



Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) Committee



2023 Annual Meeting Minutes September 18, 2023

The NATCA OSHA Committee is required to meet at least once annually, by Charter. This year's meeting was held in Las Vegas, in conjunction with NATCA's Communicating for Safety (CFS) Conference. The meeting was called to order at 1300 Local time, at the Horseshoe Hotel and Casino in Palace Room 3.

In Attendance

Karena Marinas National OSHA Representative and OSHA Committee Chair; Mark Sellek, NSO OSHA Representative and OSHA Committee Vice Chair; Matthew Murray, NNE OSHA Representative; Xavier Rivera, NGL OSHA Representative; Brett Hansen, NCE OSHA Representative; Deborah Stewart NSW OSHA Representative; Patrick Long, NNM OSHA Representative; Natalie Glore, NNM OSHA Mentee; Peter Alvarez, AFSS OSHA Representative; Elijah McDonald, NAL OSHA Representative; Homer Benavides, NRX OSHA Representative; and Geoff Bacci, NATCA Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH).

Chair Introduction

The OSHA committee meets annually, per the NATCA OSHA Committee charter. This year, we met to set goals for the upcoming year, conduct in-depth training with NATCA's CIH, and engage in team building. We offer a special thanks to Deb, Homer, and Xavier, who coordinated the committee training for this year's annual meeting.

Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO) Group Manager Briefing

Training started with a briefing by the DASHO Support Group's (AJW-25) manager, Wayne Vogelsburg. The DASHO is the agency official responsible for developing and managing the safety and health programs within the agency, and AJW-25 works to support those goals and assist with program management. Wayne provided an in-depth briefing on his office's involvement with the National and Regional Occupational Safety and Health Compliance Committees (OSHECCOMs), workplace inspections, injury and illness reporting, emergency preparedness, and the AED program, among many other things. At the end of Wayne's briefing, he informed the committee that 50% of the workplace inspection findings, in the previous fiscal year, involved electrical, medical/first aid, and fire protection. The committee discussed several ways to raise awareness and continued vigilance at the regional level surrounding these issues.

NATCA CIH Geoff Bacci

Geoff provided a detailed review of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system designs, operations, and modifications. This issue became a forefront effort during the COVID-19 pandemic and is retaking center stage due to numerous system failures and malfunctions nationwide. In addition, Canadian wildfire smoke across the country's northern half sparked renewed interest in various modifications and filtration methods to reduce the intrusion of pollutants and combustion materials into our facilities. OSHA Committee members continue to engage agency counterparts in our respective OSHECCOMs to improve the function and operation of our HVAC systems with Geoff's guidance and recommendations. Lastly, Geoff provided an overview of the trends experienced throughout the year during his interactions with the Agency and our committee.

Homer Benavides, NRX OSHA Representative – “From Certified Professional Controller to Resident Engineer”

Homer provided a very detailed presentation on the “genesis and lifecycle of engineering projects,” and how NRX members support their Air Traffic partners during the construction process. Homer included several aspects of project progression in the Corporate Work Plan (CWP), using various national standards, regulations,



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and Agency orders and guidelines to develop safety plans and mitigations. He also discussed how these aspects combine to establish Operational Risk Mitigation Plans and reduce operational impacts. Homer's brief continued to outline the Air Traffic role in the ORMP process, Project Risk Plans (PRP), and providing operational insight during active construction at our facilities. Homer closed his presentation by discussing what project close-out looks like from the perspective of our NRX members and how Air Traffic can stay involved in the end processes to improve coordination and future project safety. Homer gave us an in-depth look at what it takes to be a Resident Engineer.

Committee Business

The OSHA Committee discussed budget information and projections for next year's budget request. The Chair reminded everyone that our end of year report will be due soon. Deb started a discussion on the committee members creating a system to share committee member training and meeting facilitation responsibilities in the coming year. The group decided that we will each take on a month to discuss a topic during the monthly committee telcons.

Deborah Stewart, NSW OSHA Representative - Team Building Exercises

The OSHA Committee closed our annual meeting on a fun note by engaging in several interpersonal, relationship, and team-building exercises. Since we spend most of our time with each other on the phone or through Microsoft Teams, and the committee has welcomed several new members who met for the first time at this CFS, Deb designed several exercises to help members get to know and engage each other on a more personal level.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Karena Marinas
OSHA Committee Chair

Minutes prepared by: Karena Marinas, Mark Sellek, and Natalie Glore