factors in safety culture performance and risk tolerance decisions. Survey to be ready for distribution early 2025.

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

- 4.1. App shoulder strain pulling wire L D restrictions
- 4.2. App struck shoulder when climbing up to catwalk area. Didn't see pipe protruding into walkway L D restrictions
- 4.3. JW shocked on 277 causing them to fall / slide down the ladder. Shut off home run circuit but another circuit was still energized inside J box. No V-rated gloves or appropriate means to check all conductors for voltage potential.
- 4.4. Data center arc flash no injuries reported employees wearing arc rated gear appears something was left inside gear
- 4.5. App strained hip pulling wire from ladder reported was in a twisting motion / position on ladder had previously been lifting 1000' spools of Romex
- 4.6. Foreman harassment of App on multiple job sites was brought up to HR and app relocated to different project (?) before that Foreman told other workers to avoid App because they will get them in "trouble" targeting
- 4.7. Asbestos reported in drywall & mud on mixed use project abatement teams not following regulated area protocols. App brought up concerns enough to get GC to address issues appropriately.
- 4.8. 2 Foreman demoted to JW status due to not wearing arc flash / shock PPE during LOTO zero energy testing. Company policies not reflective of when / where to don this type of PPE.
- 4.9. JW shock on ladder hand to hand no fall failed to follow LOTO and decided w/o meeting EEW justification criteria to work 277v system live.
- 5. **Up Next** The next meeting is scheduled for January 21st, at 8:00 AM at the NIETC. Room # TBD.